



KILAUEA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

P.O. BOX 328 KILAUEA, HAWAII 96754

President: Meeting Minutes for: 4/7/2015

Yoshito L'Hote Time: Meeting started 7:00 pm ended 9:36 pm
Location: Kilauea Neighborhood Center classroom

Vice President:

Alvin Castelo KNA Directors present: President: Yoshi L'Hote, Alvin Castelo, Thomas Pickett, Gary Pacheco, Beryl Blaich, Bill Troutman, Tim Kallai, Ken Carlson, Charlie Martin, Joi Bonaparte,
Secretary: Mike Latif, Scott Mijares.

Thomas Pickett

Community Attendance: 35

Treasurer:

Gary Pacheco I. Call to order President Yoshi L'Hote called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Sergeant-at-arms

Scott Mijares II. Treasurer's Report Gary Pacheco reported after expenses and income the KNA checking balance is 8307.64

PTSA Rep.

Tricia Padilla III. Committee/Community Reports

a) KCOP; No report although it was noted that this years Easter egg Hunt in the Kilauea ballpark was a well attended event and a great success.

Directors:
Mike Latif b) Seniors; No report

Beryl Blaich c) PTSA; No report

Bill Troutman d) Communication Committee; Tom Pickett reported that after reaching out for I.T. support to upgrade and improve the KNA blog he was offered help by Winston Wellborn and Michelle Wamsley of Wasabi Designs. To date Michelle has upgraded the website program with a verifiable back up program and cleaned up the site's responsiveness. After applying about 400.00 dollars worth of free labor to the project she suggested a second phase for the upgrade that would be above and beyond her company's time and free service abilities. Wanting the KNA to feel secure with an up to date information and communication platform Tom asked her for a bid for the further work and asked the board to consider hiring her company. Upon that report a motion was made;

Tim Kallai

Ken Carlson

Charlie Martin

Carrie Souza

Joi Bonaparte

Ron Paul

Upon motion duly made by Gary Pacheco, seconded by Charlie Martin and carried unanimously the board voted to fund Wasabi Designs bid to upgrade and improve the KNA website for no more than 450.00

III. Committee/Community Reports cont'd

e) Kilauea Community Agricultural Center committee report; Yoshi reported to the KNA board that on March 23rd he received a letter acknowledging receipt of the 501C3 application for the non profit association titled Aina Ho'okupu o Kilauea. Aina Ho'okupu o Kilauea is the association that will oversee the management of the 75-acre Kilauea Community Agricultural Center. 2015 board members include the community members; executive director- Yoshi L'Hote, president- Rodney Yadao, vice president- Ben Ferris, secretary- Tamra Martin, treasurer- Gary Smith and board members; David Sproat, Bino Castello and Jack Gushigan. Without corrections "Aina" will get an approval for the 501c3 in 90 days, with corrections it may take 120 days. Yoshi reported that with the first allotment in funding from the County of Kauai that is earmarked for infrastructure and planning they have mowed the boundary as well as cleared and surveyed the Ag center entrance and loop road with help from community members. He reported they are in discussions with Mark Friedman to contract his services and machines for grubbing, chipping and mulching the first phase of the ag. center. Yoshi reminded the board that a 1300.00 donation to the KNA was earmarked for the Ag center and that the board was paying it out based on receipts for services due for work on the center. He presented 250.00 in receipts and at that point a motion was made.

Upon motion duly made by Ken Carlson, seconded by Scott Mijares and carried unanimously the board voted to pay the Ag center's receipts of 250.00

g) Access committee; no report

h) Somers'; no report except that Yoshi heard that a local company hired by Mr. Somers has been contracted to plant 300 fruit trees along the Kahili quarry road to shield the view of the new structures.

i) Beautification committee; Bino reported that a cleanup action is planned for April 11th at 9am near the town sign and the Kukui tree grove at the entrance to town. Helpers please come with gloves and appropriate tools like weed whackers.

j) Transportation committee; Burt Lyons reported that he would forward an updated list of the transportation committee recommendations to the board members.

IV. New Business

DOT; Alex Pascual from the department of transportation w/ Jeff Fisher from Earthworks Pacific reported. Mr. Pascual introduced the contractor for the Kalihiwai tree-clearing job. Jeff Fisher from Earthworks Pacific explained how they would handle clearing invasive Albisia trees on the Kalihiwai bridge hill. The area will cover the Kuhio highway section from the Kalihiwai ridge road turn off down the hill to the Kalihiwai bridge and up the hill on the west end. He said they will clear both sides of the highway of the invasive forest extending only to the edge of the state highway right of way with a few exceptions where land owners have agreed to let the contractor work on troublesome trees on private property. He said they would cut the trees and apply Garlon systemic herbicide to kill the roots. The contract includes follow ups for one year to kill plant re-growth. During that time they will re-forest the area with a selection of slower growing native Hawaiian plants such as Kukui nut and Lauhala tree and Naupaka. John said they have arranged to fulfill the contract by working at night when they can work with less traffic congestion. By working at night between 8pm and 5am they can shut down lanes for longer periods less disruption to the traffic flow or the work. The work will begin on Monday April 13th and extend until it is finished. If they cannot complete the work by early June they may have to stop temporarily during the Hoary bat-breeding season. They may also switch to daytime work depending if they have to work during the Shearwater bird's breeding season. The work will proceed in three phases. The first phase clears the makai side of the road from the bridge to the top of the hill on the Lihue side. Phase 2 will include the Mauka side of the highway to the top of the same hill and phase 3 will cover both sides of the hill on the Princeville side of the bridge. The night work won't include the cutting of the biggest, most dangerous trees. Those will be cut in the daytime using careful planning for safety and less inconvenience. One neighbor, Gloria Estrella, asked that, due to privacy and noise concerns and the close proximity of the work to her property that they clear the Mauka side of the highway on the Lihue side first. Jeff responded that he will look into it.

