



KILAUEA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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President:

Yoshito L'Hote

Meeting Minutes for: November 4, 2014

Vice President:

Alvin Castelo

Time: Meeting started 7:05 pm ended 9:00 pm

Secretary:

Thomas Pickett

Location: Kilauea Neighborhood Center classroom

Treasurer:

Gary Pacheco

KNA Directors present: Yoshito L'Hote, Thomas Pickett, Gary Pacheco, Scott Mijares, Beryl Blaich, Bill Troutman, Tim Kallai, Charlie Martin, Ron Paul, Tamra Martin, Alvin Castelo, Tricia Padilla, Carrie Souza, Ken Carlson.

Sergeant-at-arms

Scott Mijares

Community Attendance: 12

PTSA Rep.

Tricia Padilla

I. Call to order Yoshi L'Hote called the regular meeting to order at 7:05 pm

II. Treasurer's Report Tom Pickett reported for Gary Pacheco that after October expenses and income the KNA checking balance is 7577.14. He also reported that fundraising for the Christmas tree lighting ceremony had been successful and reached it's goals.

Directors:

Mike Latif
Beryl Blaich
Bill Troutman
Tim Kallai
Ken Carlson
Charlie Martin
Carrie Souza
Tamra Martin
Ron Paul

III. Committee/Community Reports

a) KCOP; no report

b) Seniors; no report

c) PTSA; Tricia Padilla reported on a fundraising effort coming on Saturday Nov. 8 at Church of the Pacific. The S.P.A.M (save our playground, arts and music) event is the PTSA's biggest fundraising event. Music, auction, food and other activities will be available. Tickets will be 30.00. Tricia also announced the second quarter after school clubs available to the students and provided by community parents and volunteers. They include; Girl scouts, cub scouts, hula, drawing, painting, water coloring, poi ball, moneymakers. She thanked KNA for donating to those activities. She announced a garden workday program started by parent Sarah Mengle where the students and parents may come and help improve the garden on Thursday Nov. 6 and 20th after 2pm. They are garden boxes that need help. Volunteers may bring any tools or materials they can to help. The student council is also sponsoring their food bank/food drive. Tricia said the kids are very proud of their program and are accepting non-perishable food that can be delivered to the school office. Donations accepted 17th through the 19th. The donations will eventually be given to people of need at the Kauai food bank. Scott Majares asked for an update on the progress of the PTSA and the KNA to get the state to fulfill their end of the bargain in rebuilding the Kilauea School Playground. Tricia reported that despite letters and phone calls there as yet was no actual progress. She reported that John Cornell was maintaining a persistent effort to get some action started from the state.

III. Committee/Community Reports cont'd

d) Communication Committee; Tom Pickett reported that he had learned how to successfully contact all 615 names on the KNA contact list via the email program. He also made four postings on the KNA blog for October events; the fall festival, a water workshop, a cultural education class and a fish and wildlife announcement for the Kilauea point.

e) Ag park Committee; Yoshi reported filing with the department of commerce and seeking to establish a non-profit 501C3 corporation. They adopted the name and the general mission of Aina Hou Kupu O Kilauea, a similar Ag park effort between 2001 and 2006. He named the members of the board; Gary Smith, Rodney Yadao, Alvin Castello, Jack Gushigen, Ben Ferris, Keoni Kealoha and Yoshi himself. Scott Mijares asked about financing the paper work. Yoshi replied that 10% of the budget will go towards administrative cost and that besides some private donations there will be 100k coming from the county of Kauai and 120K from the state legislature. Yoshi said that this first funding would help open up the first 10 acres of the park for small farm lots, a community garden and a farmers market. Scott also asked if with the state funding the Ag Park would have to include every potential farmer in the state for participation. Yoshi responded that as the money is earmarked for set up and a trailer that does not concern farmer selection, he also said he would check on that. Scott and Yoshi pointed out that getting 501C3 status allows for the park to accept tax-deductible private donations. Yoshi announced that the Park would have its first executive meeting to elect officers and approve bylaws on Friday November 7th. There were specific requests from Tim Kallai and Tamra Martin for good record keeping as this board is re-developed and moves forward. For public information and historic context.

f) Access Committee; Tim Kallai reported; the access committee did not meet. He mentioned that 8/16 trail workshop Audio has been down loaded to the Internet and it available on the Hoike.org site. He also mentioned that Teddy Blake met with some Honolulu attorneys and that the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation will be suggesting that the DLNR take a close look at the Lepeuli access on Kauai.

