

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES FOR: FOR MARCH 8, 2017

Time: Meeting started at 7:05 pm and ended at 9:15 pm.

Location: Kīlauea Neighborhood Center

KNA Directors present: Yoshito L’Hote, (President), Gary Pacheco (Treasurer), Beryl Blaich, Charlie Martin, Jim O’Connor, Ron Paul, Ginny Shinn, Carrie Souza
Missed and excused: Beeno Castillo, Shaylene Kimura, Scott Mijares, Mike Latif, Laurie Patch, Bill Troutman

Community Attendance: ?

Call to Order: President Yoshito L’Hote called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and presided over the meeting.

Treasurer’s Report

Gary Pacheco reported the following expenses: \$172.70 for Christmas chestnuts; \$416.25 for Christmas tree lights; \$23.14 for checks; \$100 to Kīlauea Bakery and \$150 to King Young Village for a total of 5 gift certificates given as prizes for the annual Christmas house decoration contest; \$250 donation to Kauai Police Activities League. A \$50 donation was received *from* ?. The treasurer established a new savings account of \$2500 with the Kaua’i Community Federal Credit Union. This account is comprised of donations that exceeded the expenses for the Kupaoa Holiday Concert. The current KNA checking account balance is \$5930.27.

Committee Community Reports

Beautification - No report

Planning

Ginny Shinn and Beryl Blaich reported that the Planning Committee met on February 26, 2017. Jim O’Connor, Ron Paul, Charlie Martin and Ben Welborn attended. Because a meeting on the subdivision of the Hay property was anticipated to be scheduled for March 8th, the committee focused on trying to insure that the future subdivision would be generally guided by land use goals set forth in the Kīlauea Town Plan. Ben Welborn volunteered to try to speak with County planners.

Subsequently, Ben did meet with the Planning Director Mike Dahilig who said that the subdivision process provides no opportunity for the kinds of conditions desired by the KNA. This is the same response given to Yoshi L’Hote and Ron Paul when they attended a meeting on the possible subdivision, as well as to Ginny Shinn and Beryl Blaich when they met with Deputy Director Ka’aina Hull to ask how the KNA could be more informed and more effective in giving input about the important planning decisions currently affecting Kīlauea.

Kāhili – Kī’Ai Kāhili

Jennifer Waipa, Manager of the Kīlauea Point Wildlife Refuge, reported nēnē, including goslings, had been killed by dogs on Refuge land (*and Hawaiian Island Land Trust (HILT) land?*) at Kālihi Beach. FWS will be posting temporary signs,

reminding people about the County leash law and the Federal fines for harming endangered birds.

Communications - No report

Fundraising

Gary Pacheco said that he and Mike Latif had not met yet. Yoshi L'Hote reminded everyone that the Board had discussed the possibility of holding another "Kīlauea Day", including a parade, at the last KNA meeting.

Updates

Seniors – No report

PTSA – No report

Kīlauea Agricultural Center

The Ag Center received its electric permit. The equipment and cold storage building is being painted. The use *permit?* (*SMA?*, *special use on ag?*) required for the farmer's market building and bathrooms will be submitted to the Planning Commission in late April. Attorneys Ian Jung and Max Graham are working pro bono to prepare the permit application.

Kīlauea Point National Wildlife Refuge

The Refuge has hired two new employees. Maintenance in the historic lighthouse lens room is occurring, and a long-term maintenance contract for the lighthouse will hopefully be completed by the end of the year.

The researcher (*John name?*) for the first phase of the Federal Land Access Program (FLAP) Federal-County project reported. This phase covers research regarding possibilities to improve pedestrian access between Kīlauea and the Refuge entrance. An open house will be held in May to share findings and recommendations. Funding for Phase II of this project, which would support planning and engineering, is being submitted by the County. Phase III would implement the improvements and also look at possible shuttle service to Kīlauea Point.

New Business

Hugh Strom, Aqua Engineers

Mr. Strom was unable to attend this month's meeting to talk about sewage treatment plants. He rescheduled for April.

Plateau Subdivision Update

Andy Friend reported meeting with Mike Dahilig, Planning Director, Mike Moule County Public Works Director, realtor Paul Kyno representing the Kaua'i Community Federal Credit Union (KCFUCU) along with attorney Ian Jung, about the intended subdivision of the Hay parcel.

