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**MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 2, 2021
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, ~~Stephenie Brown~~, Thomas Daubert, Emily Dunn, Mike Latif, Mike Lyons, Charlie Martin, Don McConnell, Ron Paul, Sonrisa Stepath

Community Attendance: 9+ including Councilmember Felicia Cowden.

Call to Order: Vice President Blaich called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. There is a quorum.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning Committee: Ron Paul reported the Lighthouse Village is now under new management of Diehl's Corporation. He is working with them to determine the status of the community center space, the finish construction was put on hold due to COVID-19 but should be getting back on track now. They have leased out a few more spaces including a gymnasium in the old Ace Hardware building, 2 new restaurants and a couple of real estate offices.

Emily Dunn explained the concept behind the community center as an outreach space to better understand community needs and connect them with resources and assistance. Emily has a masters degree in social work and is experienced in organizing these activities.

Communications Committee: Thomas Daubert reported that we are working to better use our website and emails and other communication channels for 2021. If anyone is not receiving emails from the KNA please let him know. 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 also email to joekilauea@gmail.com.

Fundraising Committee: Beryl Blaich reported that we want to raise a certain amount of money to fund regular operations. Sonrisa Stepath would love to have a Kilauea Day event to raise money and is working on a 6th grade graduation parade.

Finance Committee & Treasurer's Report: Gary Pacheco reported that we had a great Finance Committee discussion recently at the Ag Park led by Don McConnell. Our bank balance is now \$6,750.74. Our biggest expense was the new D&O liability insurance for \$1,100.00. Don McConnell reported that we need the Fundraising committee to help project what funding needs and sources we may have this year.

UPDATES:

Seniors: No report.

PTSA: Sonrisa reported the PTSA has no major updates at this time, but there is a meeting scheduled tomorrow. They are very thankful for the donations to the school for needed supplies.

'Aina Ho'okupu O Kilauea / Kilauea Community Agricultural Center: Yosh reported we are pursuing funds to provide for the box program. The Pavilions are currently being used to aggregate boxes. We have ramped back up to now making 500 boxes per week and distributing them through nonprofit partners around the island. We are talking to Foundations for support for this.

We will have our next batch of chickens arrive tomorrow.

Civil Beat will have an article on Ag Parks around the state on Monday and AHK/KCAC will be a part of their report.

County is working on establishing another Ag Park on the west side of the island. Yosh will be providing input on his experiences and recommendations.

The 10' wide easement for the off-site water line may be coming before the County Council very soon. The County owns the property so they have to take the easement.

National Fish and Wildlife / Kilauea Point – Jen Waipa reported that the red footed boobies are nesting and moli babies are hatching. This is a great time to visit as it is not busy and has great bird and wave watching opportunities as well as whales.

Thomas reported as Friends of National Wildlife Refuges that this a great time to visit with so few visitors it is a special time. It is open Thurs – Sat from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. There are shopping opportunities online at fkw.org. There is also a new free “curbside pickup” purchase option to pick up purchases at the refuge and avoid shipping costs.

Anaina Hou – Pam Warren reported The Haven is now open Monday – Thursday 2:00 – 6:00 pm in the Pavilion for kids aged 12 – 18. Many people and dignitaries have attended the opening! They can accommodate 20 kids at a time. There will be classes rotating every few weeks with different instructors. Kauai Community Television will teach filmmaking and editing with a producer from the Star Trek franchise. There will be ice cream, photography (using cell phones, no special cameras required), web design, movement, recycled art and painting, music, and various other classes. Around April 1 they will open up the employment and career services and trial them (applications, resume, interview practice, and plans for a 15-passenger bus for transporting youth to interviews. etc.).

They are getting huge support from adults but need more students! There were 10 on Monday. They can handle 20 and still maintain social distancing. The signup process with little lead-time as a simulated “drop in” is taking some getting used to by the community.

Kaulana Kilauea – Gary Pacheco no report.

NEW BUSINESS:

County Council – Felicia Cowden reported that a new Ag bill will allow expanded local sales on roadside which should assist small farmers. There are many unpermitted residences that the County does not generally seem to take a hard line on.

Shoreline setbacks have been expanded to address coastal flooding and insurance requirements related to those issues for those who choose to build very close to flood risk areas.

The bridge is a 50 year lifespan bridge that is now 75 years old. They are working on funding to shore the bridge up and extend lifespan another 50-75 years.

She is disturbed to see variegated hau bush being planted near the lighthouse seemingly to block sunset views. Felicia would like a letter from KNA with an official opinion on this. Beryl reported there is no County view protection ordinance. Perhaps put this on a future agenda and invite Mike Dahilig and Adam Roversi to attend.

Also the intersection at Kong Lung and Lighthouse has about 7 driveways. Felicia would like to put a streetlight there and a letter from KNA supporting this would help. The bypass road development is likely 5 years out due to deferred road maintenance and other priorities. The bypass road was supposed to be added to the STIP. KNA should invite the DOT (Larry Dill, Michael Mole) to discuss where this process is at.

Felicia wishes more community Zoom involvement and input in County proceedings in general, as COVID-19 has significantly dampened community input engagement on issues. Things are happening “under the COVID veil” with less community input than historically. Send things to mayor@kauai.gov and counciltestimony@kauai.gov.

Election of Officers results:

President – Yoshito L’Hote

Vice President – Beryl Blaich

Secretary – Jeremy Burns

Treasurer – Gary Pacheco

Sergeant-at-Arms – Bill Chase

Communications Committee Chair – Thomas Daubert

Finance Committee Chair – Don McConnell

Fundraising Committee Chair – Stephenie Brown

Planning Committee Chair – Ron Paul

2021 Calendar: How do we identify clear goals, resources and timing for activities this year. Yosh and Beryl will be setting up the KNA agenda for the next 6 months to give the

community more notice and foster more engagement. Discussion so far has included the 6th grade parade / Kilauea Day.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

Announcements:

Gary Pacheco reported the Kauai North Shore Lions are providing scholarships again, they have about \$50K to award. Visit their website at kauainorthshorelions.org/scholarships for more information. Also the Sight Is Beautiful kids poster contest is back on again.

People over the age of 60 can call the Agency on Elderly Affairs and they can help set up COVID vaccine shots for people under 75 years old.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion duly made by Charlie Martin, seconded by Ron Paul and carried unanimously, it was resolved to approve the January 2021 Kilauea Neighborhood Association meeting minutes.

Adjournment of Meeting:

Upon motion duly made by Charlie Martin, seconded by Gary Pacheco and carried unanimously, it was resolved to adjourn the February 2, 2021 Kilauea Neighborhood Association meeting at 8:27 pm.