



# KILAUEA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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- President:** Meeting Minutes for: November 11, 2013  
Yoshito L'Hote
- Time:** Meeting started 7:10 pm ended 9:20 pm
- Vice President:**  
Mike Latif
- Location:** Kilauea Neighborhood Center classroom
- Secretary:** KNA Directors present: Yoshito L'Hote, Mike Latif, Thomas Pickett, Gary Pacheco, Scott Thomas Pickett, Susan Keller, Nicki Pignoli, Bill Troutman, Tim Kalai, Alvin Castelo, Charlie Martin, Carrie Souza, Jim Spencer
- Treasurer:** Gary Pacheco
- Community Attendance:** 15
- Sergeant-at-arms** Scott Mijares
- PTSA Rep.** Susan Keller
- Directors:**  
Nicki Pignoli  
Bill Troutman  
Tim Kalai  
Alvin Castelo  
Cherie Grousset  
Charlie Martin  
Carrie Souza  
Jim Spencer
- I. Call to order** Yoshi L'Hote called the regular meeting to order at 7:10 pm
- II. Treasurer's Report** Gary Pacheco reported the KNA checking balance is 8285.00
- III. Committee/Community Reports**
- a) KCOP: The haunted house organized by Tamra Martin and team was a success. The 200.00 donated by the KNA was boosted by a 500.00 annon. donation to help provide treats for the kids. The treats exceeded the need at the haunted hous so Yoshi drove around the neighborhood distributing them to help with neighbors treat supplies.
- b) Senior Report: No Report
- c) PTSA Report: Sue Keller reports the PTSA is searching for a donation to build a playground for 20,000.00 or more. Sue announced the regular PTSA fundraiser for the last weekend in November. It is Saturday, November 23 at the Church of the Pacific. It will be a dinner including a silent auction, live music, dancing. She also thanked the Hanalei northshore rotary for Rick Cox's Ipad for classrooms program.
- d) Communication Committee Report: Tom Pickett announced a communications committee meeting on Tuesday November 12 at 5pm at the Kilauea Bakery with the intent of gaining a few more committee members, developing a mission statement and identifying issues pertinent to the committees purpose.
- e) Drug Report: No report
- f) Agriculture Committee Report: Yoshi reported that not much progress was made this last month. The planning department was unavailable for us due to the issues facing them with the county bill 2491 last month. The strategy is to develop a co-op for the Kilauea Ag park to take over control and stewardship of the Sea Cliff ag parcel. The committee has drafted some of the articles of incorporation.

### III. Committee/Community Reports cont'd

d) Beach and Mountain trail access committee; David Diner reported they discussed for access issues; The Somer's expansion and the river/waterfall access, The Kau'aina plantation subdivision access, the Larsen's beach right of way and the progress on defining the Alaloe (a historic lateral coastal trail system). There was discussion on the Kau'aina access regarding a county site visit the KNA was not invited to and about the possible vehicular addition to the trail.

David reported that the state has agreed to meet with Falco to recognize and determine the location of the historic Alaloe trail running laterally through Falco land or between the border of Falco land and the shoreline.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the board voted unanimously to compose and mail a letter to the county council re-stating the communities agreement that the access remain a foot path only and that we respectfully request a representative of the KNA be contacted and included in future county site visits and access discussion.

### IV. New Business

a) Shannon Smith the manager of the Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge announced that they were back to business as usual after the recent government shutdown and also that in honor of our military veterans the refuge was having a free veterans day weekend admittance policy for anyone visiting the refuge.

b.) Keone Kealoha presented information about the food forest project created by the organization Malama Kauai. He described their project up in the Kalihiwai ridge subdivision on 2 acres of land where volunteers have planted nine different swale of fruit trees and nurtured a set of lower plantings for a high yield edible garden. He stood before the board to request a support letter from the KNA that they could add to the paper work that they are preparing for a grant proposal. The grant is for up to 25,000.00 from the Laura Jane Mussert fund.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the board voted unanimously to compose a letter for Malama Kauai supporting the food forest project and their grant writing efforts.

