

# **KILAUEA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

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## **MINUTES OF MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING**

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

**PLACE:** Kilauea Neighborhood Center

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Chris Jaeb, Michael Kaplan, Keone Kealoha, Tamra Martin, Gary Pacheco, Nicki Pignoli, Linda Sproat, Nanea Sproat-Armitage, Karen Tang

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** John Constantino, Shann Hashimoto, Lea Weldon, and Rae Ann Yadao-Butac.

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

- a. President Keone Kealoha called the meeting to order at 7:15pm

### **II. TREASURER'S REPORT**

- a. Accrual balance as of March 2, 2010: \$5,805.74

### **III. COMMITTEE AND COMMUNITY REPORTS**

- a. **Kilauea Community Outreach program (KCOP):** Nanea Sproat-Armitage
  - i. Starting to plan for the Easter event on Saturday, April 3, 2010.
  - ii. Per tradition, the event will feature an Easter egg hunt, with donated Easter baskets going out as prizes for the various age groups. As the event is before the next KNA meeting, Nanea S. will contact the Board in the next couple of weeks to see if anyone wants to make and donate an Easter basket.
- b. **Waele:** None.
- c. **Kahili Beach Report:**
  - i. Next Kahili Beach Cleanup is March 20, 2010, Sat., 9am, at Wailapa side.
- d. **Seniors:** None.
- f. **Kilauea School PTSA:** Nanea Sproat-Armitage
  - i. The Annual Save the Arts & Music Fundraiser is scheduled for this weekend, March 6, 2010, at the St. Regis Hotel. It will feature a concert and silent auction, amongst other entertainment. Tickets available at Kilauea School.
- g. **North Shore Council:** None.
- e. **Water Committee:** Hope and Tim Kallai
  - i. The biggest news regarding water is the letter from Senator Daniel Akaka, which stated that the Phase II Exam of the Ka Loko Dam Breach has been complete. The complete report won't be released, however, until August 2010.

### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. **Ka`aka`aniu Beach Access (Larsen's Beach)-** Keone K., Linda S., Hope Kallai
  - i. Keone summarized the situation over the last few months regarding Paradise Ranch's application for landscaping along the coastline of Ka`aka`aniu Beach: There has been public outcry and community concern about Paradise Ranch's plans to fence off the access to the beach that has been in use for years, as well as interrupt the ancient Hawaiian Alaloa trail. In response to these concerns, KNA had written to Mayor Carvalho asking why the Kilauea community was never notified or consulted about Paradise Ranch's Conservation District Use Application (CDUA) and asking County

to please not approve or make a decision on it until further studies were conducted and community input gathered. Beth Tokioka wrote back and said that the County had already approved it back in October 2009, and that it was now in the hands of the State DLNR (even though County agencies still had the opportunity to comment to the State at that time). Consequently, KNA then wrote a letter to Chairperson Thielen at the DLNR, asking the same, and they too responded saying that they had just approved the CDUA on Feb. 16, 2010.

- ii. Now that the State has approved the permit, it is a go for Paradise Ranch unless the community fights it in an appeal and/or contested case. This is exactly what many community groups got together to do and KNA joined as part of the appellants. Together with the Surfrider Foundation, Malama Moloa`a, Aunty Loke Would Go, Sierra Club by way of individual Don Heacocok, and individuals Hope and Tim Kallai, KNA is appealing the State's decision and has obtained legal counsel Colin Yost to do so.
- iii. Since it all happened so fast, KNA was only able to get the necessary votes to join the appellant group as merely lending our name to shore up support, without any financial obligation for the legal fees. Should it become necessary or desirable for KNA to offer monetary support as well, that will have to be decided via another Board vote. The appeal was filed just yesterday, so we should have more information in the coming days and hopefully a response from the DLNR.
- iv. Gary P. said that he has been talking to Councilman Jay Furfaro and County Clerk Peter Nakamura about this subject, and also brought it up at the Mayor's Report Card meeting last Thursday. The Mayor said h that he himself walked the actual County trail and admitted that it is extremely zigzagged and dangerous, and admits that the trail that Paradise Ranch intends to block is much more accessible. He said that they hope to work with the Waioli Corporation and Mr. Bruce Laymon to make this County trail more accessible, so hopefully the County understands the gravity of this situation, as well.

#### **b. Kilauea Stream Dredging**

- i. The last update we heard was that the funds were already allocated for this project, but that the surrounding landowners were refusing to sign the liability waivers, so it was at a standstill. Community member Patra Hebson, who normally talks on this subject, was not present, so we will try to find out more information for next meeting.

### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **a. New Film Shoot in Kilauea – Angela Tillson, Glenn Beadles, Art Umezu (County Film Commissioner), and George Costa (County Office of Economic Development)**

- i. George Costa opened up by saying that he is here to present a nice opportunity to Kilauea and Kaua`i at large. Kaua`i is becoming a hotspot in the film world, and this year alone, there is the potential to bring 4-5 major film shoots to Kaua`i, which would help boost the economy, amongst other benefits.
- ii. Art Umezu has worked in film industry for 25 years. His job is to keep all relations between the incoming film crews and the island population smooth and positive.
- iii. The new *Pirates of the Caribbean* movie is definitely coming this summer, and starting this week the new Bethany Hamilton movie is actually starting to shoot around the north shore for a few days. Mr. Umezu is very happy for Bethany to finally get this chance after waiting for six years.

- iv. Glenn Beadles is a location scout and manager based in Maui, and Angela Tillson is the same based in Kaua`i. They announced that they are working with a film that is seeking to shoot for about five days in Kilauea in the middle to end of May 2010. The film, tentatively titled *Just Go With It*, features Adam Sandler, Jennifer Aniston, Nicole Kidman, and many other known actors, including Adam Sandler's cast and crew from his SNL days. It is a PG-rated romantic comedy, and most of it will be filmed in Maui, but want to shoot at Kahili Beach and at Kilauea Falls.
- v. Pre-production will likely start around May 1<sup>st</sup>, and it will take 8-10 days to prepare. Shooting will likely take place around May 15<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>.
- vi. Approximately 250 people will be involved in the crew, and they intend to hire many local equipment vendors and other locals to act as extras and crewmembers. Even though it is only 5 shooting days, it will equal about 12-20 production days.
  - 1. Chris J. asked what kind of locals would be hired for the crew. Ms. Tillson replied that folks such as Rick Hurst or other excavators and machine operators will certainly be hired. Other employment needs will include production assistants, police, crane operators, tents, art departments, and set decorators, amongst others. Ms. Tillson herself is taking resumes and will be forwarding to the proper departments for hire. However, there will be union restrictions on some positions, though she believes that there are still many north shore talents that will be able to fill those roles.
- vii. In order to prepare for shooting, the production company will of course obtain the pertinent permits through the County and any private landowners that are affected.
  - 1. Nanea S. asked who generally regulates the permits, because in the past we have heard that similar film crews on Kaua`i have done things like divert streams. She also asked if the public would be shut out of the beach areas during shooting days.
  - 2. Ms. Tillson explained that depending on the location, various entities regulate the permits, including the DLNR, other State departments, the police department, etc. If these authorities see that the permits are being violated, fines are issues. However, activities that occur on private land (such as the case of the stream diversion referened above) are only regulated by the private landowners, and other entities have no jurisdiction.
- viii. The production team is willing to clean up and improve Kahili Rock Quarry Road so that they can utilize it, and then leave it in better condition for residents afterward. This would include removing many junk cars, adding gravel, and generally creating more usable conditions for that road.
  - 1. Gary P. commented that Rick Hurst excavation had been maintaining that road, but since the November 2009 floods and wash outs, there has been no maintenance and the road is really bad right now.
  - 2. Michael K. asked if the County would have to pay for any of this road repair. Ms. Tillson said that the production company would be paying for all of the road improvements.
  - 3. Hope Kallai asked if the road would be paved after these improvements. Mr. Beadles confirmed that it would not be paved, but graded and rock gravel only. Hope also suggested that pull-offs be improved for sufficient vehicle turnaround room.
  - 4. Gary Blaich added that proper drainage ways would be great to add to the road so that the annual big rains will not affect it as much. Also, he believes that putting up a sign indicating that it is a 4WD-only road will help reduce

