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**MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 1, 2022**

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Location:** Kilauea Neighborhood Center

**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:** 24+, including Councilwoman Felicia Cowden and Mayor North Shore Liaison Polly Phillips.

**Call to Order:** Chair L'Hote called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. There is a quorum.

**COMMITTEE / COMMUNITY REPORTS:**

**Finance Committee:** Gary "Mr P" Pacheco reported we have \$5,599.74. We received a \$100 donation. We need to renew our insurance. Please send donations to PO Box 328 in Kilauea if anyone wants to contribute!

**Planning Committee:** No report.

**Communications Committee:** Thomas Daubert reported to please send any interest in signing up for the Kilauea Neighborhood Association announcements, questions or potential meeting topics to [joekilauea@gmail.com](mailto:joekilauea@gmail.com).

**Fundraising Committee:** No report.

**NEW BUSINESS / GUEST PRESENTATIONS:**

**FLAP Grant Bicycle & Pedestrian Access Project – Michael Moule:** Michael gave a presentation on the project for Kilauea which is 70% of plans complete and likely to start summer to fall 2024. This project ties into the State project to install a roundabout at Kolo / Kuhio intersection adjacent the Shell gas station. There will be a mini-roundabout at the corner of Kolo and Kilauea road, and the corner of Keneke and Kilauea. Sidewalks will be installed along all of Kilauea and crosswalks with lighted beacons at uncontrolled intersections are included. Most of the sidewalk will be 8' wide, with some narrower 5' sections between Seacliff and the Lighthouse.

Question on total budget? Roughly \$8-10M, perhaps as high as \$12M but not likely.

Question on sidewalk location? It will be mostly on the west side of the road until right near the Lighthouse.

Question on parking at the Sunset overlook? There will be no official parking on the west side of the road as there simply isn't room on that side. There is no room to put the sidewalk on the east side of the road due to the slope without moving the road over to the west. A soft or no curb on the west side would be desirable.

Suggestion about painting the concrete apron to make it very visible with yellow reflective paint, especially with new mini-roundabouts that have no large center raised island.

Question for the Church on gravesites locations near the road, Moule will follow up on right-of-way issues.

Question on how to build the Keneke roundabout with current traffic flow going on? This is possible similar to Kawaihau roundabout being constructed in place, but actual plans are not detailed yet. The whole project should take about a year to build.

Question on loss of very limited roadside parking if the sidewalk is wrapped around Kilauea to Keneke street? There may be some loss of a few stalls. The driving interest is to maintain the curb around the roundabout, to not leave pedestrians without a path to transition to Keneke, and not to have parking too close to the roundabout entrance.

Question on speed humps or cushions proposed – where would they be located? This has not been determined yet. Concerns about speeding north of Keneke road and the negative impacts on nēnē and other wildlife and children at KCA school.

Question on whether center islands can help with traffic calming without roadway bumps? A 6 foot minimum is usually necessary and might require widening the road so they are not in the current plan. Flashing beacons have just proven to work very well instead.

Question on whether roundabouts will have lighting to help show the roundabout and the cars in the roundabout which is very important. County will look at the lighting in these intersections.

Question on whether we can turn the Sunset area into an official viewpoint as part of this project? This will be looked into as part of a broader agency (Parks) and community partnership.

Question about the new entrance road to Kilauea across from Anaina Hou? The County is looking into this and working to get it back on the STIP.

**Ron Paul in memorium – Beryl Blaich:** Ron always stepped up to volunteer and support KNA and the community. Marion Paul wrote a beautiful letter to KNA which Beryl read.

**Kilauea Bike Ride 11/19 4:30p – Brian Zimmerman:** Brian is an avid bike rider and participated in Bikes on Rice. He would like to extend this idea to Kilauea and have some organized rides. Helmets are required and helmet donations are accepted. It will start at the baseball park by the bleachers.

**Nēnē on Kilauea Road – Felicia Cowden:** There is a Java Plum near the ag center exit that provides shade and attracts them. Yosh can help trim it back if there is no community opposition. Also there is concern around getting to the Sunset overlook spot in the evening and speeding.

**Kilauea Gym Dedication for Bill Troutman update – Felicia Cowden:** This is a done deal. A Christmas event to celebrate the dedication would be great. It would be the Bill Troutman Gym.

Question on who will make the plaque? Felicia expects County will do it, unless the community had design or manufacturing recommendations - ?.