### V. Old Business

a) Barker Residence view plane. Yoshi presented the issue of the Barker residence building site and the view plane poles that were erected to help visualize the impact to the view. He said that although the residence was facing toward the community and was more visible than other homes in the Sea Cliff subdivision that the land owner had done everything that was asked of him in regards to landscaping and limiting the view of his buildings. He said the land owner had gotten all the proper approvals and didn't need to file for any special use permits. He suggested the KNA write a letter to the planning department in support of the agreement. Discussion suggested that we temper the letter and not be too enthusiastic endorsing a large home site on a hill facing Kilauea town.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the board voted unanimously voted to prepare a letter supporting the Barker residence in the Sea Cliff subdivision.

b.) Christmas Tree lighting ceremony. Sal Ochoa announced his progress with the Christmas Tree lighting ceremony. It is planned for December 7th. He said it will include tents, food and music. He is being supported by numerous people and organizations with donations of labor, materials, equipment and money. It will be a free event for the community and will have many varieties of ethnic foods. He said that he has purchase new heavy duty lights and a top star for the Christmas tree with 2,000.00 of his own money and at the same time he has raised approximately 1500.00 from donors. He said he was challenging the Rotary and the Lions to make equal donations of some amount and also asked the KNA for a donation. He asked for volunteers to help with some of the initial setup on December 4th.

## V. Old Business cont'd,

Upon motion duly made and seconded the board voted unanimously to approve a 500.00 donation to the Christmas tree lighting ceremony event.

c.) Somer's building permit intervenor committee. Bill Chase reported that the contested case hearing is coming up. He suggested that the KNA prepare to think about using a significant portion of the treasury funds to hire attorneys to represent the committee and the community in the contested case hearing and it's strategies to a. have Mr. Somer's permit denied and b. to negotiate for public access to Kilauea falls and the Kilauea stream. Bill also requested that the KNA allow him to present information to the community regarding a letter writing campaign and requested the KNA communications committee publish a request for community input through letters and present a list of bullet points to help the community members write the letters.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the board voted with one abstention to allow the committee to publish bullet points for a letter writing campaign, to begin a letter writing campaign and for the Communications Committee to publish his letter and list of bullet points in the KNA blog and elsewhere.

d.) Bylaws committee. Bill Troutman presented a report on the progress of the bylaws committee to finish the revision of the KNA bylaws by the end of the year. He said the bylaws were virtually complete and ready for a vote of approval by the board so that final discussion can proceed with final community involvement and a final vote on them at the December meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the board voted unanimously to approve the current version of the bylaws for the final vote by the community and the board at the December, 2013 meeting pending a final proof reading.

e.) Bill 2491. There was discussion on the evolving progress of county bill 2491 and the KNA's position.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the board voted unanimously to compose a letter for the Kauai County Council stating the KNA's continued support for the bill and our wish to have the council reverse the mayor's recent veto.

## I. Announcements

a) Gary Pacheco announced the maturity of a 630.41 savings deposit in the treasury and asked for the boards opinion of what to do with the funds.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the board voted unanimously to transfer the funds to the KNA checking account.

b. There was a request to give 100.00 in the annual donation to the Salvation Army.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the board voted unanimously to approve 100.00 Christmas donation to the Salvation Army

c.) Bill Troutman announced that at the next meeting half the board is up for retirement or re-election. He mentioned that the board will need a nomination committee to create a group of possible nominees for elections to fill the seats of the retiring board members.

## VII. Approval of minutes

Upon a motion made, seconded and carried unanimously, it was resolved to approve the 10/1/13 minutes.

Upon a motion made, seconded and carried unanimously, it was resolved to approve the 9/3/13 minutes.

## VIII. Adjournment

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried unanimously, it was resolved to approve the October 1, 2013 minutes.