

# **KILAUEA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

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## **MINUTES OF MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING**

**DATE/TIME:** Tuesday, February 2, 2010, 7:00pm

**PLACE:** Kilauea Neighborhood Center

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** John Constantino, Shann Hashimoto, Chris Jaeb, Michael Kaplan, Tamra Martin, Gary Pacheco, Nicki Pignoli, Linda Sproat, Nanea Sproat-Armitage, Karen Tang, Lea Weldon, and Rae Ann Yadao-Butac.

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Keone Kealoha

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

- a. Vice-President Michael Kaplan called the meeting to order at 7:15pm

### **II. MOMENT OF SILENCE**

- a. A moment of silence was observed in honor of Linda Pasadava, former KNA President and active member of the Kilauea Community who recently passed away in India on January 24, 2010.

### **III. TREASURER'S REPORT**

- a. Accrual balance as of February 2, 2010: \$6,405.74

### **IV. COMMITTEE AND COMMUNITY REPORTS**

- a. **Kilauea Community Outreach program (KCOP):** Nanea S., Lea W., and Rae Ann Y.
  - i. Starting to plan for the Easter event on Saturday, April 3, 2010.
- b. **Waele:** No update.
  - i. After several months of discussion regarding Waele taking over the non-profit status of Chris Jaeb's affordable housing non-profit, Chris Jaeb announced that it would likely be easier for Waele to start from scratch after all, rather than going through the complication of changing the purpose and mission of an existing group. Waele needs someone to assist them with a new non-profit status application.
- c. **Kahili Beach Report:** None.
- d. **Seniors:**
  - i. Kilauea Seniors actively participated in Tom & Katie Pickett's Ciguatera Awareness and Fundraiser event.
- f. **Kilauea School PTSA:** Nanea Sproat-Armitage
  - i. Annual Save the Music Fundraiser is scheduled for March 6, 2010, at the St. Regis.
- g. **North Shore Council:** No update.
- e. **Water Committee:** Hope and Tim Kallai
  - i. Hope Kallai brought up the serious concern that KNA does not seem to be included in many of the discussions about water (or other key issues) in the area. KNA used to be copied on all correspondence and consulted on local issues that affect the north shore, and we do not seem to be anymore. What is the problem?—Are we not asking enough, or is the County and State becoming negligent, etc? It is probably a combination of both

- ii. This has directly affected the CDUA permit for Lepueli/ Ka`aka`aniu, for which we had no notice to publicly speak out. More on this later under Old Business.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

- VI. Kilauea Little League Minors Team-** Hoku Swartman (634-4387) and Coach Carl Kimura
- a. Many Kilauea residents and County officials came out a few weeks ago to fix the baseball field in Kilauea so that it is now sanctioned to host Little League Home Games.
  - b. They are now looking for financial support to purchase a portable homerun fence, a 4' high fence which runs 314' long, with nylon mesh and sleeves every 10' for PVC pipes.
  - c. The cost is \$1,200 for materials and another \$200-\$400 for freight.
  - d. Sponsors/donors will be recognized on signs on the fence.
  - e. The Little League covers about 16 kids in the 8-11 age group, and another 12-16 kids in the older Major League group. These are all north shore kids, *our* kids!
  - f. Rae Ann Y. and Shann H. announced that Waele will be donating \$500 toward the Little League for the fence!
  - g. Tim Kallai vouched that the field has been decked over and really adds a cohesive recreational element to this community, and thank Hoku Swartman and Carl Kimura for their efforts in making this happen for our children and families.