**KNA Board Elections:** Next meeting will be the nomination of the Board members. Please suggest potential candidates to Bill Chase. There are likely to be 3 spaces available. Candidates must show up in December, but we may need a new location due to renovations. Anaina Hou volunteered to be an alternate location.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**None.**

### **UPDATES:**

**Seniors:** They are having in person meetings again, we hope to get a report soon.

**Kilauea School PTSA:** Sonrisa Stepath expected a Zoom meeting so was unable to attend.

Councilwoman Cowden reported unsafe behavior related to school traffic with people going around into the oncoming lane. This is being investigated. Fig Mitchell is in attendance and gave a report about the 15 minutes it takes to do pickup – if community could avoid the area for these timeframes it would be especially helpful. Pickup time is from 2:00 – 2:15 pm.

Question about whether signs can be put up at Liliokalani and Kilauea Road areas informing about school pickup and avoid the Kolo area.

Question about whether the School can draft a statement for community members and organizations to post to social media accounts to increase awareness. Fig will look into this.

Question about buses? The entire island is dealing with a bus driver shortage. A bus pickup is typically about a 2 mile radius and schools contract the bus companies which causes issues.

Reminder do not use the walking thoroughfare through the school during school hours.

**‘Āina Ho‘okupu O Kilauea / Kilauea Community Agricultural Center:** There will be a public Ku I Ka Mana gathering event Friday November 11<sup>th</sup> covering Plantation Days: 4-5p farm tours, 5-6 talk story, 6-8p dinner and music. Kumu Kehau, Gary Pacheco, Gary Smith and others will be guest speakers.

The kitchen is well under construction. The opening will be in 2023 and will be a slow ramp up as we showcase locally grown and increase production at the same time.

**Anaina Hou:** Jill Lowry reported that December 10<sup>th</sup> they have Paula Fuga and a Christmas Concert on December 17<sup>th</sup> with Hanaiali'i. There will be a patio put in front of the pavilion.

**Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge / Friends of Kaua'i Wildlife Refuges:** Jen Waipa reported they extended a laborer position recruitment until November 14<sup>th</sup>, which is on the Friends Group website ([www.kauairefuges.org](http://www.kauairefuges.org)) and in the KNA newsletter.

There will be a fee-free day next Friday in honor of Veterans Day.

Thomas Daubert for Friends of Kauai National Wildlife Refuges reported they have job openings at the nature store and please remember to purchase kama'aina passes and visit the Refuge.

**Kaulana Kilauea:** Mr P reported the Christmas Celebration will be Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm at the park with free parking. Santa Claus may make an appearance. 4+ celebrities will be coming to support this. The Kilauea Noodle Factory will be serving saimin. They are accepting corporate sponsorships of \$1,000, which provide space for a banner on stage and a booth. More details to come.

KNA is sponsoring the annual house lighting competition for Kilauea. Donations for prizes are being accepted and Michael Ching and North Shore Pharmacy have already donated.

**Kia'i Kāhili:** No report, meeting is this coming Friday.

**Na Kia'i o Nihokū:** The contested case intervention for the Green's property will be November 14th. There will only be 1 person per side allowed for the 3 day schedule in a closed forum.

Question on any update on Kahili Rock Quarry road? There was a 3<sup>rd</sup> fire down there so a potential arsonist. The blocking rocks (bollards) have been moved further down the road and sealed up very well. Mike Lyons spoke to Wade Lord who indicated they are looking for the right engineer to go do the work there leading to a concept plan. KNA should invite Wade Lord to a future meeting.

**Namahana Charter School:** Sara Wright thanked those who attended the recent open house and their website is updated with the latest information.

Yosh reported an individual currently renting in the Kalihiwai Ridge Association is informally proposing to move the school to the Ag Park in Kilauea. However, nothing official has been proposed to KNA or 'Āina Ho'okupu O Kilauea.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Councilwoman Cowden announced that Operation Green Light (to put a green light outside houses for Veterans Day) to support veterans and mental health this month.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion to approve the October 2022 Kīlauea Neighborhood Association meeting minutes by Bill Chase, seconded by Sara Wright. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.**

**Adjournment of Meeting:**

**Upon motion duly made by Gary Pacheco seconded by Kalena Pacheco and carried unanimously, it was resolved to adjourn the November 1, 2022 Kīlauea Neighborhood Association meeting at 9:04 pm.**