



# KILAUEA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

P.O. BOX 328 KILAUEA, HAWAII 96754

**President:**

Yoshito L'Hote Meeting Minutes for: February 2, 2016

**Time:** Meeting started 7:08 pm ended 9:15 pm

**Vice President:**

Ron Paul

**Location:** Kilauea Neighborhood Center classroom

**Secretary:**

Thomas Pickett

**KNA Directors present:** Yoshi L'Hote, Thomas Pickett, Scott Mijares, Beryl Blaich, Bill Troutman, Charlie Martin, Ron Paul, Lori Patch, Jenni Shin.

**Community Attendance: 18**

**Treasurer:**

Gary Pacheco

**I. Call to order** President Yoshi L'Hote called the regular meeting to order at 7:08 pm

**Sergeant-at-arms**

Scott Mijares

**II. Treasurer's Report** In Gary Pacheco's absence Bill Troutman reported the KNA checking balance of 8555.37 .

**III. Committee/Community Reports**

**PTSA Rep.**

Lori Patch

a) Transportation; In absence of the committee chair, Ben Welborn, Yoshi summarized one aspect of the transportation developments, specifically the improvement and maintenance of the Kahili quarry road. He outlined the road improvement timeline. The Kilauea point national wildlife refuge has finalized and approved their Comprehensive Conservation Plan putting us one step closer to beginning road improvements. Once permits are filed and approved the property owner of the West side of the Kilauea valley, Mr. Somers, has agreed to begin improvements.

**Directors:**

Mike Latif

Beryl Blaich

Bill Troutman

Tim Kallai

Ken Carlson

Charlie Martin

Carrie Souza

Jenni Shin

Alvin Castelo

b) Planning; Beryl reported the committee met in the third week of January at Ken Carlson's house. Beryl, Jenni, Yoshi, Ken and Tom attended. She reported the group spent some time defining the committee's mission. The planning committee aims to make sure that every Kilauea resident knows what the KNA organizations does, that it serves their interests and that they are automatically a member. The committee also decided it was important to reach out to new property owners of Kilauea and welcome them to the community. To that end the committee began plans for a welcoming packet and/or gift to be presented to new property owners and production of a media sheet or flyer of some sort to be distributed by mail to all of the Kilauea - 96754 postal addresses. Additionally a survey was discussed to determine which issues were important to the community and in which priority.

c) Kahili Beach; Yoshi summarized for the attendees the management arrangement settled upon between the Kilauea Point Wildlife Refuge and the community. It is to be a government/community partnership in which four or maybe five local organizations will determine, place and maintain rules and security features that will maintain uses on and near the refuge that satisfy the requirements of NFW reserve. The four committed organizations are; KPNHA, KNA, HILT, 'Aina ho'okupo o' Kilauea with the possibility of the Seacliff home owners assoc. and the Kahili rd. home owners assoc. joining in.

d) Beautification; No report

#### IV. Updates

a) Seniors; Bill Troutman reporting for the seniors reminded the community that the Kilauea seniors meet every Wednesday here at the neighborhood center at 9 am for their activity program. Bill also announced the news that the county has finally filled the position of Kilauea neighborhood center management with a local Kilauea resident, Philip Bacalyon. Philip is a teacher and small business owner. He has coached basketball at Kapaa High school and volunteered in the community for many years. Phillip said his number is 828-1421 for contact. He also reported he is installing a light to illuminate the front of the Gym and the bus stop. 2/4 contractors for the floor repair in the gym will do a follow up walk through on the job. Water leakage has hopefully been solved. He also announced the gym will be open Feb 16th at 9am.

b) PTSA; Lori Patch, representing the PTSA reported the parent-teacher conferences were successful, a S.T.E.A.M. family night will be held Feb. 3rd. from 5:45 to 7:30 pm at the school cafeteria. Walk to school day is Feb. 4, on the 5th there is no school. Sparky and a KFD fire truck come on March 7 & 8th. Chris Shoemaker is the new student councilor. On Feb. 12 there is another walk to school day a jumprope competition and an awards assembly. There was a request for a follow up regarding the new play ground equipment. The PTSA raised 26,000.00 with a promised matching fund by the DOE. John Cornell, an involved parent reported the playground had been installed and the funds had been secured and spent. He said the playground was for the younger children and a second playground is now being planned for the children in grades three to six.

c) Kilauea Community Agricultural Center; Yoshi reported that the parent organization for the Ag. Center, 'Aina Ho'okupu o' Kilauea is meeting Feb. 3rd. They will be discussing further planning on the park entry road, the proposed farmers market, the water system and more. He reported they will hold a public meeting to rally the community on Feb. 19th at the Kilauea school cafeteria. On March 3rd after the first few acres have been cleared, tilled and planted with a cover crop there will be a blessing for phase 1 of the project. They will then be vetting the first farmers for the plots and seeking to release more of the required funding from the county.

