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**MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 6, 2020
VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING (DUE TO COVID-19)**

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom Meeting

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

Community Attendance: 6

Call to Order: President L'Hote called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. There is a quorum.

Treasurer's Report: Gary Pacheco reported our bank balance is now \$7,250.74.

Committee Reports:

Beautification Committee: No report.

Planning Committee: Ron Paul reported Adam Roversi held initial talks with the committee about a potential \$9M affordable housing investment on the north shore and the various properties under consideration so far, and solicited input on any other potential properties that should be considered at this very early stage. There is 6 years to spend the funds. KNA may consider weighing into this conversation officially at some point. The Hanalei to Haena Community Association led by Joel Guy was also going to be approached by Mr. Roversi as one of the properties under consideration is down in Hanalei.

Yosh put Pacific Current in touch with Mr. Roversi. Pacific Current is interested in water, wastewater utilities and agriculture. Pacific Current tendered an offer for Wai Koa property but negotiations stalled and will likely be halted.

Hay Subdivision was approved by the planning commission.

Communications Committee: Thomas Daubert reported that the website was having problems but thanks to a dedicated volunteer - Mahalo to Steven Squire of Skyfarm 808, steven@skyfarm808.com, (808) 635-2300 it is back up and running.

A reminder to please sign up for the email list by sending a note to joekilauea@gmail.com to get on the mailing list. If any community members have any events they want to share please email or share it via Facebook.

Fundraising Committee: No report.

Yosh is wondering if there are any ways to engage people over Zoom or Facebook or other online means? All ideas are welcome.

Thomas mentioned we should raise for a particular cause especially in these challenging times.

Suggestion about putting a donate button on the KNA website.

Suggestion to consider looking at the 1.8 acre sliver of the Hay Subdivision near Gather that could fit maybe 10-12 affordable housing units.

Election Committee: No report.

Seniors: No report.

PTSA: Yosh is wondering if KNA can support any PTSA goals? Adam Hadley is not immediately aware of a fundraising opportunity KNA could support, but will look into it.

Mary Paterson from the Kauai North Shore Community Foundation (KNSCF) reported some schools are losing funding due to falling enrollment, due to kids having to enter alternative schooling arrangements due to COVID-19. Each class needs 20-25 chromebooks for example but they aren't available anywhere. KNSCF made a grant but there are so many more needs. Sherry has the numbers. KNSCF put in for 200-250 chromebooks for \$211K for Hanalei School as part of CARES Act grant but it was not accepted.

Gary Pacheco said he was at the school today for a North Shore Lions project and Sheri is temporarily off-island due to an emergency on the mainland. She should be back in perhaps a week or so.

Adam believes we need to help get the children back into school, especially with our very low COVID-19 cases for many months. The kids are sitting on computers so much it is sad. Constantly changing plans from the DOE also makes things very challenging. The next plan is kids will go back after fall break for a couple days a week, which allows parents to go back to work.

Starting October 12, Kilauea School will be handing out free food 11:00 – 11:30 for anyone under age 18.

Beryl and Gary both wonder whether KNA should send a support letter on behalf of parents to DOE or the superintendent to try to get kids back to school if cases remain low. Mike Latif supports sending a letter to the Mayor to reopen the island for locals completely before considering reopening for visitors. Mary Paterson suggested we check with Sherry and the school as they may not have the staff or ability to reopen without additional planning. Lorraine Newman said per conversations with Sherry about contingency planning that they could have opened but there are politics and different opinions about safety. Yosh reiterated that we should reach out to Sherry and see where her thoughts are at today when she returns to island. The Teachers Union may have significant influence too

and should be a recipient, Ron will find out who the Kauai contacts are. Beryl will prepare a draft letter.

Mary reported contact info for teachers union:

HTSA (Teachers Union)

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4180 Rice Street #106

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Aina Hookupu O Kilauea / Kilauea Community Agricultural Center: Yosh reported that the USDA Farmers-to-Families Food Box Program has finally ended. Now we are focused on reorganizing our expanded staff and increasing production land per the CARES Act grant. As we increase production we need somewhere to distribute it so we are working to secure donations and grants to make and provide our own boxes around the island. We are targeting March to have 8-10K lbs of produce per week to give away or sell.

We are raising funds for our Fruit Stand. Permitting is ready except for the Water Department. The surrounding landscape and driveway around the Pavilions and Restrooms are being completed.

We have a grant from Office of Hawaiian Affairs via Hawaii Community Foundation to provide small pig pens to local families as part of a program where they raise two pigs for us off-site and as a reward get to keep one for free.

National Fish and Wildlife / Kilauea Point – Jen Waipa reported that the Hanalei NWR wetlands conservation and management plan comments period is completed.

There are some new staffing positions posted, some are nearing selection.

National Wildlife Refuge Week is October 11-17th. Saturday, October 17th will be a Fee Free Day at the Refuge. Come visit 10am to 3:30pm. They have developed a new keiki activity “Kilauea Point Junior Ranger Nature Explorer Journal”, which will be available at the Princeville Library October 13-17th and at Kilauea Point NWR on Saturday, October 17th.

They are also working on a Facebook Live presentation for the Nihoku translocation project. This is the final year of relocating Newell’s shearwaters and Hawaiian petrels into the protected area. Friends of Kauai Wildlife Refuges will be sharing this as well.

Anaina Hou – No update.

New Business:

Gary Pacheco wonders if KNA will be doing anything for Halloween? Nobody knows what the status of the holiday will be. Jeremy Burns was going to use a 6'+ plastic candy slide to the end of the driveway.

Gary wonders if KNA will sponsor a Christmas house lights decoration contest again? Board consensus is yes.

Gary belongs to Kaulana Kilauea a 501c3 nonprofit trying to acquire the stewardship of the Dispensary Park. Since the new Norfolk pines are so small, they will be decorating the large palm tree instead. Would KNA like to donate the candy canes to be given out to children when Santa drives around the town on a truck? Suggestion for something other than candy canes because of sugar and plastic. But whatever it is needs to be individually wrapped. Mike Latif will check into alternatives.

MOTION to proceed with supporting a treat of some sort by Adam Hadley, seconded by Thomas Daubert. Motion withdrawn pending further research.

Beryl suggested our fundraising committee do some research into our fundraising strategy and bring suggestions back to the Board.

Old Business:

Jeremy Burns wonders if the Board wants to draft an official letter in support of making the Kilauea Gym a hurricane category 4 shelter instead of 3? Ron noted that \$3.5M was already allocated in Rep Nakamura's latest newsletter so might be too late? Jeremy to follow up with Rep Nakamura and draft a letter.

Jeremy Burns wonders if the Board wants to draft an official letter in support of making a 35 mph speed limit zone on Kuhio Highway around the vicinity of the Shell gas station entrance road to Kilauea. Board wants to do so. Jeremy will draft the letter.

Announcements:

Greg Crowe noted tomorrow the Council is on draft 4 of the affordable housing bill change and they expect to pass it. There is a broad set of changes; this may be the last opportunity for public input. There is a link on the County Coalition website.

Approval of Minutes:

<p>Upon motion duly made by Thomas Daubert, seconded by Ron Paul and carried unanimously, it was resolved to approve the September 2020 Kilauea Neighborhood Association meeting minutes.</p>
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Adjournment of Meeting:

<p>Upon motion duly made by Gary Pacheco, seconded by Ron Paul and carried unanimously, it was resolved to adjourn the October 6, 2020 Kilauea Neighborhood Association meeting at 8:20 pm.</p>
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