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**MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 1, 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: 19+

Call to Order: Chairman L'Hote called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM. There is a quorum.

COMMITTEE / COMMUNITY REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Gary "Mr P" Pacheco reported we have \$6,250.74 in our bank account. No checks from Maui Circular still, he will follow up with Tom Pickett.

Planning Committee: Ron Paul reported there was a Planning Committee meeting but no concrete recommendations yet. Yosh reported the Hay property status and where in the process things were at was still in question. Starwood properties (old St. Regis hotel) is interested in affordable housing issues for their workers.

Yosh reported that he, Beryl and Jen attended the State Transportation Improvements Planning (STIP) meeting via Zoom. They were informed that the Kilauea By-pass road is not on the STIP funding list due to the County needing to complete work with the federal government on a pedestrian access road to the Lighthouse. That project doesn't seem like this has anything to do with a major artery. There was also a discussion the State conducting its study about having a traffic light or roundabout near the Shell gas station to address congestion there. Erosion in Wailua near the bike path was discussed, and the State will be trying a new technology to keep the sand in between the rocks, an innovative solution to be deployed for the first time in the USA.

Beautification Committee: No report.

Communications Committee: Thomas Daubert reported that while we are unable to post images to our website we can still transmit information on upcoming events in other ways

so please contact him at joekilauea@gmail.com with any events or announcements or ideas.

We typically provide 2 emails per month and post the upcoming meeting agenda a week in advance on Facebook and on the website.

There are new opportunities to include community events at the bottom of announcement emails.

If anyone is not receiving emails from the KNA please let him know at the email address listed above. A reminder to please sign up for the email list by emailing him. If any community members have any events they want to share please also email.

Yosh communicated with the Mayor's office and they were unable to attend tonight's KNA meeting due to a standing meeting and some upcoming scheduled vacations. The earliest they can possibly attend is September 2021. Yosh requested all members write down any and all questions that we have so we can share questions in advance.

Fundraising Committee: Mike Latif has no report, but is open to fundraising ideas if anyone has future needs.

NEW BUSINESS / GUEST PRESENTERS:

Kapua Chandler – Namahana Public Charter School: Kapua mahalo'd Thomas for our mid-month email updates. Kapua reported that the Namahana School project was initiated by Kauai North Shore Community Foundation (KNSCF) and Kapua has become administrator of the school. The Porter Trust provided the school with a 99 year lease for 8 acres on the Wai Koa Plantation property (adjacent to the dog park) and will stay in place even if the Wai Koa property is sold. Namahana can be translated as Na-Mahana meaning a gathering of chiefs for peaceful merry-making (per assessment of many mo'olelo and other historical references). The ahupua'a of Namahana is a piko or center generator of the waters of Kilauea. The school has an extensive set of committees (Education, Facilities, Fundraising, Finance) and Board members working on all aspects of the school development. While they have completed the first phase of the Charter School approval process, they are awaiting the Board of Education's reopening of second step of application. They plan to start first with 7th and 8th grades and grow to 12th. Each grade is planned for 60 students, up to 360 keiki for the entire school), primarily serving the North Shore from Moloa'a through Haena.

Question on attendance opportunities for local families in other areas or those displaced from Kilauea? Once over 360 capacity there is a lottery system that must be employed, but it can be wrapped around certain criteria to ensure more equitable attendance opportunities for local families. If under capacity then they should be able to draw from surrounding areas.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mehana Vaughan for Na Kia'i o Nihoku – re: Green House plans at Seacliff: Mehana reported that there are 3 Kilauea place names in all of Hawaii. Nihoku in Kilauea, Kauai is the only place that several seabirds can be found on the inhabited Hawaiian Islands outside

of the northwest Hawaiian Islands. The purposes of Na Kia'i o Nihoku is to foster cultural learning in an eco-friendly manner for local keiki and to mālama the place. There is concern about the location of the proposed home which is as high up as is legally allowed and may encroach on sensitive lands and seabird and pueo (owl) habitat which is used even though it is outside the fenced conservation area. The group is also concerned about what anticipated effects digging into the hillside may do. The only other home on this side of the Nihoku hill is the Sumo Aina home which is at the base. Their organization has asked the Greens if they would consider situating their home down to the lower parcel (they own both of the CPR lots) which is already flat and away from the upper hillside. This location would minimize potential issues with ecology and viewplanes and would preserve the entire upper half of Nihoku.