Andy described the proposed subdivision layout. There would be 6 lots:

- 1) Half acre on the R-6 zoned land for KCFCU
- 2) Half acre for housing on the R-6 zoned land
- 3) 58.8 acre parcel thought to continue to used for agriculture,
- 4) 11.2 acre parcel close to the post office and credit union and “most likely to be developed first”,
- 5) 24.7 acre parcel adjacent to the Bertsch property with Kūhio Hwy. frontage and “likely to be developed second” and
- 6) 14.5 acre parcel with Kūhio Hwy. frontage likely” to be farmed in turmeric for now”

Esaki’s surveying is currently working on a draft subdivision map. This map is expected to be completed in 30 days.

Land for the Bypass Road and bike path from Kūhio Hwy to the Post Office, will be donated by Mr. Hay. (*?He is not building the road, right?*) Although land will be allotted to a potential roundabout on the Bypass Road near the Post Office, no roundabout is anticipated to be constructed for the immediate future. No land is allotted for a future fire station nor for a roadway reserve to accommodate a leg of the Bypass Road that would intersect Kīlauea Road near the Rock Quarry Road. There will be no access to the bike path from the Titcomb Estates. The easement for the waterline to the ag park is included. No density will be allowed on the parcels until zoning action occurs.

KCFCU will receive a “green light” to submit its use permit parallel to the subdivision application process, subject to final subdivision approval. The road accessing the R-6 parcel will be “bonded” which means that if the owner (*Hay? KCFCU? who?*) fails to develop the road the County will fund the improvements.

Mr. Hay’s already permitted fruit stand will not be built until shopping center construction heavy equipment use of that area is finished.

Department of Health (DOT)

Larry Dill, District Kaua’i Engineer of the State Department of Transportation, attend the meeting in order to respond to community concerns.

On **maintenance** issues: Regarding clearing vegetation off roadsides, particularly at intersections, guardrails and signs, Mr. Dill said that "it may be possible to bring DOT’s Westside crew to come north to assist". In general, it is not possible to privatize sections of road maintenance, but the union might consider four work days of ten hours per day.

Regarding **potholes**, DOT is testing a new patching material at Hā’ena and hopes to be utilizing it soon. Regarding potholes where State versus County jurisdiction is not clear or may overlap, specifically 1) at the service station entrance to Kīlauea at the edge of right turn “lane” (going west) and 2) at right, turn-in to Kalihiwai Rd. (Kīlauea side of bridge), Mr. Dill will talk to his counterparts at County Public Works

in order to address these situations.

Gary Pacheco and Carrie Souza asked that DOT check out “ledge” at the Kilauea end (?) (both?) of the Kalihiwai Bridge where the highway meets the bridge. This ledge seems to “jump” cars into the on-coming lane.

On **speed limits** from Kilauea River through Kalihiwai River Bridge, Mr. Dill said that the DOT will need to conduct speed study in order to standardize or to reduce the variety of posted speeds within this short stretch of highway.

On **road signs**, residents pointed out some possible sign removals:

1) a 30 mph sign left on highway after road repairs (between town and Kalihiwai Rd.?) and 2) multiple No Parking Anytime signs on Kūhio Hwy, near the waterfall and the former Kalihiwai Valley overlook.

Gary Pacheco asked that the DOT check out lack of mile markers from Ko’olau to Līhu’e. Currently "there are none: only sticks with red flags."

On **improving pedestrian safety when crossing Kūhio Hwy.** at the Kilauea Town entrance (near the Menehune Mart and Kaua’i Bus stops), Mr. Dill will look at options/alternatives. Flashing lights were suggested, but Mr. Dill stated that “flashing lights on higher speed roads give pedestrians a false sense of confidence.”

On the **slope stabilization project** near Kalihiwai Bridge, easements to allow work on private land are being finalized, and the DOT will keep the community apprised of the status and schedule of that project.

Meeting attendees expressed gratitude and enthusiasm for: reflectors; repainting road stripes, especially where there are turn-in, turn-out stacking lanes and ROUNDABOUTS! Mr. Dill said that traffic lights require constant maintenance in our wet climate, making roundabouts cost effective. Board members and residents expressed satisfaction that the General Plan Update proposes three roundabouts on Kūhio Hwy., starting with current Town entrance. Gary Pacheco stated that a neighborhood scale roundabout would work well at the intersection of Kilauea Rd. and Keneke St/ Ala Nāmāhana Rd. (Kong Long Center/ Lighthouse Shopping Center and Post Office) The planned left-turn holding lane on Kilauea Rd. is going to back up traffic in this residential area, making it even harder for Kilauea Rd. neighbors to get out of their driveways and creating a bottleneck at the intersection of Kilauea Rd. and Oka St.

