



# KILAUEA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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**President:** Meeting Minutes for: Tuesday November 3rd, 2015  
Yoshito L'Hote  
**Time:** Meeting started 7 pm ended 9:34 pm  
**Location:** Kilauea Neighborhood Center classroom

**Vice President:**  
Alvin Castelo  
**KNA Directors present:** **President:** Yoshi L'Hote, Alvin Castelo, Thomas Pickett, Gary Pacheco, Scott Mijares, Beryl Blaich, Bill Troutman, Tim Kallai, Ken Carlson, Carrie Souza, Ron Paul, Joi Bonaparte, Mike Latif, Lori Patch

**Secretary:**  
Thomas Pickett

**Community Attendance: 35**

**Treasurer:**  
Gary Pacheco

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

**Sergeant-at-arms** **II. Treasurer's Report** Gary Pacheco reported after 800.00 in expenses and 150.00 of income the KNA checking balance is as of 11/3 is 8755.37.  
Scott Mijares

**PTSA Rep.**  
Lori Patch

### **III. Committee/Community Reports**

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

- a) Seniors; no report
- b) PTSA; Lori Patch, the new ptsa representative for Kilauea school started by introducing herself and then reported that on Nov. 19 there will be a school community council meeting, public is invited. The academic and financial plan will be discussed. Saturday Dec. 12 will be the PTSA's yearly S.P.A.M. fundraiser. It is being held at the Church of the Pacific from 6 to 10 pm and will include food, drink, music and auction. Volunteers are needed. She also announced a walk to school day and the regular PTSA meeting. There was discussion concerning the need and ideas for more cross walkers at the schools. Bill T. reported there were police funds available for someone who would help a few hours a week. He said interested applicant should contact the school principal.
- c) Communication; Tom Pickett reported posting 13 items on the blog in october. Each post was relevant to issues within the Kilauea community. He also reported adding more names to the KNA email list bringing the total of active recipient addresses to over 800.
- d) Kilauea Community Agricultural Center; Yoshi reported on recent progress with the new non profit Aina Ho'okupu o Kilauea. He reported that the non profit was approved by the IRS. 120,000.00 in funds was released to it by the county and that they have had additional success fund raising from the adjacent land owners. He reported that the Center will complete the first 7 to 10 acres of grubbing and tilling by Dec. 1st. and that work continues on strategy and planning.
- e) Access: Tim Kallai reported that the P-1 easement was not included in the Somers conservation plan. Ron Paul said it was included. Tim continued to advocate for the easement and suggested the County public access committee was not following up on recognizing the P-1 easement. There was discussion and questions. Location of the 20 foot access lane was discussed and it was agreed that it was 20 feet mauka of the high water mark between Fish and Wildlife boundary by the Kahili Quarry road and along Mr. Somers property.

e) Access continued; There was continuing discussion regarding the proposed Kilauea falls access, Somers conservation plan, holding native geese in pens on conservation land, Slippery slide and other special natural Kilauea landmarks. Beryl reminded us that in order to get access to Kilauea Falls all you have to do is write a letter to Mr. Somers attorney and ask for permission to walk there. Tim concluded with a report concerning the Lepeuli (Larsen's beach) access trail. He reported that Mel Rapozo was concerned with setting a precedent if they allowed the county to build a fence between the recognized access trail and the neighbors property line. Tim advocated for the common lateral access that is disputed and may be on private property. A motion was made;

Upon motion duly made by Beryl Blaich, seconded by Tim Kallai and approved by 12 votes it was resolved to compose a letter to the Kauai Planning Commission with cc's to Councilman Mason Chuck and Public works to inform them that the KNA supports and wants support for the P-1 easement.

f) Somers; Kilauea Falls Ranch development status report; Yoshi reported that the conservation plan for the development was submitted on time and that their sixth annual status report was made public. Mike Mitchell the current manager of the NFWS Kilauea Lighthouse reserve reported he had a call from Max Graham, Mr. Somers attorney. He asked about the status of the long range reserve plan. Mike confirmed that it had been approved which means that the project to upgrade the Kahili Quarry road from the Somers house to the ocean may proceed. Mike agreed to notify and include Yoshi and other KNA board members in further relevant planning meetings. Tim Kallai brought up the subject of the conservation management plan and it's lack of mentioning the easement between the river estuary and the Somers property.