d) Communication; Tom Pickett reported posting several new community announcements to the KNA blog, adding 30 or more new contacts to the KNA mailing list. He reported that the list now has about 900 contacts. He offered his help with the new planning committees goal of developing a welcome packet and an informational mailer for the postal mailing. Yoshi added that Mary Patterson representing the North Shore foundation desires to share information with the KNA and invites the KNA to share with them via their corresponding blogs. After another plea for more participation from the community in the communications area Felicia Cowden volunteered to help with additional input and postings to the KNA facebook page. Yosh also urged more participation referring to a rising drug problem in the community that underlines the importance of participation.

e) Access: Surveying and clearing the P-1 easement, an estuary shoreline easement between the Kilauea stream and the private property owned by Charles Somers, was discussed with help from Yoshi and Ron. It was agreed that the access to the easement which abuts the Kahili Quarry road leaves the road at a steep, ledge like incline sloping abruptly down the shoreline edge. It was agreed that before access can be opened up there the road improvements will have to be finished and the Government/community management plan for the Kahili area will have to be written and initiated.

#### V. New Business

a) Heather Tonneson is the new manager of the Kilauea Point National Fish and Wildlife Refuge. Heather introduced herself to the attendees. She outlined her career history including that she has been with NFW for eight years and was previously stationed on a refuge in Alaska. Her strengths are in environmental and refuge management. She also has done education and outreach for the system.

b) C.E.R.T. training and certification. John Cornell and Tim Terrazas from KFD announced two upcoming training workshops for the North Shore Community Emergency Response Team. One will be held in the Princeville Clubhouse Feb. 24th, Mar. 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th. 5:30 to 9:30. The Kilauea workshop will be held in the Kilauea neighborhood center, Mar. 15th, 22nd, 29th, Apr. 5th, 12th, 19th. 5:30 to 9:30. John and Tim described what the CERT's do and their importance in each community during all manner of serious disasters and incidents. The teams help professional first responders like fire and police at times when contact may be cut off or when other agencies are overwhelmed.

c) Improved bike and pedestrian access to the Kilauea Point refuge. Moregan Malley (FHWH CFL) (project manager for KPNWR bike and pedestrian alternative program.) Announced an effort where by the federal and county government hires consultants for a significant fee of over 160,000.00 dollars to research and develop a plan to improve bike and pedestrian access to the lighthouse reserve beginning at the Kolo rd, Kilauea rd. intersection. Bottom line is there is significant public tax dollars and effort being focused on our road out to the lighthouse. Hopefully there will be more details to come.

d) Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge lighthouse point closure: Jennifer Waipa, a manager of the refuge announced and describe the character of a four month closure of the Lighthouse portion of the reserve to the public between January and April. She said that her crew and volunteers are manning the turn around out at the end of Kilauea road to allow tourists to park, enjoy the view but exit the area in a timely way so that there is not overwhelming congestion. She said the NFW service has also installed 3 port a potties for temporary bathroom facilities. She mentioned that in addition to several closure signs they installed along Kilauea Road to warn tourists of the closure they will be installing a larger sign out on the state highway in hopes of cutting down on the traffic out at the closure point. There was concern raised regarding the impact on local businesses considering NFW effort to reduce traffic flow through Kilauea.

#### VI. Old Business

a) New Town Sign; The second time on a 2016 agenda the subject of creating a town sign was discussed. From the last discussion Yoshi contacted a sign maker and had them generate a couple of alternative designs. The plan was to this time have the sign made professionally and have the KNA pay for it, or have the KNA seek assistance paying for it from the Kilauea business community. Yosh passed out copies of the new design ideas and discussion ensued over design details, base material, sign material, base size, design elements like the lighthouse motif. There were a few suggested alternative design motifs. It was generally agreed Yoshi's design plan would not be approved in its present form. The discussion was to continue at further meetings.

b) Gym. See Seniors report.

**Announcements;**

Yoshi announced the tree cutting was moving along well on the highway along the Kalihiwai valley. Felicia Cowden announced she broadcast a KIUC forum at Chieffess Kamualii school on KKCR radio on Feb. 8th. 5:30 to 7:30. She also reported that she attended a planning commission meeting last week where legal representatives of Charles Somers answered questions from the commission regarding their conservation plan. The application was deferred. Felicia also encouraged residents to attend the Charter review commission meeting, Beryl expressed unhappiness with the timely broadcast of meeting and agenda information by the commission and the county.

**V. Approval of minutes**

January minutes were not available for approval. January minutes may be available at the March meeting.

**VI. Adjournment**

Upon motion duly made by Scott Mihares seconded by Bill Troutman and carried unanimously, it was resolved to adjourn the February 2nd, 2016 KNA meeting at 9:15pm .