**Upon motion duly made by Nanea Sproat, seconded by Rae Ann Yadao-Butac, and carried unanimously, it was:**

**RESOLVED, for the Kilauea Neighborhood Association to donate \$500 to the Kilauea Little League to be used for purchase of a new portable homerun fence for the newly sanctioned Kilauea baseball field.**

- h. Gary Pacheco will contact Chad Rousch (635-1453) of the Kawaihau Little League, who is helping the Kilauea league, to donate the money.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. **DOT: Albizias along Kuhio Highway by Kalihiwai Bridge-** Gary Pacheco
  - i. Looks like the tree trimmers are almost done, working on the last leg on the Hanalei-side of the Kalihiwai Bridge. They were supposed to be complete by the end of January 2010, so they are a bit late, but should be wrapping up in the middle of February 2010.
- b. **Ka`aka`aniu Beach Access (Larsen's Beach)-** Hope Kallai
  - i. Over an email, KNA sent a letter (see attached, Exhibit A) to request Mayor Carvalho and the County to host a public information meeting for residents to learn about the subject of the Paradise Ranch CDUA Permit in Lepeuli, and public access to Ka`aka`aniu Beach.
    - 1. Beth Tokioka responded (see attached, Exhibit B), saying that the CDUA approval is the State's kuleana and so the County has no role in that; however, we know the State makes their decision based on the County's approval or disapproval of the SMA permit. Thus, the fact that the County will be issuing the SMA, as shown by their Oct 2009 letter (see attached, Exhibit C), essentially means that the State will approve the CDUA.

- ii. Hope Kallai made a slideshow presentation on the history of Lepueili and Ka'aka'aniu, and how the current Paradise Ranch permit may destroy the sanctity of the place as well as limit public access. Main points of presentation include:
  - 1. There are two trails that run in this area: the lateral ancient A'aloa Trail, which runs from Kilauea River to Kealia River along the coast; and the County Right of Way path, which runs mauka to makai, almost perpendicular to A'aloa. Both of these are being threatened by the proposed use as outlined in the CDUA permit. Additionally, we believe that when the area was clear-cut for development, it was never determined where the public land ends and the private starts, so the County needs to clarify where public access is. However, the Mayor and the County have seemingly had meetings about this with Paradise Ranch owner Bruce Laymon and with the DLNR, but not with the surrounding community.
  - 2. As part of a 530-acre ahupua'a, the A'aloa Trail has been there for thousands of years. There were entire communities here, as evidenced by the existence of a church, graveyards, and oral history, which Aunty Linda has collected and Hope K. is now transcribing. Hope K. showed many historical passages, letters, maps, documents and even some old photos that prove the existence of mail delivery routes, events, and heiaus along the trail, amongst other indication of vivid life here. The permit ignores all this and says that nothing of significance was ever here.
  - 3. In addition to the threat of these trails, the permit also cites use of lights on the proposed fence, which would affect nearby seabirds.
  - 4. No third-party cultural, wildlife, or environmental studies were done or even requested for this CDUA permit.
  - 5. The biggest problem of the permit is that there has been next to no communication with the community. Even the requirement that the applicant notify all adjacent neighbors was ignored, because Tim and Hope Kallai are adjacent neighbors and they did not receive any notice. They only found out about it much later, than it was too late for public comment.
- iii. After the slideshow, options on how we can respond were discussed. To the Mayor and the County, it seems to be a done deal and so far, the DLNR has not responded. If nothing is done by Feb. 20, 2010, the CDUA becomes automatically approved.
  - 1. The Board agreed that it is urgent and necessary to contact all the powers that be and utilize all our resources to try to stop this CDUA from being approved without further consideration and public input.
  - 2. Tamra Martin suggested that, because Hope K. is the one who knows so much about this, that she should write a letter summarizing everything that she just presented in the slideshow, and then we will all circulate it to all the powers that be that we are connected with. This new letter must be more clear and make specific points, as our first letter simply asked for a public meeting and did not argue specific points on why KNA believes that this permit cannot be approved.
  - 3. Karen Tang suggested that because the "deadline" to do this is Feb. 20, 2010, when the permit is automatically approved, we must move on this within a week's time. The proposed timeline was as follows: Hope K. finishes the letter in two days, by Thurs., Feb. 4, 2010, and emails it to the KNA Board; KNA Board members will check their emails and vote/finalize

the letter by Mon., Feb. 8, 2010; giving us still almost two weeks to circulate it to whomever we deem necessary. All agree to this.

