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**MEETING MINUTES
MAY 3, 2022
VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING (DUE TO COVID-19)**

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom Meeting

KNA Directors Present: Yoshito L'Hote, Jeremy Burns, Gary Pacheco, Bill Chase, Stephenie Brown, Thomas Daubert, Mike Latif, Mike Lyons, Charlie Martin, Kalena Pacheco, Ron Paul, Sonrisa Stepath, Stephen Squire, Sarah Wright

Community Attendance: 27+, including Councilwoman Felicia Cowden.

Call to Order: Yoshito L'Hote called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. There is a quorum.

COMMITTEE / COMMUNITY REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Gary Pacheco reported we wrote a check to Iwikua YWCA volleyball team for \$400.00. We now have \$4,765.74. No payments this month. Please send donations to PO Box 328 in Kilauea if anyone wants to contribute!

Planning Committee: Ron Paul reported planning committee did not meet last month. Governor Ige released \$2.6M for water department improvements in Kilauea.

Communications Committee: Thomas Daubert would like anyone with community announcements to contact him, as we publish these twice monthly. As always please send any interest in signing up for the Kilauea Neighborhood Association announcements, questions or potential meeting topics to joekilauea@gmail.com.

Fundraising Committee: Mike Latif and Stephanie Brown will be assisting chair Sonrisa Stepath on this task as needed - no report.

NEW BUSINESS / GUEST PRESENTATIONS:

DOT Kauai District Engineer - Larry Dill: Mr. Dill reported the permanent markings will be put down mauka from Kapuna to Kahiliholo sometime in June or July. Contract tree trimming will be going on throughout May 8:30a-1:30p from Kahiliholo to Kalihiwai Bridge.

- Kuhio Highway from Hanalei Bridge to Dolphin Restaurant will have sporadic roadside maintenance several dates from May 2 – May 14.

- Question on Hanalei Bridge work? Hanalei Bridge will have a one-lane closure at night 7p-5a.
 - Question on the plantings of trees makai side – did this help? Not sure on the status, but invasives are very difficult generally to keep back.
 - Question on Hanalei River observed undercutting the roadway at the Hanalei Bridge and also at the Dolphin Restaurant. Mr. Dill will check the situation.
 - Question on whether funding can be directed toward hau bush removal along the riverbanks? DOT funding can only go toward slope stabilization to maintain the road integrity.
 - Question on allowing large trees like albizia to get big instead of dealing with them earlier when they're small? We are behind the curve in general on these kinds of activities and need to put more funding toward this to save money in the long run.
 - Mr. Dill covered the plans for slope stabilization at Hanalei Hill and Waikoko which is going out for bid and likely execute early 2023.
 - The Kolo Road (Shell gas station) roundabout is planned for late 2023.
 - Question on 4 crosswalks necessary? The idea is to enhance safety especially for kids.
 - Question on enough flow for Kolo Rd exiting? Mr. Dill will check with the consultants on whether another lane would make sense or how it would be implemented.
 - Question on using military-style cathode protection on the Hanalei Bridge steel? Mr. Dill will look into that.
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- Question on coordinating speed limits on Kuhio Highway? Mr. Dill is working on that.
 - Question on coordinating stop lights on the way to town? Mr. Dill reported they are just finishing up their traffic signal connectivity management plan which will include optimized timing, completion schedule is still TBD.
 - Question on situation in front of Coco Palms? The utility companies are close to moving their infrastructure and may be done by Sep/Oct.

Permanently Affordable Living – Jim Edmonds: Mr. Edmonds provided an update on the several affordable housing projects they are now managing and pursuing across the island. The Kilauea project is named Kauhala o Namahana and will be next to the “Titcomb Subdivision” (actually Kilauea Estates) and is being designed to preserve as much wind exposure and views as possible for the existing subdivision. Habitat for Humanity may build the first 6 homes.

- Question on how to apply and the qualification process? Taylor Reid said this is all on their website <https://www.pal-kauai.org>. The first step is a homebuyer education program, followed by getting on a County government-administrated homebuyer waitlist which is about 460 people long in all of Hawaii. Then once your name is reached they will send the list back to PAL for further qualification considerations.
- Larry Graff overviewed the Kekaha 13-unit project which is aligned with Women-In-Need, Section 8 and houselessness status.
- Mr. Edmonds overviewed the Kalaheo and Waioli projects. PAL headquarters is in the Anahola Marketplace and the community is invited to stop by anytime.

Kilauea Community Agricultural Center Pavilion Usage – Yoshito L’Hote: Mr. L’Hote is representing the community interest to be able to do other activities under the pavilions

such as cultural activities (baby luau, graduation parties, weddings, funerals) along with rollerskating/rollerblading and other types of activities. Mr. L'Hote is soliciting additional community input on such use.

- Question on proposed costs to use the facilities? It is intended to be a minimal cost activity similar to Lydgate, with bathroom cleanup and other activities subsidized by the retail activities.
- 7 community members including Councilwoman Cowden (in her role and as a KNA constituent) spoke in favor of expanding the pavilions for these kinds of uses.

