



# KILAUEA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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**President:**

Yoshito L'Hote

Meeting Minutes for: Tuesday Feb.7, 2017

**Time:** Meeting started 7 pm ended 10:45 pm

**Vice President:**

Ron Paul

**Location:** Kilauea Neighborhood Center classroom

**Secretary:**

Thomas Pickett

**KNA Directors present:** Yoshi L'Hote, Thomas Pickett, Beryl Blaich, Shaylyn Kimura, Jim O'Connor, Charlie Martin, Carrie Souza, Ron Paul, Lori Patch, Ginny Shinn, Mike Latif, Scott Mijares.

**Treasurer:**

Gary Pacheco

**Community Attendance: 32**

**Sergeant-at-arms**

Scott Mijares

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

**II. Treasurer's Report** Not available

**PTSA Rep.**

Lori Patch

**III. Committee/Community Reports**

**Beautification Committee;** Carrie met with Limahuli intern about plants that thrive at this elevation. Suggest Low-water native plants for landscaping. Meeting with Hunt Group landscape architect. Options: (1) Natives throughout. Developer likes 'ohia. (2) Maybe native garden within shopping center. Need to secure plants before Intern ends in August.

**Planning Committee:** No meeting report but see notes below on Plateau, Somers, Kaupea access, and Lighthouse village.

**Kahili Committee:** Mike (Lighthouse); mtg. Friday 01/17 1:00 PM sign plan, verbiage, site plan, priorities, monitoring activities, multi-agency effort, access, law enforcement presence, future public meetings, aim for minimal impact. Information through Kilauea Joe for future meetings/activities

**Communication Committee:** Tom reported Shaylyn joined committee, KNA brochure update (mailer), send to new neighbors, information, opinions (survey) for priorities, PO boxes and home delivery. Next meeting post on Blog.

**Fundraising Committee:** Mike Latif & Gary Pacheco

Summer Kilauea Celebration – Parade, Party, Food booths, Entertainment, Stage  
North Shore Foundation would support fundraising efforts (501c3)

Beryl asked audience for ideas (walking tours, bus tours, historic tours)

**IV. Updates;**

**Seniors;** No report

**PTSA;** School dance successful, 2 general membership mtgs. 02/16 5:45 PM– STEAM presentation, dinner and 05/18 – format TBD. PTSA Board Meetings are first Monday of each month. Career Day scheduled for 02/24. Fitness Fundraiser end of Feb.

#### IV. Updates contnd,

**Ag Center;**USDA grants identified,: Farmers Market Development, Local Food Production, Art Grants \$500K each. State GIA grant applied for; Need to fund water line from mini golf to the site. Supported by Nadine Nakamura. Dept. of Ag may match funds. With funding, able to open additional 65 acres. Beryl asked for support letters to Nadine Nakamura to reinforce position. Tom to post Nadine's email on blog. Neighbors drilled wells and did not get water. One goal is the development of Food Hub in Kilauea. Currently there are 24 volunteers/week. CSA boxes currently at 15/week. Some paid for the whole year and are donating the produce to needy families. Trying to get to 25 boxes for sale and 30 boxes for weekly volunteers. Currently, Weds, Thurs, Sat, Sundays for volunteers.

**Kilauea Pt. NWR;** 4 new hires (2 janitorial, 1 park ranger, 1 tractor operator); work on perimeter fence, new Hanalei overlook (30% design completed). 02/28 meeting with Fed, State and County. Need \$ for construction. Sen. Hirono asking for more \$. Project to start next Spring. New overlook will be at old Princeville Nursery site. 5.4 acres; ideally a small mtg. hale, restrooms, parking lot (80 spaces)

**Lighthouse:** Turning visitors away due to lack of parking; reservation system in future & parking staff. No pedestrian access at this time. Beryl asked about visitor numbers year over year. No business lost by reducing the number of days open. No staff to run 7 days. 2 "closed" days needed for infrastructure projects and others when guests are not on property. Fee-free day is 02/18 in honor of Pres. Day. Pu'ukumu School will be doing work on native plantings. Whale count in Jan. & March.

Alex Roy will be at next meeting to discuss transportation study & federal lands access. County is the lead and will be applying for 2nd round of grants. Eventually no cars at the Lighthouse.