Question on why this is being brought up again now after this issue has been before the KNA twice and posted with story poles? It is late in the process. The homeowner has the right to build within the rules.

Discussion on Green's due diligence to adhere to the rules and accommodate the community's wishes. Another statement on being late in the process to alter position.

It was determined that Ron Paul would write the support letter for an SMA permit that was voted upon. There is no Planning meeting date set yet. There was discussion about noting some community concerns and ongoing discussions about the height of the home on the hillside and potential impacts.

UPDATES:

Seniors: No report.

PTSA: Sonrisa reported the graduation festivities with meeting at the Ag Park and the convoy through town and Mehana's blessing was a huge hit. Future classes may want to do the same thing.

'Aina Ho'okupu O Kilauea / Kilauea Community Agricultural Center: Yosh reported on the sudden dry hot weather has been very rough on the crops.

We finalized and submitted two Native Hawaiian support grants today after working all Memorial Day weekend to capitalize farming and fishing systems for local producers.

They are finalizing an ag development partnership with a west side Kanaka charter school.

We are still providing farmer market mixed produce boxes but have had to reduce from 500 to 300 per week and may have to reduce to 100 temporarily.

We will be holding a blessing of our pavilions at the end of July.

Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge / Friends of Kauai Wildlife Refuges: Jen Waipa reported that a cooperative agreement partner (Hamlin University) who provided digital kiosk displays have done filming on all 3 refuges to develop additional interpretive materials.

The habitat management crew has been out at Huleia refuge recently.

The Lighthouse will be closed on Saturday July 3rd. There was a great 300+ person turnout for the May free lighthouse visit day.

There is a Weed & Watch program scheduled for July 7th for volunteers to participate, details TBD.

They are working on a partnership with Huliauapa'a "a non-profit organization whose purpose is to educate and empower students, communities, and professionals on the stewardship of Hawai'i's wahi kūpuna (ancestral places)." FWS will be able to hire a cultural resource intern youth this year focusing on Hanalei if anyone knows someone who may be interested (Oct 2021 – Aug 2022).

For Friends of Kauai Wildlife Refuges Thomas Daubert reported the Board approved \$10K for scholarships to students studying for conservation-based careers. They continue to support keiki education programs. They have received a grant to support restoration of the water system at Hanalei NWR which will help combat avian botulism, and are working on a second one as well which may also be used as matching funds for an even larger grant.

Kaulana Kilauea: Lihau Paik reported they received funding from KIUC for equipment required to conduct kupuna oral histories – they plan to start recording this month.

They have finally received their stewardship agreement from the County for Dispensary Park. This will take effect July 1 (at start of County fiscal year) and last for 5 years.

Anaina Hou: Jill Lowry reported that tourism is back, They went from 0-60 in about 48 hours. Mini-golf completely booked as is the fire show and the farmers market is packed. Masks are still required on campus, so civil liberties issues are cropping up. They are waiting at least another 30 days to lift campus requirements.

The Haven had a retreat for Kanuikapono schools graduating class which went well. Youth from Hale Opio will be joining the Haven project throughout the summertime. This is the 3rd week of Maker's Market on Tuesday evenings. There is now live music as well.

Kia'i Kahili: No report. Next meeting is July 2nd.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Question on State Parks plans for managing Kōke'e as the bathrooms at the lookouts were particularly bad recently. At a Chamber of Commerce meeting recently the Governor was discussing State Parks revenue methods, and Haena was cited as a model for the State. There is interest in inviting State Parks leader Curt Cottrell and Governor's Kauai representative Carrice Gardner to discuss updates.

Gary Pacheco is wondering if we can reinstate the Kilauea Gym as an in-person meeting location? Suggestion to wait 1 more month and see how cases unfold with the more recent relaxed restrictions.

Gary reported the Kauai North Shore Lions provided 38 students almost \$50K in scholarships! The group meets at 7 am on Tuesday at the Bistro, interested new members are welcome.

Stephanie announced that Gather put up an ATM that can take deposits at Anaina Hou right next to the mini-golf. Also Gather FCU is the new landowner at the property right across the street from the Kilauea Post Office.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Adjournment of Meeting:

Upon motion duly made by Gary Pacheco, seconded by Jeremy Burns and carried unanimously, it was resolved to adjourn the June 1, 2021 Kilauea Neighborhood Association meeting at 8:59 pm.