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**MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 5, 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: 24

Call to Order: Yoshito called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

Treasurer's Report: The current KNA bank balance is \$5,531.10.

Committee Reports:

Planning Committee: Ron reported that he held a productive meeting on or about October 28th in preparation for the House Finance Committee invited by Representative Nadine Nakamura to see the Hawai'i Public Housing Authority's (HPHA) 1.8 acre site on Ala Muku St. This site could be developed for perhaps 24 units with a partnership between HPHA, County of Kaua'i, Hawai'i Community Housing Development, and/or the Kilauea community. If the community could develop it, Ron has prepared a pro-forma summary of financial feasibility including estimated construction costs, debt service or possible loan, and rental income. Ron has met with County Housing Director Adam Roversi; the committee needs to meet and gather background information from Planning, Dept. of Health, and financial institutions in Kilauea. Also discussed was the need for new water well & distribution system. Jim O'Conner stated with those improvements supplying water between Kilauea and Waipake, 40% of water would be freed up which would be adequate for 500-750 units.

Beautification Committee: Gary Smith reported as President of a new community nonprofit 501c3 named Kaulana Kilauea, whose purpose is to continue community events from plantation times and until recently conducted by the Kilauea Community Outreach Program. Gary announced the intention to take over maintenance of the Dispensary Park from the County. The Dispensary was a state of the art regional hospital during the plantation era. Maintenance includes weed whacking around rocks and mowing. The primary beneficiaries – the businesses in historic dispensary – will support the regular work. Kaulana Kilauea will carry liability insurance.

Models of county – community group stewardship agreements were discussed. The KNA Board voted to support Kaulana Kilauea’s commitment to care for the park and to partner in their efforts if needed because of our mutual commitment to the well-being of Kilauea. A support letter written by Beryl will be sent to the mayor via Gary Pacheco on November 6th with a copy sent to Pat Porter, head of Parks & Recreation, and Arthur Brun, council head of the Parks & Recreation committee.

Christmas Tree Lighting: A large tree is being donated by Susie Pond.

Nominating Committee: Yoshito appointed Mike Latif and Don McConnell to the nominating committee for elections on December 3rd. The following members terms are expiring but have agreed to be renominated: Yoshi, Beryl, Stephanie, Mike, and Ron.

Communications Committee: No report.

Fundraising Committee: No report.

Election Committee: No report.

Community Updates:

Seniors: Ellie Weeks reported that the seniors will give a ukulele concert at Garden Island Center at Wilcox Hospital. There are 3 new ukulele members.

On November 20th at 9 am, Police Chief Raybuck will be talking to seniors. Everyone is welcome to attend.

PTSA: Adam Hadley reported that energetic moms + 1 dad are meeting weekly. Thursday will be walk to school with the police and mayor – 1st Thursday each month. Friday November 15th there will be an evening school dance in the gym. November 26th will be social media and internet safety night in the evening.

The PTSA intends to sell baked goods at the Christmas Concert to benefit school programs. Jeremy Brown + ukulele players and singers will perform at the concert.

Three crossing guards are needed at key intersections including Kilauea Rd. and Kolo Rd.; they could be volunteers or paid. 6 people are needed in order to cover AM and PM shifts.

Bev Brody of Get Fit Kauai & Safe Routes To School reported good feedback from traffic calming & organizing measures at Kamali’i & Kahe Streets.

Gary reported the North Shore Lions are willing to build a needed sidewalk at the new repurposed administration building. Dept. of Education ok of the plan is pending. Volunteers are ready. 11 yards of cement will be needed.

Ag Center: Yoshito reported the bathrooms and 2 pavilions will be completed by the end of the year. The fruit stand is ready for permitting. It will be located near Kilauea Rd. It will have 2 stories with office upstairs and a certified kitchen. It will also accommodate the Food Pantry presently at Christ Church.

Yosh reported on a New Mexico trip where he met with scientists developing the Microbial Electrolytic Cell (MEC) wastewater reclamation system. A 500 gallon per day model of the system which digests waste and produces clean water and hydrogen will treat waste at the Ag Center. Head Scientist Pei Xu of Arizona State will be coming to Kaua'i in December.

The internship program has the second cohort beginning their term.

The Ag Center will be bringing cucumbers to Kilauea School as part of the DOE program to purchase fresh local food for schools.

On the hemp front, the Ag Center is testing a new CBD oil distillation process using CO₂.

The Rock Quarry road is eroding. Work is needed to do repairs of the culvert. Kia'i Kahili (a partnership of FWS, KPNHA, HILT and neighbors) is looking at partners to support this repair.

Kilauea Point NWR: Kilauea Point Natural History Association Executive Director Thomas Daubert reminded everyone it is wedge-tailed shearwater season through mid-December. Boxes for fallen birds area at the Fire Department and Kilauea Pharmacy. Also, Nene are coupling and goslings are hatching, so please drive slowly and attentively.

The annual welcome back Moli ceremony will be held at noon on November 29th. Led by kumu Kehau Kekua and her halau.

KPNHA has a part time position at the Lighthouse store available.

Anaina Hou: Ashley Haraguchi reported Uncle Jack Gushiken will be presenting plantation history Saturday at 3 pm at Porter Pavilion.

The Lions Fall Roundup fundraiser and chili dinner will be at 11 am Sunday November 24th at Porter Pavilion.

The acclaimed play Legends of Ko'olau will be presented at 1 pm Saturday November 30th and Sunday December 1st.

The skateboard ramp has been moved to Anahola.

Anaina Hou will not be hosting a Thanksgiving community feast this year.

New Business:

Princeville Hotel Renovation: East West Partners has been asked by Starwood Capital Group to do the renovation of the hotel. Erik de Bruijn showed preliminary sketches. They renovated the Prince Clubhouse, did marketing for Stone project and have been let go by Jeff Stone. The hotel will be a One Hotel, one of 4 in the country. Renovation will take 2 years and has received approval from planning but needs more design and permits. Currently "old, tired and ugly," the hotel footprint will not be altered but will be repainted in dark tones and landscaped with greenery and vines to blend into the landscape. The lobby will be opened up. The wellness center + spa will be on level 9; meeting spaces and banquet on level 8. The hotel will be sustainable – aiming for LEED Silver standard. Not

solar powered but 30% energy saving by more efficient upgraded air conditioning and by water retention and rain water for net zero irrigation. Used materials will be kept from the landfill with a mound created on site. They do not know whether renovation will be phased or the hotel shut down entirely. They will keep us all posted. Swinerton Builders on Oahu is the contractor. Stan Duncan of PBR (with Hanalei ties) is the landscape architect.

Old Business:

Kilauea Road Paving: Not yet completed.

Housing Survey: No report – Jeremy ill.

Christmas Concert: Some aspects of the concert are still uncertain. KNA anticipates serving NS Grinds plates and drinks as usual, and realizing a percent of the proceeds to support community events that we always assist when asked.

Announcements:

Jim Edmonds reported a very successful Happy Healthy Halloween – giving all organic candies. He introduced Larry Graff, Executive Director of nonprofit Permanently Affordable Living (PAL). Larry invited everyone to a PAL party on December 7th at Church of the Pacific with food and bluegrass music, \$20 per ticket available online.

Approval of Minutes:

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Adjournment of Meeting:

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