- a. Linda Sproat and Gary Pacheco agreed to bring this issue to Councilmen Kaipō Asing and Jay Furfaro, because the comment period is *not* closed for County agencies, only for public individuals.
4. The topic closed with Hope K. and all KNA Board members on board with the above plan. All will keep in touch over email and phone over the next few weeks, as there will not be another monthly meeting until Mar. 2, 2010.
- c. **Kilauea Lighthouse Restoration Donation**– Gary Pacheco
  - i. Gary P. confirmed that the \$500 donation was made to the Kilauea Lighthouse Restoration. The text “Kilauea Neighborhood Association” will be inscribed on the brick, along with two honus. When it is read to be placed, he will let Board know.

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Kalihiwai Bay Siren**- Linda Sproat
  - i. Tsunami siren was recently broken, so folks from Honolulu came out to fix it. They tested it Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> and Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, but it still did not work. Will hopefully be fixing it soon, but KNA will continue to follow up to make sure it gets fixed.
- b. **North Shore School**- Tabled for next meeting, as the group did not show up.
- c. **Kilauea River**- Patra Hebson
  - i. Community member Patra Hebson received an email on Feb. 1, 2010, saying that the government has already done a survey of Kilauea River and its banks, and is almost ready to start cleaning/dredging the Kilauea River. Apparently, the \$42 million funds have already been appropriated and Public Works would be ready to start the project. The only holdup is that they want the owners along the banks to all purchase liability insurance for this cleanup, and the owners do not want to take on that responsibility. There are folks that are pushing for the job to be done without the insurance, because they want to enjoy recreational activities like water-skiing, but they are ignoring the potential environmental hazards of dredging the river. Additionally, the Kilauea community has never had a say in whether its wants its \$42 million used in this manner.
  - ii. Patra H. asked County Public Works why KNA was never contacted about this, and Public Works said that KNA never wrote anything in to object or approve. Patra H. believes that KNA needs to do this, as it will highly affect Kilauea, but no one on the KNA Board has ever received official information about this, so first we need to become educated.
  - iii. Patra H. will email KNA with the contact info of the folks overseeing this project at the County/State level so that KNA can obtain the study that was prepared for this dredging as well as general information about this project, as many facts are still blurry. Once KNA has more information, it can better discuss a course of action.

## IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. **Picnic Tables**- Tim Kallai
  - i. Tim Kallai has been working with County to try to get more picnic tables in Kilauea Park by the playground and field. It costs about \$200/picnic table, and it seems like we will get it if we just ask for it. KNA suggested that we ask for 5 tables to start.

- ii. In the past, the County had never allowed any tables by th playground because of the septic system underneath it. Tim K. can ask about it and if so, ask about permitted locations.
  - iii. Gary P. offered that if necessary, North Shore Lions Club has the plates to make picnic tables.
- b. **Tom and Katie Pickett’s Ciguatera Fundraiser-** Gary Pacheco
  - i. Gary P. thanked everyone for coming to the fundraiser on Jan. 23, 2010. It was a huge success, raising awareness and over \$10,000 to help the Picketts offset their high medical costs!
- c. **Linda Pasadava Services-** Karen Tang, Linda Sproat
  - i. Funeral services for former KNA president Linda Pasadava will be held on Sat. Feb. 13, 2010, at St. Sylvester’s Church in Kilauea, with visitation starting at 9:00am, the eulogy at 10:45am, and the mass beginning at 11:00am.

**X. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Upon motion duly made by Shann Hashimoto, seconded by Michael Kaplan, and carried unanimously, it was:**

**RESOLVED, to approve the January 2010 minutes with the noted corrections.**

**XI. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

- a. The next KNA monthly meeting is March 2, 2010, at 7:00pm, in the Kilauea Neighborhood Center.

**Upon motion duly made by Gary Pacheco, seconded by Chris Jaeb, and carried unanimously, it was:**

**RESOLVED, to adjourn the February 2, 2010, KNA meeting at 8:15pm.**