

- Jay Furfaro –
The mayor and the council is working diligently on our association with FEMA to provide health wellness checkups and services during the period of late February through early March and I know your next meeting is on March 6th, that is the night when the government of Kauai is hosting dignitaries that helped make one million five thousand available to us in credits in health treatments, eye glasses and single parents without drug coverage will be held in Wailua.
Audit for the Kilauea Gym comes up in mid February and I shared a preview of this with a couple of you members. I think that we're going to work on diligently once we get the final report. If there is anything you want to know about the playground equipment, email us by March 15th because that is when the fiscal budget will be prepared.

b) Update on the Kilauea Ag Park – George Costa.

- About two and a half years ago, the land was deeded to the County and we are in the midst of finalizing the plans for the Ag Park. At that time, Aunty Linda Sproat reminded me that it was twenty-seven years waiting for the County to receive that Ag Park. Since that time, over the last two and a half years, county funding and we've also applied for EEA (Environmental Economic Funding) and a grant of 1.5 million. Part of the requirements because this is County or government land, we needed to do an environmental assessment so the initial cost for that assessment was about \$90,000.00 but it ended up to be \$180,000.00 which took a little over a year. This was my first experience in government and prior to that thirty-four years in the private sector. He thought it was unbelievable that something like that would take a year. The environmental assessment is a very extensive study, on March 6th is scheduled to come back to the community to give a full report and besides the update on the Kilauea Ag Park, he will also present the proposed administrative rules for the sunshine markets. A meeting will be dedicated to those two subject matters.

As a result of that environmental assessment, two major opportunities, not challenges or concerns but opportunities came up. One is water; it's ironic that his mother was born in the Kilauea dispensary. Kilauea was a plantation town, the land makai of us had sugar cane with the ditch system running through but ironically now with urban sprawl, there's very limited water for that seventy-five acre agricultural park. One of the recommendations is to drill three – four hundred foot wells with storage tank. Initially, the cost was four million dollars but now its seven million dollars.

The other concern was part of the flora and fauna study, the proximity to the Kilauea Lighthouse, one of the concern is the endangered birds. In their observations and studies, the Nene frequent that area so now have to come up with a habitat conservation plan for the Kilauea Ag Park. On March 6th, I'll be going through a lot of detail but as I was going through the environmental assessment process and we can start designing the construction of the Ag Park because my time line took us to 2013 for shoveling the ground. Now depending on the habitat conservation plan and the actual cost of drilling those wells and water tanks are going to be, this project may take us a little bit longer or, I'll just throw it out there, we may just have to assess what is the best use of that land or if there is another area mauka with surface water that can be used for irrigation. That's the other thing too is that we don't want to be using potable water to irrigate a seventy-five acre Ag Park.

There is a lot of opportunities with regard to the Ag Park and I just wanted to take this time to let you know that we didn't forget and I've been diligently working on that project and on March 6th I'll have a detailed report to present with a power point presentation.

c) Hawaii Public Land Trust – Bill Chase

- This Saturday at 9:00 am Kahili Beach cleanup.