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**MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 1, 2019**

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Kilauea Neighborhood Center

KNA Directors Present: Yoshito L'Hote, Beryl Blaich, Jeremy Burns, Gary Pacheco, Bill Chase, Adam Hadley, Stephenie Brown, Thomas Daubert, Mike Latif, Charlie Martin, Don McConnell, Jim O'Connor, Ron Paul

Community Attendance: 21, including Michael Mitchell - Deputy Project Manager of Fish & Wildlife

Call to Order: Beryl Blaich called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Committee Reports:

Beautification Committee: Beryl reported a community cleanup event scheduled October 12th. Notice all the "drive slow - children playing" signs along repaved Kilauea Road - speeding on the new surface is a noted concern. Question on criteria for getting a Kilauea Pride sign - to be determined. 2 new monkeypod trees are now planted down towards the Lighthouse.

Planning Committee: No report.

Communications Committee: There is a sign-up sheet for anyone who wants to receive our emails.

Fundraising Committee: No report.

Election Committee: No report.

Community Updates:

Seniors: No report.

PTSA: Adam Hadley reported they have new board members including a new president, vice president and secretary. Searching for a new permanent treasurer. Meetings are being held weekly. There is discussion of a neighbor island vacation raffle, vendor booth at

the Christmas Concert, and other ideas for fundraising. The Nature Center is part of school property and there is interest in a cleanup to make it functional again.

Ag Center: No report.

Kīlauea Point NWR: Michael Mitchell reported that a couple weeks ago they had 40 keiki doing storytelling, observations and habitat restoration along with an overnight stay.

Signs are back up for the Kāhili Quarry Refuge Center thanks to Yosh and family. Mahalo to Tom Pickett for sponsoring a table at the bakery to inform everyone about the area and the Kia'i Kāhili community stewardship group.

20 volunteers assisted in removing 100 lbs. of trash during a recent cleanup which is planned to be held monthly.

Michael Mitchell, Jen Waipa and Thomas Daubert traveled to Homer, AK to share conservation and supporting "friends groups" along with touring their visitor centers.

Avian botulism is still going on in Hanalei Valley. There are 62 dead birds identified so far, including a number of dabbling ducks which are particularly susceptible due to bacteria living in the mud. The public is asked to volunteer and support with reporting sick birds (which can receive an anti-toxin and be saved) or dead bird carcasses. Volunteers are needed on the closed refuge to help with this, call the Wildlife Refuge at (808) 828-1413 or Jen Waipa for volunteering activities.

The FWS is working on the new Hanalei Valley overlook and as part of that a potential 70-ish parking spots to support the North Shore Shuttle. This is probably a couple years out yet to reach completion.

National Wildlife Refuge Week is October 15-19. There are a number of events that require advance reservation to attend. Please call (808) 635-6367 or email Kauainwrc_education@fws.gov for reservation availability and information.

Anaina Hou: Bill Chase reported the playground is done. The parking lot is not quite done yet. There are plans for restrooms and foot wash stations after using the trail.

First annual film festival will be in February 2020 over 3 days. They have a grant that will let them fly in directors of the movies. One is about Eddie Aikau, another is Ho'kulea, and another is about climate change.

This is the 2nd year of hosting the Ohana Fit Fest on Saturday October 5th, including an obstacle course and a 5/10K. You can race competitively or run or walk the course. The Farmers Market will be on Sunday October 6th due to the Fit Fest.

New Business:

KGEFCU: Monica Belz the CEO of KGEFCU credit union reported they are moving into the Kilauea Shopping Center around February 2020. Their headquarters and only branch is currently in Lihue. Membership is open to all on Kaua'i. Members own the credit union and they are interested in any feedback or creative opportunities to respond to members.

Old Business:

Kilauea Road Paving: Beryl reported that Yosh talked to Mario and the plan is to finish the paving by the 3rd week in October.

Shopping Center Update: Kirsten Hermstad reported that grocery store is open and the dust screens are down on the mauka side of the property. On the makai side the dust screens should be down in about a week along with the opening of Island Soaps. There is a fence along the road that is being rebuilt to increase privacy, so those dust screens will stay up for the time being. There were complaints about the parking lot lights on the makai side near housing that were too bright and have been turned off while a permanent fix is being planned. KIUC installed the street lights on Namahana and they first turned on tonight. Java Kai is under construction and should be open by November along with sister store Shipwrecked. The shopping center is about 75% full of tenants.

There was a question about the entry road becoming an official road – the current plan is to get a FLAP grant and/or get the road on the STIP to address this. There was discussion to keep Namahana road on the agenda for regular review and updates.

Announcements:

Beryl posed a question to the floor: Are there any issues the KNA should be considering?

- Kristen H has twice chased people down for speeding from her shop Black Dog Gallery. People get to the shopping center intersection and accelerate down towards the lighthouse.
- Petra – Mark Development has a Koloa housing project about to wrap up in the next year. They do affordable housing, can we engage them to see what options might exist in our area? Mark Development is one of two major affordable housing developers on the island. Consider Habitat for Humanity or Ahi (rentals primarily) as other options. Land space needs to be identified first.
- Michael Mitchell suggested the drug situation is a key issue, particularly ice (meth) dealers. Keep asking the police for help and identifying known problems.
- Rent and affordable housing are challenges. Greg noted water and wastewater are barriers to housing supply. We should investigate other modular wastewater treatment systems that exist now, not just the R&D effort ongoing via the Ag Park.

Beryl reported the first Sunday of the month is the Kahili cleanup of the Wailapa side.

Who maintains the road on the Kahili Quarry side? Charles Somers is responsible but not obligated to maintain the road on his land. Fish and Wildlife maintains the section of the road after their boundary. There is a section of road that is collapsing and could pose a serious safety issue.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion duly made by Charlie Martin, seconded by Thomas Daubert and carried unanimously, it was resolved to approve the minutes of both the August and September Kilauea Neighborhood Association meetings.

Adjournment of Meeting:

Upon motion duly made by Charlie Martin, seconded by Jim O'Conner and carried unanimously, it was resolved to adjourn the October 1, 2019 Kilauea Neighborhood Association meeting at 8:28 pm.