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**MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 6, 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: 17+ including Councilwoman Felicia Cowden

Call to Order: Chair 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 \$4,799.74. 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. No new information on the Hay or Bertsch property. Chair L'Hote heard January may begin court proceedings on eminent domain for Bertsch property.

Communications Committee: Thomas Daubert would like anyone with community announcements to contact him, as we publish these twice monthly.

A new page for disaster preparedness resources is being compiled on our website at:
<http://kna-kauai.org/emergency-preparedness/>

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: Thomas offered to draft a fundraising letter for local businesses, which would articulate our case for support and how we serve our community.

NEW BUSINESS / GUEST PRESENTATIONS:

Red Cross Disaster Preparedness - Padriac Gallagher: The Red Cross offers community training to help households and communities become Red Cross Ready, which consists of 3 main things: have a disaster kit, make a plan, stay informed.

Disaster Kit is usually 2 week supplies of essentials, with a portable portion including food and water in case of having to transfer to a shelter (they do not have food/water available typically). You can expect 10 square feet per person and a safe space to ride out the immediate storm. Also keep a kit in your car.

Plan: who is grabbing which supplies and doing which prep tasks, where will you meet up, how will you reconnect? Practice it.

Informed: Search resources for how to prepare your home, create disaster kits and plans, etc. Use our new KNA website resources. Listen to the local radio. Take a plate of muffins to you neighbors. Get to know them a little bit before a disaster hits, not in the middle of one.

Question, when was last time an emergency shelter was opened? March of this year in Hanalei due to a rain event. For Kilauea it was Hurricane Douglas in 2020 (the school and gym). For hurricanes the Red Cross usually starts activating 5 days out.

Community Training Events are an option so people can learn about what shelters are like and how they are run. Awareness events designed around Red Cross Ready.

Volunteering such as Red Cross, Ham Radio, medical teams, etc. Only 0.9% of the population helps take care of all the rest.

Online courses such as FEMA training. These are newly updated and very interactive.

HHARP program – Hawaii Hazard Awareness and Resiliency Program. This is a yearlong program the community drives and goes through to get trained in all aspects of how to prepare for various types of disaster scenarios (flood, hurricane, tsunami, active shooter, fire, etc.). Can help create maps of vulnerable populations. Hanapepe has completed this. Website link: <https://dod.hawaii.gov/hiema/resources/hharp/>

Question on the Kilauea generator that the County is supposed to maintain. The hookup to the gym is ok but the hookup to the neighborhood center needs addressing. Also general maintenance like tires, oil, test running, etc.

Can we use KNA website or another tool for community resources?

Mr P for George Moniz - AMR: Mr. Moniz is on vacation on the mainland, so Mr. P. reported there is an effort underway from Haena/Wainiha citizens to move the ambulance base location from Kilauea over to Princeville or Hanalei.

This issue was brought before the KNA 2 years ago July 2020 and covered in detail.

Namahana School updates – Kapua Chandler: Kapua reported they received their charter which is a big milestone. There are now a number of preassurance tasks to complete in order to get a final contract and open. The goal is to open Fall 2025 with 7th and 8th grade first, and then roll out each higher grade after that. By 2030 would be the first senior graduating class.

Lorraine (Lori) Mull with Kauai North Shore Community Foundation is handing the founding baton off to Namahana Education Foundation shared by Kau'i Fu. Their website is: <https://namahanafoundation.org/about/namahana-education-foundation/>

The next big effort will be their Special Use Permit for the 8 acres on Wai Koa Plantation (99 year renewable land license) is on ag land so it requires a special use from County.

There will be a community engagement event on October 23rd at 1:00 PM at Anaina Hou. See the website for updates on this event.

Kia'i Kahili: There was some activity down there recently where rocks were moved and the beach was accessed over the damaged drain culvert which could be dangerous.

An access study was discussed to consider both sides of Kahili access. There is a consultant currently doing work in the Princeville to Haena area for The Hanalei Initiative who may be well qualified to assess options for this. Jeremy Burns will reach out to them.

