



KILAUEA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

P.O. BOX 328 KILAUEA, HAWAII 96754

President:

Yoshito L'Hote

Meeting Minutes for:

Time: Meeting started 7 pm ended 9:45 pm

Vice President:

Ron Paul

Location: Kilauea Neighborhood Center classroom

Secretary:

Thomas Pickett

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

Treasurer:

Gary Pacheco

Community Attendance: 30

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 Gary Pacheco reported after expenses and income the KNA checking balance is 8762.37 .

PTSA Rep.

Lori Patch

III. Committee/Community Reports

a) Long Term Planning, Transportation and Land Use; Ginny Shinn reported the committee discussed feedback received from board members and community members after releasing their vision and mission statement drafts. They shared the feedback with the county general plan personnel. They intend to focus on the variety of planning issues they have gathered and begin prioritizing them in advance of county general plan personnel coming to a KNA meeting in the near future to hear the committees conclusions.

b) Communication; Tom Pickett reported posting 6 new items on the KNA blog in June. He also reported that the "Welcome" KNA informational mailer is in it's final draft and should be ready soon, after selecting a few more photos. At this point a motion was made.

Upon motion duly made by Ginny Shinn, seconded by Carrie Souza and carried unanimously, it was resolved to approve the final draft of the "Welcome" KNA informational mailer and allow the communications committee to proceed with printing.

Directors:

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

c) Kahili Beach; Mike Mitchell announced the the Fish and Wildlife service has signed off on final approval of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Comprehensive Conservation Plan for the Kilauea Point Wildlife Refuge. He pointed out it specifies the public use and access to Kahili beach and Kilauea Stream will be open 24/7. He then reported that progress is being made with the public/private partnership of the Kahili management project. They have completed their vision and mission statements and are beginning to design the signage and develop impact limiting strategies for the area at the next Kahili management team meeting.

IV. Updates I

a) Seniors; No report.

b) PTSA; No report.

c) Kilauea Community Agricultural Center; Jackie Quirk, the program manager for the CRA portion of the center described the progress of the first fully developed farm acre. She has a variety of vegetable crops at different stages of maturity. She invited community members to help on Tuesdays and Saturdays. She explained that the farm will eventually provide food for participants and suggested she is nearing the point where they will be able to define and predict how many boxes of food per week they will be able to harvest and approximately what kind of vegetable variety will be in each box. She presented a large display of her first harvest and offered it as samples for community members to take home and try. Yoshi gave a run down of the broad Ag. Center picture. He said the plans and drawings for the farmers market area are final. He said local attorney Max Graham has offered to help move the plans through the Kauai county planning process at no charge. He said even without the entire farmers market build out that within 3 months they will have the area graded, laid out with a parking lot and a mowed grassy area so it will be possible to begin the farmers market in any case. He announced that the Rotary club of Kyoto, Japan has adopted the ag. center so to speak and this month donated 1000.00 to assist in planting the ag. center green belt border. He also announced the stone entry wall and pedestrian walk way is nearing completion. There was a question from Keone Kealoha regarding 30,000.00 dollars in grants remaining in the Malama Kauai treasury that had been earmarked for specific use for erecting an office facility for the Ag. Center. He pointed out the final date for utilizing the funds was approaching and that they would be returned to the grantor if they were not used. Yosh responded that restricting the use of those funds for the office was no longer desirable in light of real time management challenges. His interpretation of the funding restrictions were more aligned with the ADC, the grantors, interpretation and suggested the funds would be better used to finance the beginning of the water supply plan. Without Malama Kauai loosening the restriction he would let the term of the grant lapse and return the funds.

V. New Business

a) Nadine Nakamura; Nadine Nakamura candidate for state representative of district 14 in the state house stood to introduce herself and take questions. She has been a resident of Kauai since just after Hurricane Iniki in 1991. A complete run down of her personal and professional information can be found here; <http://www.nadinenakamura.com/about.html>. She took questions after her introduction. One from Felicia Cowden asking how she would help with the homeless situation on Kauai. Nadine sited her past work with the County of Kauai and the successes they have had developing strategies and methods to improve the homeless situation. She addressed not only the homeless problem at the lowest income levels or the homeless problems of the destitute or mentally challenged but also the homeless problem for the income earning employed, the people who are ready to rent but can not find available and affordable housing. She mentioned that from the state level solutions she may have a hand in creating policy, funding and tax law that will benefit the counties. She promised to work to improve state support for the island of Kauai. Another question by Tim Kallai asked what she could do to upgrade Kilauea waste water practices with the addition of a sewer plant. She mentioned she has spoken with the people in the county solid waste department. She said that sewer plants have been discussed for individual communities on Kauai and that it is possible to build them. She mentioned that the larger hurdle is getting the individuals in these communities to adopt the change and to pay for the new hook ups and sewer lines.

b) Justin Kollar; Justin Kollar seeking re-election as the head of the Kauai County Prosecutor's office stood to introduce himself and take questions. His bio. can be found here; <https://www.justinkollar.org>. Mr. Kollar sited success in establishing policy for prosecuting property crime on Kauai. He said his job is simple; Do the right thing for the right person in the right place at the right time and to seek justice in every case. He has worked to pass legislation to protect children. He recognises the need to work well with people in all levels of government and the community to do his job effectively. He needs the help of the citizens and listens to their ideas and problems. Questions; Concern about leniant sentences about parols; He explained the Hawaii laws about sentencing. The parole board basically determines the length of sentence and the length of time served. He mentioned the other factors effecting term lengths, like over crowding in jails and costs. He mentioned that he facilitates trial advocacy training with Judge Frank Rothchild for his employees and jr. prosecutors. He trys to hire people who are engaged in the community.

