



# KILAUEA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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**President:**

Yoshito L'Hote

Meeting Minutes for: January 6, 2015

**Time:** Meeting started 7:01 pm ended 9:00 pm

**Vice President:**

Alvin Castelo

**Location:** Kilauea Neighborhood Center classroom

**Secretary:**

Thomas Pickett

**KNA Directors present:** Yoshi L'Hote, Alvin Castelo, Thomas Pickett, Gary Pacheco, Scott Mijares, Bill Troutman, Tim Kallai, Ken Carlson, Charlie Martin, Carrie Souza, Ron Paul, Joi Bonaparte, Mike Latif.

**Treasurer:**

Gary Pacheco

**Community Attendance:** 23

**Sergeant-at-arms**

Scott Mijares

**I. Call to order :** President Yoshi L'Hote called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 pm

**PTSA Rep.**

Tricia Padilla

**II. Treasurer's Report;** Gary Pacheco reported that during December there was increased activity in the accounts due to the Christmas tree lighting feast. Deposits/donations totaled 4695.16, payments/expenses totaled 4548.06. After December expenses and income the KNA checking balance on 1/6/15 was 7269.25.

**Directors:**

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

**III. Committee/Community Reports**

a) KCOP; no report

b) Seniors; Bill Troutman reported that the senior's Christmas party on 12/17 was a big success. The year-end gathering included almost all of the members and many special guests. In the festively decorated neighborhood center there was a music and caroling program, bingo with quality crafting products for gifts and prizes. Lunch was served from the Hanalei Village Snack shop.

c) PTSA; no report

d) Communication Committee; Tom Pickett reported light activity from the committee following a busy November. Work included adding a couple dozen email addresses to the KNA mailing list with the total number approaching 700. Everyone on the list received an email announcing the monthly KNA meeting with a link to the updated KNA blog.

e) Ag. Park Committee; Yoshi L'Hote reported the new board for the agricultural park has been awarded 100,000.00 dollars that will be held by the non-profit umbrella corporation Malama Kauai. He said although the funds have been awarded for planning and infrastructure purposes they will not be received until the check is signed by the mayor. He said that could take two months. He also reported that the state has budgeted 120,000.00 for the community agricultural park and he's hopeful that with these funds the board will be able to pay for the installation of an office, water meters, perimeter fencing, mowing and road construction. He said he will submit more detailed information to the communications committee so that it can be made available to the public via the KNA blog.

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

g) Access Committee; Tim Kallai reported that the access committee is considering streamlining their activity and are planning to meet only once a month during 2015. They have four access priorities; 1. Defining and verifying mauka trails above the Kuhio Highway within the Kilauea district. 2. Following up on the county plan to fence and maintain the Larsens/Lepeuli access and to establish a KNA position regarding the county plan. 3. Determine if the current development activity on the "old Moloaa road" has any public access relevance and 4. Continued vigilance regarding the Kahili quarry road, P-1 estuary easement and Kilauea falls trail access efforts. Tim also reported that new council member Mason Chock is writing a resolution to retain county funding for studying the history and establishing legal representation of the lateral alaloa trail in the Kilauea district.

h) Beautification Committee; Alvin Costello reported meeting with Talia Abrams to decide on locations for a pilot garden to showcase their concept of edible landscaping. They are considering a hedge along Kilauea rd and a small rectangular vegetable garden planted for the seniors in Kilauea town park. They met with the Lion's club and were offered possible resources and funding after they submit a design and a materials list.

### **IV. New Business**

a. PAYT (pay as you throw) garbage service; Emily Madieros representing County of Kauai solid waste and recycling announced the implementation of a new county wide, automated, curbside, pay as you throw, garbage service. Between April and May Kilauea residents should receive new garbage receptacles at each tax paying residence. The cans are picked up and emptied automatically by specially modified trucks. The trucks should be in service by July. There are two sizes available, the default size is 96 gallon (equivalent to three traditional 32 gallon garbage cans. There is a smaller 64 gallon can available for a lower monthly cost if property owners fill out and return the form included with the 2014 property tax papers. On those papers there is also an option to refuse curb side garbage pick-up all together. After the start of the new service additional cans at the curb will be ignored by the garbage contractor. Cans must face the right direction-toward the street. Lids must be fitted and closed or pick-up may be refused.

Beside questions regarding details of the new program discussion and questions focused on the need for more HI 5 redemption centers and making recycling easier for residents in general.

b. Hawaiian Islands National Marine Sanctuary - Na'Kai'Ewalu ; Jean Souza the Kauai program coordinator for NOAA's National Marine Sanctuary System announced a master plan and name change for the previously named Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary that will be ready for public input in 2015. As part of an E.I.S. the public will be invited to comment during a 90 day comment period.

Jean invited community involvement with any aspect of the Sanctuary's activities or plans.

There were questions regarding the military's effect on the ocean environment. Jean replied that the military takes legal and physical priority over NOAA when it comes to disputes. There were questions concerning water run off from farms and golf courses. Jean suggested ways for the public to become involvd with the Sanctuary to help address those concerns. Actions like creating a water quality research area for watere testing, studies and research similar to the kind of co-management Makaala Kaaumoana and the Hanalei Watershed Hui have implemented. As an example of the cooperation between the sanctuary and the watershed Hui Makaala presented the board with copies of a newly published Marine shoreline fisheries educational calendar for year 2015.

## V. Old Business

a. Kilauea Street light proposal; Yoshi began a conversation about the DOT plan to install a traffic light at the intersection of Kolo rd and Kuhio highway. Some of the questions and concerns follow:

1. Yoshi; What happens if the light doesn't solve the traffic problem or makes it worse. Does DOT have a back up plan?
2. A round-about was suggested instead of a light. Comments; It takes 5-10 years to plan, the state has never installed one anywhere, it is very expensive to build, there may not be enough room to install one.
3. Suggestion; Install a light (permanent or temporary) and continue to plan and budget for a round-about.
4. Require future developers to finance the round-about.
5. Kolo road residents objected to the light fearing it would increase traffic past their homes as people detoured to avoid the light.
6. Suggestions to follow the original town plan and retain the concept of changing the main entrance to Kilauea as a location 4 or 5 hundred yards west of the Kolo road intersection.
7. A suggestion to work with Roy McCormack of the DOT because he was likely to listen to the communities concerns.
8. Suggestion; Lower the speed limit on the approach and through the Kilauea town area.
9. Question; what is the specific problem the street light is supposed to be solving? Highway traffic, cars leaving Kilauea and turning right or left? etc.
10. Suggestion; Priority is traffic calming and there are a host of additional strategies besides a street light.
11. Suggestion; the KNA should request a copy of the DOT traffic study for Kilauea.

**Announcements;** Gary Pacheco announced the North Shore Lions golf tournament to be held on January 10th. Yoshi suggested the KNA compose a calendar for the years events.

## VI. Approval of minutes

Upon motion duly made by the Bill Troutman seconded by Scott Mijares and carried unanimously, it was resolved to approve the November 4th, 2014 minutes of the KNA board meeting.

## VII. Adjournment

Upon motion duly made by the Bill Troutman, seconded by Scott Mijares and carried unanimously, it was resolved to adjourn the January 6, 2015 KNA meeting at 9:05pm .