North Shore urgent care: John Latkiewicz of Kauai small business development center, SBDC, a company funded by the SBA and the State of Hawaii is a company that helps people start new businesses on the island. They help with business development, planning and grant funding access. John presented information from a client. John was there to help some developers explore plans to build a health care facility in Princeville. His part was to explain the plan as best he could and pass out a written survey to attendees with a dozen or so questions on it concerning the public's opinion on the state of North shore health care and public opinion on having a new health care facility. Several North shore doctors and health care professionals questioned John about the specifics of the plan. John could not answer authoritatively beyond repeating the press release of the proposed developers. The health care people in the audience questioned the language used to describe the project. They explained that it was vague and did not properly represent the developer's intentions. They wanted clarification for the words; emergent care, emergency care and urgent care. After realizing that John could not answer those questions the board and Yoshi suggested that before anyone fill out his questionnaire that John, his clients and the attending North shore health care workers get together and help the developers better define what they are trying to build before they ask our opinion of it.

B&B permit Nicki Pignoli; Nicki asked the board for a favorable letter endorsing her before the Kauai county planning commission as a person suitable to operate a bed and breakfast business from her home on Liliokalani street in Kilauea. Nicki explained some of the new county policy regarding bed and breakfast or "homestay" operations. In short the county policy says that anyone operating a bed and breakfast out of their home can only do so after receiving a permit. The county recently decided to enforce the policy by shutting down 300 such operations and serving direct notice to 20 of them. Nicki's operation was one of the first to receive a formal order to stop operations. Nicki began taking steps to comply with the county process of receiving a permit and part of the process is obtaining letters from neighbors testifying towards the impact of the operation on the neighborhood. Discussion on Nicki's B&B began to range into the county B&B policy and then broaden to include the various other visitor accommodation regimes. Yoshi suggested there may be another time to discuss the county's various policies and that we should stick to the agenda topic at hand. Because Nicki provided the board with a thorough explanation of her history of running a B&B and her compliance with the current guidelines and because she provided testimonial letter from a number of her close neighbors all in favor of her efforts as well as the entire board knowing of Nicki's outstanding efforts regarding her community and community service a motion was made.

Upon motion duly made by Ken Carlson and seconded by Gary Pacheco the board voted with 11 yeas and 2 abstentions to write a letter to the Kauai county planning commission in favor of Nicki Pignoli's permit request for a B&B to include language to the effect that the board will examine and decide on any future bed and breakfast opinion requests on a case by case basis.

Relay for life: Yoshi brought up the coming Relay for life fundraiser event in August and suggested that the board be represented with a team. Tom Pickett volunteered to lead a team effort depending on the timing of the event and his summer vacation.

V. Old Business

Kilauea Traffic; Mike Moule the chief engineer for highways with the county of Kauai explained the county's part in the new upcoming development by the Hunt development company called Kilauea Lighthouse Village Shopping Center. He explained the upcoming improvements to Kilauea road and the street that bisects the development and is across the intersection from Keneke street that is now officially called Ala Namahana Parkway. He stated that Kilauea road will be widened in front of Dispensary park 9' to include turn lanes from Kilauea road into the new shopping center. The widening would facilitate the moving of two historic stone and cement pillars 9' west into the Dispensary park property. The improvements also include new sidewalks along the border of the development. Asked if there were other plans for improvements to the entire length of Kilauea rd. Mr. Moule said no. No plans for a sidewalk on the east side of the road and no plans for a right hand turn lane at the junction on Kilauea rd. and Kolo rd. He also stated that the county has not prioritized Kilauea rd for any improvements based on safety or traffic flow problems.

Cell Tower report; Yoshi reported that AT&T has made agreements with the owners of the Japanese Cemetery on the Kilauea crater hill and Verizon to add their cell phone antenna to the Verizon pole in that cemetery. The development includes AT&T having to replace the pole with one that is 20' taller to accommodate both antennas. Verizon's will be the antenna that is higher up and upon completion of the project Verizon will take ownership of the pole. Yoshi thanked the phone company representative for working with the community to find a site that was the least invasive and upsetting location.

VI. Announcements

Gary Pacheco announced that the North shore Lion's pancake fundraiser would be held on Sunday April 12th in Hanalei. The fundraiser supports a series of Lion's college scholarships for North shore students.

Bill Troutman reported the ambulance has been a great new member especially concerning waking neighbors up with their siren during calls. Bill suggested the board write a letter of thanks to them and a motion was made.

Upon motion duly made by Tom Pickett and seconded by Gary Pacheco and carried unanimously the board will compose a letter or card of thanks to send to the American Medical Response crew of Kilauea for their good work.

VII. Approval of minutes

Upon motion duly made by Gary Pacheco, seconded by Bill Troutman and carried unanimously, it was resolved to approve the March 3rd, 2015 minutes of the KNA board meeting.

VIII. Adjournment

Upon motion duly made by Gary Pacheco, seconded by Bill Troutman and carried unanimously, it was resolved to adjourn the April 3rd, 2015 KNA meeting at 9:36 pm.