- the number of tourist rental cars that go down that road. Mr. Beadles agrees with the drainage ways and thinks the sign is a great idea.
- ix. The location managers have also been in touch with the Kilauea Lighthouse folks and the National Fish & Wildlife, but they have not had a chance to meet with Shannon Smith yet, but plan to do so.
  - x. Linda S. expressed that while many film crews may have indeed left their locations better, she believes that major film shoots have been a detriment to native Hawaiians, mainly because it shows everyone else in the world how beautiful and precious it is in Kaua`i, and so these people all move here, buy big houses, raise property taxes, and ultimately push the old Hawaiians away.
    - 1. Mr. Beadles replied that he appreciates her thoughts, but does believe that likely, development on Kaua`i was happening already and that it was not necessarily attributed to the movies. He does agree that it has hurt some of the culture, and there is conflict on both sides.
  - xi. Chris J asked that the film set manage their waste wisely and responsibly, especially because film sets are notorious for being extremely wasteful.
    - 1. Mr. Beadles agrees and said that in the past, they have donated all the recyclables to schools so that they can get the HI-5 redemption money. Other than waste control, the production companies also want to support in other ways, including participating in the local Weed & Seed programs, beach cleanups, Lighthouse Restoration project, etc.
    - 2. Mr. Umezu added that some productions give back to the community in other ways other than money, such as workshops for the film students at Chiefess Kamakahahei Middle School, and such programs are encouraged.
    - 3. Hope Kallai suggested that all productions that come to film in Kaua`i should at the very least donate several copies of the final DVD to all of Kaua`i's libraries so that they do not need to purchase them for their collection. Mr. Umezu indicated that this would be possible.
  - xii. As for the mention of Kilauea or Kaua`i in the film. Mr. Beadles offered that the community can advise the production on whether we want to be recognized at all, and if so, how we want to word it. The community does not want to see a sudden influx of visitors or tourists there as a result of the movie, so perhaps we don't credit the location at all.

## VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

### a. **KNA needs a new Board Member**

- i. Larry Hinkel officially stepped off the Board, so we still need someone to fill his shoes as the 14<sup>th</sup> Board member. Please ask around and recruit!!

### b. **North Shore Lions Pancake Breakfast- Gary Pacheco**

- i. The annual Pancake Breakfast will take place on April 11, 2010, at Hanalei School from 7-11am. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 children, eat till you tire! There will not only be breakfast, but also a silent auction, hula, and music.

### c. **Ha`a Haena hula drama- Linda Sproat, Nanea Sproat-Armitage, and Karen Tang**

- i. On March 27, 2010, Halau Palahiwa O Kaipuwai will be presenting Ha`a Ha`ena: Entering the Consciousness of Hula. The special hula drama will feature traditional hula kahiko and tell the story of the sacred places of Ha`ena all across the islands. Pre-show activities start at 4:30pm, with curtain at 6:00pm. Tickets are \$25 per person— buy from a halau member!

**VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

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

**VIII. RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS**

- a. Several motions and votes were discussed and passed via email and votes in the past month. They need to be officially approved here in person with quorum.

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

**RESOLVED, that KNA purchase flowers for the funeral services of past KNA President and active community member Linda Pasadava, and give a check of \$100 to Chad Pasadava to support him during this hard time;**

**FURTHER RESOLVED, that KNA shall reimburse Karen Tang for \$98.75 for purchase of the aforementioned floral arrangement for Linda Pasadava.**

**Upon motion duly made by Linda Sproat, seconded by Karen Tang, and carried unanimously, it was:**

**RESOLVED, that KNA send a letter, written by Keone Kealoha, to County Mayor Bernard Carvalho requesting a denial of Paradise Ranch's CDUA permit application, which threatens beach access to Ka`aka`aniu Beach and interrupts and ignores parts of the Hawaiian Alaloa Trail.**

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

**RESOLVED, that KNA send a letter, written by Keone Kealoha, to DLNR Chairperson Laura Thielen, requesting a denial of Paradise Ranch's CDUA permit application, which threatens beach access to Ka`aka`aniu Beach and interrupts and ignores parts of the Hawaiian Alaloa Trail, and expressing the community's many concerns about the applicant's faulty and/or incomplete application. (Exhibit A)**

**Upon motion duly made by Linda Sproat, seconded by Nanea Sproat, and carried unanimously, it was:**

**RESOLVED, that KNA join Surfrider Foundation, Malama Moloa`a, Aunty Loke Would Go, Sierra Club by way of individual Don Heacocok, and individuals Hope and Tim Kallai, as appellants in an appeal for reversal of the State DLNR approval of Paradise Ranch's Conservation District Use Application KA-3525;**

**FURTHER RESOLVED, that KNA hire and become a client of counsel Colin Yost, who is filing the aforementioned appeal on behalf of all the appellants as a group, providing that KNA lend its name and support only, and has no financial obligation as a result of participation in this appeal.**

**IX. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

- a. The next KNA monthly meeting is April 6, 2010, at 7:00pm, in the Kilauea Neighborhood Center.

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

**RESOLVED, to adjourn the March 2, 2010, KNA meeting at 9:02pm.**