



P.O. BOX 328 KĪLAUEA, KAUAʻI, HAWAII 96754

---

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**APRIL 6, 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:** 14+ including Councilwoman Felicia Cowden, KPD Acting Lieutenant Jason Overmeyer.

**Call to Order:** Vice President Beryl Blaich called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. There is a quorum.

**COMMITTEE / COMMUNITY REPORTS:**

**Planning Committee:** Ron Paul reported no committee meetings. The Housing Director Adam Roversi is out of office. The Hay subdivision is being finalized.

**Finance Committee:** No report.

**Beautification Committee:** Gary Smith reported he saw 3 people playing frisbee at Dispensary Park. Kaulana Kilauea is still working on the details of a stewardship agreement with County Parks Department to take care of Dispensary Park. They are hopeful that they will be able to complete this by this summer. Norfolk pines have been donated by Kauai Nursery and those will be planted once the stewardship agreement is completed.

At the end of Ala Namahana Parkway people are dumping green waste and rubbish and inappropriate magazines. He advocates leading by example and cleaned up much of the worst of the trash.

There was softball held on Friday night and someone dumped all the rubbish cans over. This was not the fault of the teams playing.

**Communications Committee:** Thomas Daubert reported that the website is currently down and we are working to fix the issue. We are still working to increase and diversify communications and increase the frequency to the community. 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](mailto: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](mailto:joekilauea@gmail.com).

**Fundraising Committee:** No report.

### **NEW BUSINESS / GUEST PRESENTERS:**

**Anaina Hou:** Jill Lowry reported they will open the playground 2 days a week for full public use as a trial during the emerging Safe Travels program resumption. It will not be a bubble schedule but masks are required and evening sanitizing will be done.

The Haven has split into 2 days for 6-12 year olds as Keiki Days and 2 days for 13-18 year olds. The Keiki Days are oversubscribed. The teen side is slow to start but they will be inviting various student bodies over to experience.

The fire show will start back up in 2 weeks and may have approximately 75 seats available.

Mini Golf will be open Fri – Sun tentatively.

There was an arrest last week for trespassing from someone repeatedly causing a problem.

**KPD:** Acting Lieutenant (Sergeant) Jason Overmeyer grew up in Kilauea and has served 20 years including 5 on the north shore. He will provide contact information and be available for any issues that anyone up here may have.

Question on trespassing notice information – the form requests very detailed information that is very unlikely to be able to get. The KPD really needs a name to be able to link an issue to someone's spillman file, a photograph would also be helpful for identification. License plates are helpful but not definitive – it gives them a place to start but they can't be sure it's the owner.

Question about serving notice to someone who has threatened violence and is it required by the property manager to give to an offending person or take it to the offender's house? Jason said not to go to anyone's house especially in these circumstances – call KPD to get involved and they will track the person down and inform them they are no longer allowed on the property in question.

Question on Abandoned / Derelict vehicles – who to contact? Jason said there is an online form, an email address, and a phone number to report it and the officers will check into it and post the vehicle appropriately. Email is probably best. Question what is the option if there is no response? If nothing happens send the info to Jason directly and he will make sure it gets followed up on. The other main difficulty is that the location is not very precise and if they can't find a vehicle's location they can't follow up on it.

Question on Abandoned Derelict vehicles process - The process is a complaint comes in, it is processed in a day or two, it is investigated in a day or two, the vehicle has to sit for at least 24 hours, and then a tow truck will be dispatched to the area when it makes sense logistically to do so. In Kilauea and Princeville alone there were 45 abandoned vehicles already, 24 were at Anini Beach Park.

Question on KPD presence on the north shore and how coverage is done with the landslide? Jason reported that at first they were transporting 2 officers into Hanalei by boat at each shift change. Since the road has been reopened, KPD has emergency access 24/7. It hasn't reduced KPD staffing or ability to respond, if anything the north shore has more coverage now as one officer is in Hanalei at all times.

For Princeville to Moloaa – one officer is on this side of the landslide at all times. The station officer / supervisor from Kapaa now spends his time either in Hanalei or Princeville side instead of Kapaa. Jason also often stations out of the Hanalei location.

Normally 1 officer does Hanalei, one does Princeville to Moloaa and they back each other up as needed. Now the supervisor is performing the backup function.

Question on concerns about the Kilauea Gym area that faces the park and is not visible from the streets. People are causing problems back there especially at night. Is this patrolled or what are some suggestions to deal with this? Jason said this is beat 556 from Hanalei Plantation Road to Anahola bridge – it is a huge beat. But now that this is a known issue KPD can park the car and walk behind the gym and sweep the area as part of their beat check. If anyone sees a recurring theme like a time or people causing repeated problems, let Jason know and he can assign a special check.

Question on a lot of people living in their cars now and stopping at the Ag Park at night to spend overnight maybe use the facilities and leave in the morning. Some people stay on the county road shoulder or other areas. What are the laws on that? Jason said there is a county ordinance prohibiting living in your vehicle unless you are on private property. Jason wondered if this is a regular occurrence? Yosh said most move on when asked but one has been asserting rights. Jason advised to call KPD if any potential conflicts arise and they will handle the situation.

Question on impacts of Anini Beach homeless encampments ending and its impacts? Jason said most are moving south to Kamalani since it is still open. But he foresees issues in the future once all the parks are shut down where will folks move to? So far he hasn't seen any issues on the north shore.

Question on Lihue airport makai side is homelessness growing? Jason said this is not his district so we would need to inquire with other staff for an accurate representation.

Question on speeding in and around school zones especially on Kilauea Road, especially near sunset time to make the sunset. This is a repeat occurrence. Jason will take this under advisement.