g) Somers Committee; Ron Paul reported; The open space commission has agreed and apparently acted on writing and sending a letter to Mr. Somers asking him to allow the commission and members of the access committee onto his land to better determine the best trail and route for eventual public access to the Kilauea falls. He also reported that he and Yoshi had met with Shannon Smith from U.S. Fish and Wildlife and discussed the subject of grading and maintaining the Kahili Quarry road from the end of Mr. Somers property down to the shoreline at Kahili/Rock Quarry beach. She let them know that improvements to the road are in the Fish and Wildlife's comprehensive management plan. She also told them that she has met with Mr. Somers or his representatives to discuss and advice them on how to get special use permits in order for Mr. Somers to do the improvements from his property down to the shore. Yoshi reported that according to Mr. Somers attorney Mr. Somers indicated that he wants to improve the Kahili Quay road by paving it with asphalt. Yoshi indicated and reminded the KNA that historically the community has never wanted the road paved but only improved to it's traditional crushed coral road base.

h) Beautification Committee; No report

IV. New Business

a. Tammy Davis made an announcement for the neighboring Resonance project that the organization will have an open house on their property off Kuava road at the old plantation manager's residence. The open house is mandated by their use permit agreements. The open house will be Thursday November 8th between 2 and 4 pm.

b. Yoshi brought up the subject of the KNA signing off on the mitigation and consent decree involving repairs to the Pilaa watershed and shoreline area by the defendant Mr. Jim Pflueger. After a discussion on the history of the issue and the legal details there was a conference call with the attorney involved, David Healke.

After more discussion the board took a voice vote to approve the decree and it was passed and approved unanimously. During the discussion it was revealed that deceased KNA board member, Linda Pasadava, who spear-headed the campaign and lawsuits involved in getting Mr. Pflueger to take responsibility for his past actions had secured an agreement for the KNA to have limited, private access to the Mauka lands of the Lucas estate for ten years from the original finalization of the lawsuit. The key and knowledge of the access became lost after Linda's passing. There was discussion regarding this issue and possible follow up by members of the board.

V. Old Business

a) Christmas tree lighting ceremony and feast. Sal Ochoa is has 90% of his budget raised through donations. The event will be December 6th in the Kilauea Dispensary park between 4 and 10 pm. Decorating of the tree will be the previous Tuesday and event set up will be December 5th at 10 am. There was discussion regarding activities, electricity installation, prizes (8 bicycles, a Camera and Turkeys) and food donations. Bino made a motion;

Upon motion duly made and seconded the board voted unanimously donate up to 500.00 to the Christmas tree lighting ceremony and feast depending on the final costs.

b) Kuhio Highway albizia tree clearing by Kalihiwai. Alvin "Bino" Castello who is the horticultural specialist for Anainahou Community park in Kilauea has established a dialog with state highway officers in order to involve the community in the albizia tree removal and replanting of the hillside on the East side of the Kalihiwai valley bridge. Bino prepared a list of foliage that may be more appropriate than the species selected by the state. Discussion ensued over the existing contract and whether it was too late or not for the KNA and the community to have any input at this late date as the contract for the job has tentatively already been awarded. Tamra Martin made a motion;

Upon motion duly made and seconded the board voted unanimously to allow Alvin "Bino" Castello to write and send a letter on the KNA letterhead to the state department of transportation suggesting that the community be involved with the planning and provide some suggestions for more appropriate landscape options.

There was brief discussion regarding the December meeting and board member elections. It was agreed that after the elections and before the January meeting the new board will meet on 12/16 at 7 pm at the Kilauea Neighborhood Center to elect new officers.

VI. Announcements

Beryl Blaich summarized the situation concerning the proposed Dairy development at Mahaulepu on the Southside stating that the developer has proceeded with permit applications and the county is allowing development without proper environmental impact surveys. After her announcement there was a motion made;

Upon motion duly made and seconded the board voted unanimously to write a letter addressed to the planning commission and appropriate county offices apposing the development of the Mahaulepu dairy unless a proper EIS is prepared.

Beryl took issue with the motion sighting concern for procedure and questioned whether a motion and opinion could be made based on an announcement rather than on a business item where the community had heard both sides of the discussion. She said she would follow up on that before proceeding.

There was an announcement of a free Thanksgiving Dinner being prepared for community members at Anainahou community park. Anainahou asked for volunteer help. the dinner is November 27th at 4pm. Crystal was available at 652-6079 for coordinating helpers.

VII. Approval of minutes

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried unanimously, it was resolved to approve the 10/7/2014 minutes.

VIII. Adjournment

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried unanimously, it was resolved to adjourn the November 4th, 2014 KNA meeting at 9:00 pm .