



KILAUEA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

P.O. BOX 328 KILAUEA, HAWAII 96754

President:

Yoshito L'Hote

Meeting Minutes for: March 1, 2016

Time: Meeting started 7:00 pm ended 9:30 pm

Vice President:

Ron Paul

Location: Kilauea Neighborhood Center classroom

Secretary:

Thomas Pickett

KNA Directors present: President: Yoshi L'Hote, Alvin Castelo, Thomas Pickett, Gary Pacheco, Beryl Blaich, Bill Troutman, Tim Kallai, Ken Carlson, Charlie Martin, Carrie Souza, Ron Paul, Lori Patch, Ginny Shinn.

Treasurer:

Gary Pacheco

Community Attendance: 18

Sergeant-at-arms

Scott Mijares

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

II. Treasurer's Report Gary Pacheco reported after expenses and income the KNA checking balance is 8555.37 .

PTSA Rep.

Lori Patch

III. Committee/Community Reports

a) Transportation; No report

b) Planning; Tom Pickett reported on the progress of the proposed informational welcome letter for Kilauea residents. He explained the printing and postage options ranged from the simplest one page flyer to the more complete letter and postcard survey that would be sealed in an envelope. Total cost was between 700.00 and 2000.00 dollars to send one item to each of Kilauea's 96754 addresses, (2104 pcs). After brief discussion regarding the content of the message and effectiveness per dollars spent the simpler and less expensive flyer was chosen. It's cost was reported at .183 cents flat rate postage per 2104 item totaling 385.00 and approximately 315.00 printing and folding expense.

Directors:

Mike Latif
Beryl Blaich
Bill Troutman
Tim Kallai
Ken Carlson
Charlie Martin
Carrie Souza
Ginny Shinn
Alvin Castelo

Upon motion duly made by Gary Pacheco, seconded by Ken Carlson and carried unanimously, it was resolved to approve a 700.00 expenditure on the proposed mailer.

c) Kahili Beach; Yoshi reported on the proposed collaboration between several community groups to develop a management partnership plan with US Fish and Wildlife to manage the access and use of the western access and parking area of Kahili beach. He said that plans are firming up to have a meeting on the subject in the end of March. Mike Mitchell from USFW said he would provide a copy of the comprehensive conservation plan for the area as a guide. Tom Pickett promised to post the meeting date onto the KNA Blog. Tom reported on the state of the invasive aquatic weed spreading in the Kilauea stream. A gathering of neighbors and members of the Kauai invasive species committee did an physical assessment of the situation and from that an plan to remove the weed, Salvinia, will be formulated. The community will be notified via the KNA Blog.

d) Beautification; No report.

IV. Updates

- a) Seniors; Bill Troutman reported for the seniors and reminded attendees that the Kilauea seniors meet every Wednesday here at the neighborhood center at 9 am for their activity program.
- b) PTSA; Lori Patch reported the recent career day was a success with several community professionals participating. She mentioned that the previous Monday was fire awareness day with the fire department providing a special trailer on campus that simulates a building fire experience that allows kids to practice evacuation procedures in an authentic fire situation. Lori also thanked the fire department for all they do including recently extinguishing and containing the spread of a whole house fire right next door to her house. She also announced a safe walk to school day for Kilauea school this coming Thursday.
- c) Kilauea Community Agricultural Center; Yoshi, as president of the board overseeing the Ag. center reported on its progress. Irrigation lines have been installed and a temporary meter obtained. Water is now available at the farm. The soil is being groomed for planting and preparations are being made for a blessing on the 20th of March. Yoshi is working with the farm bureau to obtain an additional 120,000.00 in funding from the Agricultural Development Corporation. Part of the funding will pay for the irrigation, part will pay for a consultant to assist with a detailed farm plan. He said the public meeting where he unveiled plans and drawing was attended by three dozen or so interested people. Yoshi asked the public to get their comments in regarding the Ag. Center plans by the end of March.
- d) Communication; Tom Pickett discussed the proposed 96754 maier a bit more. He reminded everyone that with a little input there is an opportunity to include local businesses onto the KNA website and the town Kiosk as a forum for promoting the businesses and a revenue stream for the KNA. He mentioned posting for new items to the blog and connecting the 800 KNA contacts with the blog through email.
- e) Access; Tim Kallai reported no progress from the county in surveying the P-1 easement for future access. He also invited people to find a locally produced informational video on YouTube about the Lepeuli, lateral, coastal access trail. Yoshi said he had a meeting with Rick Cassidy, a representative with the Lucas Estate, who expressed his interest in extending the access agreement for mauka access to the hills above Kilauea for local residents.