MOTION by Gary Pacheco, seconded by Mike Latif to write a letter to the County supporting expanded uses of the Pavilions within County guidelines. Further discussion.

- A community member would like to see a proposed written plan of usage (days of the week and hours), sound studies, etc. similar to what Anaina Hou was required to do.
- Question on what the proposed hours of operation would be? The Kilauea Community Ag Center is active 6 am to 9 pm and in the case of special events typically is permitted until 10 pm.
- Question on what would happen if Kauai Christian Academy or Church and KCAC were holding events at the same time – what would be the traffic and sound impacts?
- Discussion on sound decibel limitations and hours of operation to maintain good community relations.
- Question on events with alcohol and driving safely with the high number of pedestrians along this strip of road? KCAC would likely be required to operate similar to a County park so no alcohol at events.
- Question on whether there is a written use agreement and who would do enforcement? There is currently a liability waiver, they haven't constructed a use agreement yet but it will be within County and community guidelines. Police do enforcement.
- Aina Ho'okupu o Kilauea Board Chair Sandi Kato-Klutke said she would like to take the input and concerns from the community tonight back to help draft the use agreement and operational plans.
- A community member was concerned about perpetuating more potentially disruptive nighttime activities down the lighthouse road area and would like to see daytime events only.
- Question about traffic calming measures? The FLAT grant is working towards those improvements and measures.
- A Board member wants to capture the nature of the potential concerns raised (frequency, noise level, hours of operation) in the motion.
- A Board member would like to see the vote deferred to provide more opportunity to circulate more discussion among the community.
- A community member suggested supporting the motion with the proviso that the actual usage be reviewed by the community in a year's time.
- Chair L'Hote clarified that the County had asked him to bring this issue to the KNA in order to determine if there was community support to expand the use of the pavilion.

MOTION by Bill Chase, seconded by Ron Paul to amend the previous motion to provide a 1 year trial approval to expand the uses of the Pavilion and then reassess its performance at that time.

MOTION by Ron Paul, seconded by Charlie Martin to amend the previous motion to say expand the uses of the Pavilion within County guidelines. Motion to amend passed unanimously by voice vote (with Chair L'Hote and Director Burns recused).

Original motion passed unanimously by voice vote (with Chair L'Hote and Director Burns recused).

OLD BUSINESS:

Woods Guest House – Santo Georgio: Mr. Georgio provided plot maps and an overview of the guest house location. No concerns from the community.

Kilauea Town Sign: Mr. Latif can get the sign artist to develop if we can get a rendition. Bill Troutman has the sign. Mr. Latif will call him.

Kalihiwai Reservoir Decommissioning: Chair L'Hote is working on a presentation to outline all the key stakeholders and reasons for saving the reservoir, and also looking at water usage and management as a resource at a broader level.

Maka'ala informed the group that Rep. Nakamura is very interested and there is work towards a public-private partnership to address this. The permit was applied for in time for decommissioning but has 5 years available to implement. There is a website for more information. <http://www.kalihiwaireservoir.info/>

UPDATES:

Seniors: No report. Chair L'Hote heard they want to start back up soon. Also if any seniors need fresh produce from the ag center contact Joyce or Chair L'Hote.

PTSA: No report.

'Āina Ho'okupu O Kilauea / Kilauea Community Agricultural Center: Chair L'Hote is very proud of his staff, they produce 3K lbs. of produce a week for the past 3 months out of the ag park and most of it goes to those in need via the produce boxes. They are processing pigs and will be starting up about 25 chickens a week again. There are 5 qualified farmers who are signing up for plots to develop their own farming operations while being able to use the comprehensive infrastructure in place and support the community. AHK is now selling more product per month than we used to sell just a couple years ago. AHK is hiring now and will be adding more positions once the retail space opens. There are mangos available now!

Anaina Hou: No report.

Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge / Friends of Kaua'i Wildlife Refuges: Jen Waipa announced that this Saturday is the annual Lighthouse celebration commemorating the initial lighting in 1913. There will be lei making and book signings, and the lighthouse

will light at 7 pm. This is a fee-free day. The Kalihikai Serenaders will be playing music starting at 5 pm.

There was an unfortunate event last week on the Kahili side of the refuge where 2 loose dogs killed 6 red-tailed tropic birds on the refuge. The dogs were caught and owners were found. Please put your dogs on a leash!

Fence construction for the predator-proof fence is ongoing. There is a QR code on the sign there for more information.

Thomas Daubert with the Friends Group reported there is a new website at www.kauairefuges.org.

Applications are open for the Dan Moriarty scholarship for 2-4 year degrees through April 30th. For scholarship info, please visit us here: <http://www.kilaueapoint.org/scholarships>

The shearwaters have returned! Please be careful around nesting areas and watch pets.

Kaulana Kīlauea: No report.

Kia'i Kāhili: No report.

Na Kia'i O Nihokū: No report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None.

Approval of Minutes:

The April 2022 Kīlauea Neighborhood Association meeting minutes were approved by email.

Adjournment of Meeting:

Upon motion duly made by Gary Pacheco seconded by Bill Chase and carried unanimously, it was resolved to adjourn the May 3, 2022 Kīlauea Neighborhood Association meeting at 9:27 pm.