#### V. New Business

**Japanese Cemetery Access:** Gary Smith and Mike Gushiken (Pres.) - Discuss the need to a gate at the bottom of Mihi Rd. and along the existing vinyl fencing due to vandalism to tombstones, needles, drug use, drinking/beer bottles; caretaker witnessed domestic violence; washing cars graffiti, dumping trash, driving thru fence and hitting tombstones. Will be gated overnight. Since Mihi Rd. is owned by the County, County engineer suggested to write a letter describing the activities there and they will decide whether to allow gate. Gary is suggesting a KNA letter in addition to Club letter. Gate will be paid for and managed by Seacliff Plantation. Audience member suggested infrared camera, but Gary said it's not worth it. Club Membership open to all for \$250 (expires end of Feb.) for the right to be buried there. A motion was made.

Upon motion duly made by Scott seconded by Charlie and carried unanimously, it was resolved to write a letter of support for the PM gate to the county of Kauai department of Engineering.

SIDE NOTE: Troy Schmidt doing Kilauea town entrance for free.

**Kau'apea Access – Adam Roversi** (Deputy County Attorney) – east end of beach; public access was required by County as a condition for the subdivision, but never recorded with the Bureau of Conveyance. Over the years, County's position was that the access wasn't safe. Access still deeded and there is renewed interest in resolving the issue. There is a willing landowner; needs to be surveyed. Asked for community input and opinions.

**Air BnB** – Study findings presented by Rick Cassiday. \$28 million in lost revenue to the State; shifting tax liability from owner to Air BnB then to State. Discussion of details included where one can operate and Air BnB and the impacts on long-term rental inventory.

SIDE NOTE: Lucas Estate access grant renewed at Pila'a.

#### VI. Old Business

**Lighthouse Village:** Chip & Al, Scott (Ka'iwa Construction) – construction moving forward; BOH stated that Foodland needs a sewage treatment plant, not septic. No longer just grocery store with more food preparation. Injection wells & use of 3 septic fields. Bertsch land – expand treatment plant; Leach field will be installed on either side of Foodland. Within the next 2 weeks, Ka'iwa will be tearing up main Rd. near Kong Lung store (2 – 3 days).

## VI. Old Business cont'd;

**Lighthouse Village;** Road to post office will also be torn up and within 3 months Namahana Parkway will be completed. Ginny suggested posters for roadwork to notify community. Current occupancy for center not clear. Kong Lung Center closed Feb. 23 & 24 for tenting.

**Plateau Subdivision:** No movement in the last 60 days; Bill Hay attorneys, Planning, Public Works, KCFCU meeting Feb. 27 to move forward. There are questions on alignment of bike path to come out on highway west of mini golf. County felt that path should follow by-pass road. When subdivision starts will County allow KCFCU begin their plans?

**Kilauea Speed Limits:** Suggestions that limits should be reduced from 50 – 40 mph due to increased accidents. Send letter of concern to Larry Dill, i.e. best practices and exploration of mitigation. A motion was made.

Upon motion duly made by Ginny seconded by Tom and carried unanimously, it was resolved to write a letter of concern to Larry Dill at the state department of transportation and suggest the department “smooth” the speed limits and improve safety measure for the highway through Kilauea.

**Somers Permit:** barn & managers house tied to road improvements. Somers happy to do quick fix and be fined daily if not completed on time. Board voted to have Yoshi not be the representative to Somers in KNA matters as there is a clear conflict of interest. Need to clarify who manages the road (County or Somers). Several board members suggested a “List of Wants”, including lawsuits stopped, waterfall access, salvinia removal, etc. Jim O’Connor offered to speak with Somers. Some board and audience members expressed the issue should be deferred. It was decided that Jim will contact Somers to express the concerns of the board and community. A motion was made.

Upon motion duly made by Charlie seconded by Scott and carried with 8 votes for and 3 votes against, it was resolved to recuse Yosh from further negotiating with Mr. Somers based on a possible conflict of interest caused by donations by Mr. Somers to the organization, Āina Hoʻokupu o Kilauea, of which Yoshi is the executive director.

Upon motion duly made by Charlie seconded by Scott and carried with 8 votes for and 3 votes against, it was resolved to allow Jim and Charlie to have a face to face meeting with Mr. Somers to gather more specific information regarding his idea to improve Kahili/quarry road in two phases in exchange for being allowed to proceed with construction of his barn and managers house.

## Announcements;

Insurance for the Board – none yet

## V. Approval of minutes

Upon motion duly made by Scott seconded by Beryl and carried unanimously, it was resolved to approve the January 2017 minutes of the KNA board meeting.

## VI. Adjournment

Upon motion duly made by Scott seconded by Beryl and carried unanimously, it was resolved to adjourn the February 2017 KNA meeting at 10:45pm .