V. New Business

- a) Latif Family;** Because of a recent death in the Latif family Yoshi asked and receive unanimous agreement from the board to do anything we can to support the Latif's during this very challenging time. Tom offered to contact the family to ask what, if anything, the KNA board could do to help.
- b) DOT update (Kaihiwai bridge lights)** Yoshi said that the tree cutting on the Kalihaiwai bridge approach has been successful and is on schedule to be completed in three weeks. More clearing and planting will come next but should not interrupt traffic too badly. It was suggested the KNA express their appreciation to the state highway reps and the contractors involved.
- c) Easter egg hunt.** The annual Easter egg hunt for kids will be held on April 26th in the Kilauea town park. Volunteers led by Tamra Martin will be making it happen. It was mentioned that funding and liability would go through the Aina ho'okupu o Kilauea non-profit as the KCOP organization is expired.
- e) Salvinia invasion:** It was announced that an invasive aquatic weed has been flourishing in the Kilauea stream and that a plan is being formulated with the Kauai Invasive Species Committee to clear as much of it as possible out of the stream bed. Stay posted on the KNA blog.
- d) CAT, Citizens against thieves.** Neighbor Bob Warren describe an anti-crime organization that is mobilizing in Kilauea and invited the public to participate in it and help reduce break ins and thievery in the community. C.A.T. is a group that concentrates its energy on communicating with the county authorities when a crime has been committed and continuing to communicate with the police, detectives, prosecuting attorneys and judges until action is taken against the criminals. He explained that it is usually just a few individuals causing all the problems and that C.A.T. has been very effective at getting those few problems off the street. Bob asked for a letter of support for a legislative bill that will allow video testimony of crime victims who are off island when the criminal comes to trial. The board agreed to read up on the bill after information is posted on the KNA blog and then write a letter of support if appropriate.

VI. Old Business

- a) Town sign; The town sign process may have gotten fast tracked tonight when Bill Troutman delivered the original 20 year old sign to the meeting. He explained that after many years of weather and several knock downs it was still in good shape and just needed a new finish. It was quickly agreed to go with the new sign and plans were made to clean, putty, re-paint and seal it. From that point it will just need to be attached to posts and set in position at the entrance to town.,
- b) Pu'ukumu school update; It was announced that after the planning commission hearing the school received approval for their SMA zoning permit.
- c) USFWS update; Mike Mitchell announced several items the FWS is working on locally.
1. Trails stabilization out at the point is on schedule to finish by April 22nd.
 2. Public meetings for the comprehensive conservation plan of Hanalei & Huleia will be happening soon.
 3. The Nihoku predator free area at the point will see 30 birds from 2 species trans-located there soon.
The trans-locating efforts for the Newell's shearwaters and the Hawaiian Petrels is successful so far
 4. FWS is developing a plan for a new look out and parking area in Princeville on land just east of the current lookout. The land is on 5 acres being purchased from Mr. Fields. A feasibility study will be conducted. They have four plans and will hold a public meeting 2:30 to 6pm March 16th at the Hanalei Community Center.
 5. Mike was asked about the comprehensive conservation plan for Kilauea Point. He said he could provide a copy for the KNA to reference during their Kahili Management meetings.
- d) Somers; Beryl reported the SMA permit by Mr. Somers would be on the March 8th agenda at 9am. There was discussion and updates on some of the original permit negotiations and reminders that the community had wanted the buildings hidden by more vegetation, wanted a conservation plan written and presented, questioned the height of the barn structure, wanted guarantees the manager's house would be occupied by a manager and not used as a quest house or rental, where we were with the improvement of the Kahili quarry road to the beach and wanted access to the p-1 easement and the Kilauea falls.. Discussion included what wishes we could forward to the county, what conditions have already been met and at what point in the process things like the road improvements are.

VII. Announcements

- a) The Kauai North Shore Community Foundation gave an update on their quest to establish a tuition free high school on the north shore. Laurie Mull said their team has entered a contest called the Execute challenge held by the Emerson Collective, sponsored by Lauren Jobs and others. The contest and application process is multi staged and the team has passed the first stage and is trying to get to the third level. The award would be 10 million dollars in funding. Laurie said they think they have a good chance of advancing. She asked the KNA if we would write a letter in support of their efforts. A motion was made.

Upon motion duly made by Bill Troutman, seconded by Beryl Blaich and carried unanimously, it was resolved to write a letter in support of the KNSCF efforts to bring a tuition free school to the North Shore.

- b) Gary Pacheco announced the North Shore Lions cut off for college scholarship applications is March 31st and April 3rd is the annual Hanalei Pancake breakfast. Also in the end of May on a Saturday the Lions will meet at Kilauea School to provide volunteer garden clean up in order to qualify for a 10,000.00 Weinberg grant that can be designated to a charity of the volunteers choice.
- c) Anaina Hou park will host the 16th annual Seed and plant exchange on March 13th from noon to 5pm.
- d) The KNSCF is hosting a fund raiser at the dog park on April 30th called Pause for Paws.

VII. Approval of minutes

Upon motion duly made by Tim Kallai seconded by Charlie Martin and carried unanimously, it was resolved to approve the January 5th, and February 2nd, 2016 minutes of the KNA board meeting.

VIII. Adjournment

Upon motion duly made by Bill Troutman seconded by Charlie Martin and carried unanimously, it was resolved to adjourn the March 1st, 2016 KNA meeting at 9:30 pm .