V. New Business cont'd

b) Justin Kollar; Questions and discussion began to center in on recent criminal activity in and around Kilauea. Yosh pointed out that further into the agenda crime in Kilauea would be discussed and here he ended Justin Kollar introduction portion of the meeting.

c) Zuckerberg wall; The item was brought up to find out if it was indeed an issue with attendees because in the previous week it had been an issue in the news. No one presented strong opinions against it. One person stated the wall was attractive. Tim Kallai said he knew some neighbors in the area who were not happy with it and that he could provide the board with thier names. The meeting moved on to the next agenda item.

d) Plateau subdivision; Yoshi opened discussion regarding the Bill Hays property that encompasses the Kilauea Plateau, the last major undeveloped area bordering Kilauea town. Andy Friend represented the land owner and described the land area with the help of a large drawing. He said that Mr. Hays was beginning the process of sub-dividing the parcel and explained the initial reason for the sub-division request was that the Kauai Community Federal Credit Union desires to purchase a lot from Mr. Hays located across from the post office in order to build a branch of the Credit Union in Kilauea. The subdivision is for about 120 acres. It contains 8 parcels, a half acre piece for the Credit Union, a piece dedicated to use as a potential Kilauea bypass feeder road, a piece dedicated to a multi-use path and five large pieces currently being farmed or planned for farming. Two pieces on either side of the potential bypass road and closest to Kilauea town hold interest for Kilauea as possible sites for housing construction.

Discussion followed the presentation and covered awidening range of factors involved in the Kilauea Plateau conversation. Frank Rothchild asked the board what specifically was the reason for the hesitation and resistance the board showed for the sub-division request at the last meeting. Beryl Blaich responded that her hesitation to back the sub-division was caused by a lack of knowledge. She wanted to study this more and learn what the motives of the land owner might be and what the future might hold for this land with a sub-division approval. There were questions about potential density change and special use premits. Yoshi suggested obtaining a right of first refusal for the 11 to 13 acre parcel best suited for a housing project. Ben Wellborn suggested the community look at the sub-division request as potential opportunity for a public/private partnership. Nadine Nakamura suggested the community could benefit by approving it now and getting the lots and sub-division factored into the general plan now while it was still being developed. It became a much broader conversation than just the merits of a sub-division and a future credit union. There was a reminder of the history of the community planning process recalled by Bill Troutman, the need for affordable housing, a suspicion for possible development speculation, questions of legal details by Ron Paul regarding CPR and zoning law, Yoshi and Andy Friend pointed out that no developer would take on a housing project with affordable housing restrictions and that it would take a community and a county effort to develop an affordable housing project. As the conversation ranged wider it was suggested that in order to give the developer a unanimous or conditional letter of approval for the sub-division application the board should convene a special community KNA board meeting in the middle of July. At that point a motion was made;

Upon motion duly made by Beryl Blaich seconded by Tom Pickett and carried unanimously, it was resolved to hold a special KNA meeting on the 19th of July at 7 pm to gather information, discuss and resolve opinion regarding the Bill Hays sub-division request for the Kilauea plateau.

e. Relay for life; Yoshi brought up the annual relay for life event at the Kauai Christian Academy on August 19th and suggested the board help sponsor a booth. There was general approval from the board.

f. Kilauea drug problem; Bruno Ewald stood and described the growing problem of drugs and drug culture in Kilauea. He made a passionate plea for the community to rally and do something about the blatant drug sales and use in our neighborhoods. The board agreed to assist Bruno in facilitating a community planning meeting to consider and adopt a strategy for the neighbors to push back against this growing trend. The board committed to organizing a meeting in July in the Kilauea School cafeteria in the next few weeks.

Announcements; Gary Pacheco thanked anyone who participated in the successful North Shore fishing tournament. He also announced the plans for a Christmas musical event that may need help from the KNA later in the year.

Hanakila basketball coaches along with one of their teams filed into the meeting room after a basketball practice next door. They described their program and it's winning effects for the kids of Kilauea who have grown out of the Kauai Police Activity League basketball program and before they are eligible to play intramural sports at the high school level. They shared their successes and mentioned they run the program with help from private donations and fund raisers. At this point a motion was made.

Upon motion duly made by Scott Mijares seconded by Bill Troutman and carried unanimously, it was resolved to approve funds of 750.00 for the Hanakila basketball program.

V. Approval of minutes

Upon motion duly made by Bill Troutman seconded by Ron Paul and carried unanimously, it was resolved to approve the June minutes of the 2016 KNA board meeting.

VI. Adjournment

Upon motion duly made by Bill Troutman seconded by Tim Kallai and carried unanimously, it was resolved to adjourn the July 5th, 2016 KNA meeting at 9:45 pm .