g) Beautification; Bino reported that the following weekend is national arbor day and there will be free trees and compost handed out at Kmart this weekend. Bino encouraged everyone to be like a tree and give. Give of your time for the community by volunteering for non-profits.

i) Elections; Yoshi reported board elections will be held at the December meeting. All qualified nominees will be eligible for election. It was also discovered upon inquiries that the seven members whose terms are expiring have agreed to run for re-election.

#### V. Old Business

a) Safer routes to school; Lee Steinmetz the Kauai transportation planner and Micheal Moore reported on the county effort to develop safer pedestrian and bicycle routes for D.O.E. students to use on their way to school. Kilauea Elementary School is the destination of the safer route in Kilauea. The access location is leads to the roads in the back of the school. Kolo road at the front of the school was not being considered for this part of the plan because using that road actually extended the length of the walk to school from the majority of the Kilauea neighborhood. The gentlemen used a thorough power point presentation with maps and photos and explained the most favored way for the county to accomplish their goal considering cost and effectiveness. The plan will be part of a large grant proposal encouraged by the Hawaii State department of transportation and funded by the Federal government. Bev Brody attended to represent Get Fit Kauai; <http://www.getfitkauai.com/schools.html> , the organization responsible for promoting safe routes to school island wide. The reason for this Safer Routes to School presentation was so they could report to the grant examiners the general sense of how the Kilauea community felt about it. After an extensive presentation, several questions from the audience discussions Yoshi asked the board and community attendees for there general opinion of the project with a show of hands. A strong majority raised their hands in support of the safe routes to school plan for Kilauea with a few neighbors objecting.

b) Water department public meeting update; Yoshi reported on a public meeting he attended in Kilauea on October 20th for the Kauai Water Use and Development Plan. He was the only community attendee. The gist of the meeting was that the island and Kilauea specifically sits above an ample water supply that will provide enough water for Kauai well into the future including supplying Kauai's expected population growth. Yosh said the problem and expense involved is in accessing the supply with current and planned wells and infrastructure.

b) Water meeting update continued; He reported that the cost of obtaining a water meter is soon going to change from 4600.00 to 14,000.00 . Things got interesting upon the first public comment on this subject. Felicia Cowden raised her hand and explained that the data the water department uses to estimate the available water supply for Kauai is outdated and inaccurate. She explained that she attended the Lihue community meeting and knowledgeable attendees there disputed the water department's claims. She also said that members of the Kauai commission of water resource management agreed that the figures were inaccurate. There were more questions and discussion and it was agreed that the community was concerned about this potential inaccuracy particularly since that water data is data that the county of Kauai is using currently to update the Kauai general plan. A motion was made;

Upon motion duly made by the Tim Kallai, seconded by Scott Mijares and carried unanimously, it was resolved to compose and send a letter to the County planning commission, the Kauai department of water, the consultants for the water department and the Garden Island News paper to inform them of our concerns that they may be basing planning on inaccurate information. In addition the letter will stress our desire for the county to

c.) Christmas tree lighting feast; Yosh reported and invited the KNA board and community members to join in on the work and festivities. The event if the 5th of December. It starts at 4pm and runs till 8pm or later. Work setting up will begin on the 3rd and 4th. Gary Pacheco reported he ordered the tables, chairs and porta-potties and also obtained a utility sink station. He said help is needed setting up Thursday and Friday. There will be 12 bicycles given as prizes and a grand prize of a camera. There will be a few more planning meetings on Wednesday nights at the Kauai Christian Academy at 6:30 pm.

d) NFWS reserve translocation success on the hill; Mike Mitchell reported that just yesterday NFWS representatives successfully moved ten Uau (Hawaiian Petrel) from an exposed habitat in the Napali Natural Reserve area to habitats installed inside the new Kilauea Lighthouse Point predator free zone on the Kilauea Crater rim. The project took three years to select the location, erect a predator fence, clear predatory species, build artificial nests and translocating the birds to safer areas. Over the next couple years the service plans to translocate two more colonies of birds, 100 more Uau and 150 Newells Shearwaters.

