



KILAUEA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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President:

Yoshito L'Hote

Meeting Minutes for: September 2, 2014

Vice President:

Alvin Castelo

Time: Meeting started 7:04 pm ended 9:05 pm

Secretary:

Thomas Pickett

Location: Kilauea Neighborhood Center classroom

Treasurer:

Gary Pacheco

KNA Directors present: Yoshito L'Hote, Thomas Pickett, Gary Pacheco, Scott Mijares, Beryl Blaich, Bill Troutman, Tim Kalai, Charlie Martin, Ron Paul, Tamra Martin, Alvin Castelo, Ken Carlson.

Sergeant-at-arms

Scott Mijares

Community Attendance: 23

PTSA Rep.

Susan Keller

I. Call to order Yoshi L'Hote called the regular meeting to order at 7:4 pm

II. Treasurer's Report Gary Pacheco reported after August expenses and income the KNA checking balance is 8721.14

Directors:

Mike Latif
Beryl Blaich
Bill Troutman
Tim Kallai
Ken Carlson
Charlie Martin
Carrie Souza
Tamra Martin
Ron Paul

III. Committee/Community Reports

a) KCOP; Tamra Martin represented with news of this years Halloweend event. The committee will produce a haunted house this year in addition to the annual costume contest. The event will be on October 31st inside the Kilauea gym. She asked for help promoting the event and invited volunteers to help. In association with Halloween news Jim Edmonds announced an effort he is making in Kilauea to encourage parents, businesses and organizations to offer healthy treats to the kids. He gave contact numbers and offered to help make it a Happy, Healthy Halloween in any way he could. The communications committee stated they would post news and information concerning the KCOP program and Jim Edmonds healthy snack effort.

b) Seniors; no report

c) PTSA; Yoshi reported for the PTSA concerning the subject of the Playground fund-raising success and the D.O.E.'s failure to live up to their bargain of completing the work before the beginning of the 2014/2015 school year. He explained the reasoning behind a recently written letter from the KNA to the D.O.E representative expressing the KNA and the PTSA's disappointment with the lack of progress and strongly urging the D.O.E to follow through with better communication and past agreements.

d) Communication Committee; Tom Pickett reported adding 36 new resident addresses to the KNA mailing list, updating the posts to the KNA blog and finishing a letter concern the Kilauea School playground.

e) Ag. Park Committee; Yoshi reported; His organization is in the formative legal stages. ie Although they got County council approval to take over responsibility of the 75 acre Ag

III. Committee/Community Reports cont'd

park by using the legal umbrella of Malama Kauai's non-profit organization they are still researching which legal, non-profit organizational structure will best for them in the long run. Yoshi also reported that the first six month follow up meeting with the Kauai County council is coming up in September. There he will report on the Kilauea Agricultural Center's first budget, insight into the first stages of development and drafts of bylaws and articles of incorporation. Part of the due diligence also includes writing a grant in order to qualify for up to 100,000.00 in county funding. Part of his budget will be based on an estimate for basic road grading and trench work from local contractor Rich Hurst at Rich Hurst Excavation.

f) Access Committee; Tim Kallai reported; He thanked the board of the KNA for the financial help they provided members of the Access committee and Hope Kallai in sponsoring and coordinating an unprecedented gathering of public access experts here in Kilauea this past August 16th. There was a good showing of residents and concerned citizens wanting to learn more about preserving and restoring Kauai's ancient trail and path system. Tim discussed future developments with their quest and the communications committee agreed to post further information on the KNA blog. He shared with us the possibility of hiring attorney Tom Pierce on a retainer of 30,000.00, to take land owners on the Lemeuli/Moloaa access trails to court to secure them for the community. Tim also announced that the state allocated 170,000.00 for the study of Hawaiian Alaloa trails system. It include funds for an archaeological study, environmental assessment and surveying. There was a suggestion by Ron Paul of operating the KNA under a new legal non-profit structure in order to be able solicit tax deductible donations in order to fund a legal action. More lay-legal opinion and speculation ensued. The idea was acknowledged as possible helpful and tabled for future discussion.

