



KILAUEA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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President:

Yoshito L'Hote

Meeting Minutes for: February 4, 2014

Vice President:

Alvin Castelo

Time: Meeting started 7:05 pm ended 9:07 pm

Secretary:

Thomas Pickett

Location: Kilauea Neighborhood Center classroom

Treasurer:

Gary Pacheco

KNA Directors present: Yoshito L'Hote, Thomas Pickett, Gary Pacheco, Scott Mijares, Mike Latif, Beryl Blaich, Bill Troutman, Tim Kalai, Charlie Martin, Carrie Souza, Ron Paul, Tamra Martin, Alvin Castello, Sue Keller

Sergeant-at-arms

Scott Mijares

Community Attendance: 17

PTSA Rep.

Susan Keller

I. Call to order Yoshi L'Hote called the regular meeting to order at 7:05 pm
II. Treasurer's Report Reporting for Gary Pacheco, Tom Pickett announced Gary was away but did arrange to have the Gift Certificate, agreed upon at the previous meeting, purchased for Sal Ochoa. Questions were asked about finishing up the undressing of the Christmas tree and it was announced the tree would be un-decorated on Wednesday February 5.

III. Committee/Community Reports

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

- a) KCOP; No report
- b) Seniors; No report
- c) PTSA; Sue Keller representing the PTSA announced that they would be holding a Jump Rope for Heart event on Valentine's Day, Career Day the following Friday, Feb. 21st, then a Bingo night 17 April (Thurs. of Easter Weekend); and on May 17 a "FUN IN THE PARK" event as a fundraising event. With questions about the Fun in the park event Yoshi suggested the possibility of the KNA partnering with the PTSA on the event ... Yoshi said he'll organize a food booth; other ideas from KNA: a movie; help with tents; making it a whole town celebration. Since it is a PTSA fundraiser, KNA will focus on information - such as public ACCESS. It was also suggested that the KNA take the opportunity on that day to plant a new, second string, Christmas tree next to the current one. There have been numerous offers for donation of a Norfolk Pine.
- d) Communication Committee; No report
- e) Drug; No report
- f) Agriculture Committee; Yoshi L'Hote updated the board and community on the progress of the committee to complete the paper work and contract for taking over responsibility of the 75 acre parcel from the County.

g) Access Committee; Tim Kalai made the report for the access committee by asking if the committee was validated for 2014. He reported that efforts to define and protect access points to the shoreline had been ongoing but wasn't sure if the previous committee members could be officially representing the KNA at meetings and in letters. He asked for a vote.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the board voted unanimously to re-instate the KNA Access Committee for remainder of 2014.

Tim nominated David Dinner to head the committee and David accepted the nomination.

There was a question of whether the Somers issue should be grouped into the access committee since access to Kilauea Stream and waterfall is a primary issue the KNA wants resolved. After brief discussion the consensus was that the Somers issue was complex and needed it's own committee.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the board voted unanimously to establish a seperate committee to specifically handle the planning, strategy, meetings and negotiations with regard to the Somers property.

Ron Paul and Beryl Blaich agreed to co-chair the committee and Beryl announced that the first meeting would be at her house, Monday, February 10 at 5pm at her house.

IV. New Business

a) Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge; Jen Waipa standing in for refuge manager Shannon Smith reported on recent developments out at the point. She reminded the public that because of budget restrictions the refuge will be closed Sundays and Mondays for the entire year. She announced that before the refuge entrance gate, at the end of the road the refuge will be upgrading the chain link fence that protects the public from the cliffs and protects the birds from the public. The work will begin on February 5 and hopefully finish on or around February 12. During the same time they are hoping to repair and maintain some trail erosion problems and rust problems on some of the other structures. She said the rufuge is working on getting better signage up closer to the highway to help visitors avoid getting lost and driving into the neighborhoods.

b) Bill Troutman brought up a scheduling conflict with the Kilauea Neighborhood Center on the first Tuesday in November. The room will be taken for elections that day. It was agreeable with the board members to move the meeting to the evening of Wednesday 11/5/14. Bill also brought up the current difficulty securing the key for the room on the first Tuesday of each month.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the board voted unanimously to purchase and install two key-lock boxes inside the door at the Kilauea Bakery. Room reservations would be made with a county representative and then the box combination would be revealed to the reserving party and the reserving party could then access the lock box and key during Kilauea Bakery hours.

c) Anaina Hou Community Park; Marion Paui, new general manager of Anaina Hou park presented an update on development progress and upcoming events. A community designed playground is being planned. It is similar to the Lydgate park playground. Anaina Hou has partnered with Leathers and Associates, community playground planners to build one right here in Kilauea. It will be a 3-dimensional play ground covering 10,000 square feet. There will be a celebration announcing the plans and launching the project on March 11, 2014 between 5 and 7:30 pm at Kauai mini-golf. All aspects of the community are encouraged to help plan and execute this project.

V. Old Business

a) Somers building permit applications; Beryl Blaich spoke as sub-chair of the Somers development committee. She recapped the activity of last months Planning Commission meeting giving highlights of the testimony from the community. She said there were many statements in opposition to the commission granting permits. The Commissioners sided with the majority of testimony and delayed a decision on the permits. Planning commissioner Jan Kimura advised the Somers party to present a conservation plan and to work with the community members to settle some of their concerns. After several minutes of discussion a motion was made.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the board voted unanimously to prepare and send a letter as soon as possible to Mr. Somers attorney requesting a meeting between Mr. Somers or his representatives and members of the board of the KNA.

Ron Paul, co-chair of the Somers committee agreed to write the letter.

As discussion continued various elements of the community's concern were brought up. Public access to the Kilauea waterfall, Kilauea stream, the Kilauea stream estuary area on the Somers side and the fate and condition of the historic Kahili quarry road all the way to the end at the shoreline. Various players involved in this area were brought up; Seacliff subdivision association, Kilauea Point Wildlife Refuge, Hawaiian Islands land trust, Mr. Somers etc.

Beryl Blaich announced the first meeting of the 2014 KNA Somers development committee. It will be at 5 pm February 10 and Beryl's house.

I. Announcements

a) There was a brief announcement and discussion regarding the Kuhio Highway section on the east side of the Kalihiwai bridge. There was concern expressed for the build up of debris behind the temporary fencing on the mauka side of that portion of the highway. Yoshi said that bidding was beginning soon for clearing and repair of that section and that work would begin as soon as possible.

VII. Approval of minutes

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried unanimously, it was resolved to approve the January 2, 2014 minutes.

VIII. Adjournment

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