e) Trail stabilization at Kilauea Lighthouse point; Mike Mitchell reported that there are three versions of a trail stabilization plan being considered by the NFWS. He says that when one is chosen the important thing for the Kilauea community needs to hear is that the reserve will close for four months during the repair period from January 1st through April.

e) Bill Porter memorial: Yosh asked the board for their ideas and feelings regarding establishing a memorial of some sort for the late Kilauea philanthropist Bill Porter. There was discussion and the idea of a wooden bench for the park was the most interesting proposal.

#### IV. New Business

a; Aha Moku Ko'olau; Agnes Marti-Kini announced a meeting to vote for leadership positions and discuss rules and protocol within the Moku (district) of Ko'olau. The meeting is Nov. 5, 6:30 pm at the Anahola clubhouse. She started with a prayer in Hawaiian and a brief explanation of the Moku system. It is a system of government signed into law in the previous governors administration. She pointed out each Ahu Pua'a in the Ko'olau moku. She said the system is designed to work with DLNR and the BLNR to protect each area's natural resources on land and sea including local water supply. She said that in the future, pending a new Hawaiian government the Aha Moku system would be able to work seamlessly with it. Delegates do not need to be Hawaiian but must have "generational knowledge" from Hawaii. Each Ahu Pua'a (sub-district) within Ko'olau will choose a representative. The Ahu Pua'a of Ko'olau are; Anahola, Aliomanu, Papa`a, Moloa`a, Lepeuli, Kaakaaniu, Waipake, Pila`a, Waiakalua, Kahili, Kilauea, Namahana. Contact Auntie Agnes at [keao@me.com](mailto:keao@me.com) or use this URL; <http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/ahamoku/aha-moku/> for more information.

b) Kauai transit feasibility study: Lee Steinmetz the Kauai transportation planner and Micheal Moore reported on a feasibility study they are conducting to establish a reliable shuttle bus program for the north, east and south shores. He reported that they have met with several relevant community groups regarding the idea. They have collected ideas and opinions. Kilauea to Haena route relates to our community the most. There will be an open house Tuesday Nov. 17th at the neighborhood center. If you can't make the meeting there is an online survey to participate in. This link will take you to the survey; <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KauaiShuttleStudySurvey>. He also said they are coordinating closely with Kilauea Lighthouse wildlife reserve. Mike Mitchell from NFWS told the board that he would notify and invite them to further transit planning meetings especially regarding the shuttle parking location.

c) Lighthouse village; Yosh reported that he spoke with the developers and they said that because of permitting delays regarding gray water run off. Construction is postponed until at least February 2016.

d)Town Sign; Yosh reported on the state of the current town sign and suggested the he represent the KNA and ask for a bid from a proper sign company. Discussion ensued and it was generally agreed to look for outside professional help. The KNA would pay for the sign with help from the new non profit that is guiding the development of the Kilauea Community Agricultural Center complex, Aina Ho'okupu o Kilauea. Beryle suggested raising funds from local businesses as well. It was agreed first to seek a bid and then to fund raise.

#### **Announcements;**

Beryl announced KIUC is having a dedication for their Anahola Solar farm. She also announced a fund raiser at Kauai brewery for the Malama Mahaulepu organization.

Ron Paul announced that Common Grounds is applying for a new liquor license. The public meeting is Nov. 5th. A representative from the Na'aina hou community park announced the annual free Thanksgiving dinner on thanksgiving this year.

#### **V. Approval of minutes**

Upon motion duly made by the Tim Kallai seconded by Ken Carlson and carried unanimously, it was resolved to approve the October 6, 2015 minutes of the KNA board meeting.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

Upon motion duly made by the Mike Latif seconded by Tim Kallai and carried unanimously, it was resolved to adjourn the November 3rd, 2015 KNA meeting at 9:05pm .