Question on the potential to put up a gate at night to block between the Kilauea Gym and Theater. This has been successfully done to good effect at the Japanese Cemetery. Ultimately they're going to go where its easiest, so make it more difficult for them. Could KPD advise the Parks department to put something like that up? Jason clarified where the gate ought to be placed; he can't speak on their behalf but barricades also often have ADA requirements so that could be part of this issue, but this is not Jason's area of expertise. He is happy to talk with Parks and see what their take is on it.

Question on whether KPD is ready for the increase in visitors again? Jason said for KPD this will be basically going back to normal. They are expecting things to ramp up very quickly.

**KNA Bylaws Amendments:** Yosh asked if there were any questions on the drafted amendments?

Bert Lyon was only able to provide feedback on the language as of today, but KNA would need additional time to process Bert's further recommended changes, however we can continue to incorporate further changes in the future. Bert's only recommendation would be to incorporate version 2 of item 2 as it more closely matches State language. The Board had already voted on presenting version 1 as it was simpler language that more closely matched the current Bylaws.

Question on changing the language about the ability to donate money to broader causes – does this mean potentially supporting candidates and issues monetarily and should KNA engage in such actions? Yosh reported that KNA is a 501c4 to maintain that ability to be a voice on policies, candidates and issues; it is not a 501c3. Follow up question on whether for example supporting an ultimately losing candidate would negatively impact Kilauea and KNA with the successful unsupported candidate now in office. Concerns are that this is potentially divisive within the Board and may divide support for the KNA in the community as well. In the last election the KNA considered endorsing candidates, however, voted against doing so. However, the amendment only allows us to consider/discuss possible endorsements.

Question on whether the Board would need or could implement requiring a higher than majority standard to take action in this area? Unknown.

Bert Lyon said our 501c4 was founded on social welfare, and if that is the correct subsection then it is not permitted to support one candidate over another.

Don McConnell suggested that this is more of an issues-based advocacy than supporting particular individuals.

Bert said that our proposed Bylaws statement specifically mentioned supporting candidates. So maybe this part should be addressed.

**MOTION** by Stephanie Sonrisa seconded by Jeremy Burns to remove Amendment 3 (about political advocacy) from voting consideration tonight. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

### **UPDATES:**

**Seniors:** No report.

**PTSA:** Sonrisa reported the kids are all back in school full time now.

**'Aina Ho'okupu O Kilauea / Kilauea Community Agricultural Center:** Yosh reported that Waipa farmers market is being hosted at the Kilauea Community Agricultural Center under the pavilions as a soft opening trial while the landslide remains in effect.

AHK has branched out to provide meat birds and eggs. Hukilau Lanai is a client if you want to try locally-grown. There is also an option to purchase a subscription.

AHK is still in a campaign to fundraise for the Fruit Stand retail building. There are plans to do a grand opening for the new Pavilions and Restrooms in June.

**Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge / Friends of Kauai Wildlife Refuges:** Jen Waipa reported that the fee free day on March 13<sup>th</sup> was very successful in spite of the weather. The kids and parents had a great time with many pollinator kit giveaways.

The finalization of the wetland management plan for Hanalei is done, it is on the website for download.

Next on the horizon is Lighthouse Day on May 1<sup>st</sup>. There is still a question on whether the visitor center and the evening hours of 7:00 pm for the lighting will be able to be done.

Thomas reported as Friends of Kaua'i Wildlife Refuges that the annual Dan Moriarty scholarship program is now available on the website with more information – applications close April 30<sup>th</sup>.

A few wildlife conservation reminders: Please cut the side strings of disposable masks so they don't entangle wildlife! Please slow down on Kilauea Road, many nēnē nest and feed in the grass along the road. Plus, members of our community also walk and bike in the area.

Thomas also shared information about two projects recently supported by Friends of Kaua'i Wildlife Refuges including: 1) Funding to purchase supplies for a Detector Dog Program, led by a partnership with Conservation Dogs of Hawai'i, to use trained dogs to help identify sick or deceased birds affected by avian botulism at Hanalei NWR and reduce the incidence of these challenging outbreaks affecting some of our most endangered waterbirds, including the koloa maoli (Hawaiian duck). 2) Funding to support the purchase and shipping of a new ATV that will be used at Hanalei NWR first to support a study of nest success for the 'alae 'ula (Hawaiian gallinule) and then to support avian botulism surveys. 'Alae 'ula are among the waterbirds deeply impacted by avian botulism.

**Kaulana Kilauea:** Lihau Paik reported they have shifted focus to doing oral histories of the kupuna of Kilauea since events cannot be held yet. For the Christmas Concert they have reserved the county stage in hopes the event can be held in person this year.

**Kia'i Kahili:** Yosh reported the county has not moved much on the road repair yet. They will start the native plant nursery in May to help the HILT group on the Wailapa side do more planting on the dunes to restore native vegetation.

Question on who had the amazing Rock Quarry fireworks the other week? Unknown.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Beryl reported there is a beach cleanup at 8:00 or 8:30 on Wailapa side to do a beach cleanup and plant vetivier grass on eroded areas.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Upon motion duly made by Beryl Blaich, seconded by Bill Chase and carried unanimously, it was resolved to approve the March 2021 Kilauea Neighborhood Association meeting minutes.**

***MOTION*** by Thomas Daubert to approve Amendments to the Bylaws numbers 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6. Seconded by Ron Paul. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Thomas reported the community member vote was 100% in favor of Amendments 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6.

**Adjournment of Meeting:**

**Upon motion duly made by Charlie Martin, seconded by Thomas Daubert and carried unanimously, it was resolved to adjourn the April 6, 2021 Kilauea Neighborhood Association meeting at 8:54 pm.**