There has been an increase in people staying overnight in vehicles in the area and it was requested for police to increase checks and enforcement as necessary in the areas. Councilwoman Cowden noted that vehicle campers rented online are being used for these purposes and also in Anahola – so writing a formal letter could help. Also with all the access pushed to Wailapa side it gets so congested that emergency vehicles cannot make it all the way down.

Please do not treat this beach as a dog park! It is very problematic with the bird population so close by.

MOTION to write a letter in support of additional regular overnight Kahili beach access monitoring by Director Daubert seconded by Director Latif. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

Kalihiwai Reservoir: Chair L'Hote reported no change. There will likely be a meeting next week on this topic. The Kalihiwai association is meeting October 15.

Kilauea Gym Renaming Dedication Memorial: Mr P reported the North Shore Lions club initiated a letter to the Mayor and Council to dedicate the gym in memory of Bill Troutman. The government was receptive to this idea and is working on the paperwork. We need to know when this will end up in front of Council so we can show support at that time. Chair L'Hote has a call into Wally Reznentz for the same topic. KNA has already drafted a support letter to this effect.

UPDATES:

Seniors: Have not resume their meetings yet, so no update.

Kilauea School PTSA: Sonrisa Stepath reported a great turnout at the latest meeting but she was only able to attend briefly. Support teachers for art (Sonrisa) and music are in place.

'Āina Ho'okupu O Kilauea / Kilauea Community Agricultural Center: The Market/Deli building is making steady progress, rough in is done and wiring next. Suggestion to take pictures of all the plumbing and wiring before the walls are closed.

We are waiting to hear back from some grants we have applied to in order to support various things such as the building construction, produce boxes, and new farmer support.

The Food Bank is doing a special kupuna program and using our produce boxes as part of that.

Anaina Hou: No update.

Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge / Friends of Kaua'i Wildlife Refuges: Jen Waipa reported the refuge is reopening Wednesdays starting Sep 14th.

Predator-proof fence construction for the predator-proof fence is ongoing and has been a success so far for these birds. Work will be done on the Kilauea road section shortly.

There has been quite a bit of trespassing in Nihoku with people and dogs so the fence should help for that, and if community can help kakou the beach area.

Staffing remains a challenge but a maintenance tech has been hired in August. Three Kupu interns will begin their 10-month internship beginning in October.

In August there was a bi-annual water bird count. Over 2K birds were counted in Hanalei. 563 koloa duck, and aa white-faced ibis. Huleia also had 49 koloa duck.

Thomas Daubert with the Friends of Kauai Wildlife Refuges Group reminds everyone there is a new website at www.kauairefuges.org. Please sign up for their newsletter for additional information!

The group was awarded complementary space in Kukui Grove near the food court and will have educational information up celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Hanalei Wildlife Refuge – please stop by through the end of September to see it.

The Friends group is participating in the Princeville Foodland Give Aloha fundraiser.

Kaulana Kilauea: Mr P reported the Christmas Celebration will be Saturday December 10th 5:00 pm at the park. Santa Claus may make an appearance. 4 celebrities will be coming to support this. The menu is being worked on. More details to come.

The annual house lighting competition for Kilauea is on this year. Donations for prizes are being accepted.

Kia'i Kāhili: Covered in new business.

Na Kia'i o Nihokū: Mehana reiterated that Nihoku to Kahili is a whole watershed that is connected and there is new developments being done in the area which affects the drainage issues.

The collaborative management system has been asked to present to Congress.

The contested hearing set for July was pushed back to January at the request of the Planning Department due to their busy schedule.

Namahana Charter School: Covered in new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The new Kilauea School principal Fig Mitchell is very easy to work with and there may be a revived Pancake Breakfast at the school in the future.

Approval of Minutes:

The August 2022 Kilauea Neighborhood Association meeting minutes were approved by email.

Adjournment of Meeting:

Upon motion duly made by Gary Pacheco seconded by Ron Paul and carried unanimously, it was resolved to adjourn the September 6, 2022 Kilauea Neighborhood Association meeting at 8:35 pm.