g) Somers Committee; Ron Paul reported; He stated the committee still had not received a response from the Somers concerning the KNA's request for entry onto their property in order to research possible public access paths to the Kilauea Falls. There was a question of if there was any progress from the county public access committee or the county council on efforts to maintain and improve the access road to Kahili Beach beyond the Somer's house. Tim Kallai was disappointed with the efforts of the county attorney to get us access. They only managed to secure access to the property where it borders the Kahili stream mouth and estuary. Felicia Cowden related a first hand account of a conversation with Mr. Somer's legal representative in which he stated that Mr. Somer's was firm on his position that he was not ever going to grant public access to the Kilauea Falls, she quoted, "It's never gonna happen". More discussion ensued relating to KNA strategy and options to make some headway on either of the two access priorities. A meeting with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife, the upcoming 6 year planning/permit review for Somer's development, the land owner mix and overlap on the Kahili Quarry road, tax benefit implications vis a vis Mr. Somer's supposed deals with the federal government to grant access etc. Yoshi agreed to attend the U.S. Fish and Wildlife meeting with a Ron Paul, a Somer's committee chairman. A motion was made.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the board voted unanimously allow Tim Kallai to write a letter to councilman Jay Furfaro with cc's to Ian Jung and Kauai open space committee chair Joseph Figueroa expressing our frustrations getting Ian Jung to fulfill his promise to send a letter to Mr. Somers asking for the access the KNA and the Kauai Public Access Committee needs to determine the best possible public route to Kilauea Falls.

h) Beautification Committee; Bino reported; He announced that three Saturdays in September the KNA will help the North Shore Lions clean up Anini beach park. He invited everyone to come down to the park between 9am and 12 noon for the next three Saturdays to help. Bino thanked Tom Pickett for helping plant and maintain the landscaping under the town sign. He also announced that he and other volunteers will be maintaining the dispensary park in advance to this winter's big Christmas Tree lighting feast, a large volunteer public event including food, music, Christmas events and entertainment on December 6th between 4 pm and 10 pm.

IV. New Business

a. D.O.T. update; Yoshi announced that a D.O.T. representative will be on hand at the October 7th KNA meeting to answer questions. Yoshi specifically will ask questions regarding a the possibility of a stop light for Kilauea and the planned tree clearing job on both sides of the Kalihiwai bridge. He will also express concern regarding the unsafe conditions and high speed tendencies of drivers on Kalihiwai road.

b. Kauai Christian Academy community center. Jimmy Johnson, president of the KCA school board, announced completion and availability of the KCA community center for events. He reported that the facility is almost one acre under roof. It contains a full commercial kitchen, space, seating and power for most large North Shore events. More information is available on the web at; kcaschool.org. He is available to answer questions at 828-0047. Jimmy also invited the community to this years big fall festival at K.C.A on the evenings of October 24 & 25.

c. C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Team); Fireman John Cornell announced the availability of training for a C.E.R.Team in Kilauea. The Fema funded program is being made available through the Mayors office and the Kauai county fire department. John explained that once a group of people from a community is ready they can recieve four - six hour classes in emergency response, planning and organization and become a usefull member of the emergency response chain of command.

d. Have a Happy, Healthy Halloween; Jim Edmonds reported. Jim announced the second annual Kilauea Happy, Healthy Halloween effort. He encouraged businesses, groups, schools and individuals to provide healthy alternatives to our trick or treaters this year. He suggested handing out small toys, games, good foods or organic style indicidually wrapped candies. He will be providing signs and a map for people joining his theme on Halloween to help trick or treaters find the healthy alternatives.

As an addendum Jim's wife Harvest announced the beginning of a program of hers; Kauai GMO free dining project. She and her associates will connect with local restaurants and help them begin to offer menu items that are GMO free. Besides assisting restaurants with Non-GMO education and advice her group will provide guidance to diners in the form of a labeling system at the front door of resaurants in the form of a taro leaf decal. One taro leaf will denote one GMO free menu item at this establishment, two leaves- two menu items and so forth.

e. Mason Chuck; Felicia Cowden, candidate for county council introduced Mason Chuck, candidate for county council, and Mason gave the board a brief rundown of his resume, abilities, personal focus and motives for running for council.

f. September Candidates Forum; The KNA is organizing a series of forums for electoral candidates at the Kilauea School Cafeteria. Because of a Hurricane alert in August the forum for the county council candidates was postponed and the board discussed rescheduling the event. Thursday, September 25, 6 pm to 9pm was chosen for the forum.

V. Approval of minutes

The August minutes were not ready for approval and will be voted on at the October meeting.

VI. Adjournment

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried unanimously, it was resolved to adjourn the September 2nd, 2014 KNA meeting at 9:05 pm .

V. Old Business

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried unanimously, it was resolved to adjourn the -----2013 KNA meeting at 9---pm .

I. Announcements

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VII. Approval of minutes

VIII. Adjournment