Mr. Dill reminded the community that we can call Willy Ortiz day or night (241-3000) to report highway issues. He also suggested that we may want to write and call our State legislators to encourage funding needed for North Shore District road resurfacing.

Anaina Hou

Executive Director Thomas Daubert informed the KNA that due to high costs, the Anaina Hou Board had decided to terminate the food service at the mini golf facility, except for non prep items like coffee, soft drinks, and ice-creams. Instead, they are proposing to open a “food truck court” for which they are accepting applications until March 15th.

The nonprofit intends to accommodate four, but no more than six, trucks adjacent to the golf course. Mr. Daubert said that the area would be reconfigured to accommodate the trucks without sacrificing parking. Food trucks would lease their spaces for \$1500 per month. Anaina Hou would retain an exclusive right to selling all drinks. The food court would be open from 7 am through dinnertime. Anaina Hou will provide on site wastewater disposal and cold and dry storage, use of mini golf and bathrooms (two unisex single toilets and sinks. Covered seating would be provided by use of both the covered picnic tables and the gift shop where wi-fi will continue to be available to the public. Wastewater and sewage would be serviced by Anaina Hou’s existing septic system.

Board and community concerns included: uncertainty about what State and County permits are needed for a food truck court, if any, and what number of food trucks comprise a restaurant; the need for a master plan for Anaina Hou, the adequacy of the septic system for present and future plans, and the loss of jobs, in particular starter jobs for young residents. Although high costs are driving this change, Mr. Daubert said that they were “pledging to keep all jobs.” Mr. Daubert said that Anaina Hou will present a master plan in six months. He stated that the Pu’u Kumu School is being redesigned and that the school is a separate nonprofit which is leasing its site from Anaina Hou.

Thomas announced free first Friday movie will be “Finding Nemo. “ And Gary smith will be the speaker at the Mo`olelo Talk Story Series on Friday, April 21st, with the Kilauea Social Club providing music.

Old Business

Brochure - no report

Kāhili Rock Quarry Road Somers Permit.

The conversation between Charles Somers and Jim O’Connor and Charlie Martin about the possibility of amending Mr. Somer’s SMA conditions did not occur. Mr. Somer’s was not on island , as thought, and there was some confusion about the decisions that the Board had made at the end of that long meeting which concluded at about 11 pm.

Announcements

Gary Pacheco reminded everyone that North Shore Lions Scholarships are available to high school graduates, residing from Moloa’a to Ke’e, of any age, who are furthering their education. Last year, the Lions gave \$19,000 in scholarships. These grants are easy to apply for.

Download the application at www.kauainorthshorelions.org. Requests must be postmarked by March 31s.

Gary also reminded everyone that the annual North Shore Lions all-you-can eat Pancakes and Hula Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, April 23rd at Hanalei School Cafeteria.

Mehana Vaughan solicited help with filling the golden egg prize Easter baskets for the Kilauea Community Outreach Project's annual Easter egg hunt, held the Saturday before Easter (April 16th). Tamara Martin is heading up this traditional event. Almost all of the baskets were taken.

Greg *Last Name?* announced that the next Planning Commission hearings on the General Plan are scheduled for March 14th and 28th. The Planning Department is looking for input, specifically written edits to the current draft. Find the plan at PlanKauai.gov.

New Business – added after announcements

Watkins Request

Through Ginny Shinn, who conveyed a letter to the Board via email, Lincoln Watkins asked the KNA for a letter of support. The Watkins live in Seacliff Plantation, next to the Japanese Cemetery. They are working with KIUC to put the utility line on Mihi underground which “will benefit our view, be a substantial improvement for the Cemetery and will improve the view of Crater Hill for everyone in the area, especially those who drive on Lighthouse Road.” The Watkins also want KIUC to move its communication antennas (not the ground equipment) to ATT and Verizon's new “tree pole” in the Japanese Cemetery.

Beryl objected to use of KIUC funds for this purpose, but Ginny stated that the Watkins are willing to pay for undergrounding the line for all or part of the length of Mihi Rd. Charlie noted that there were communication towers on upper Crater Hill in the past. Mehana Vaughan wondered if the Watkins might support providing a “shortcut” trail between Mihi and Makana'Ano Pl, to making accessing the FWS view parcel easier for the elderly and kids. Gary strongly opposed the Watkin's request. He stated that the Watkins house had ruined Kilauea Town resident's view of landmark Crater Hill, dominating the view of the hill from Kilauea Rd.

A motion was made to write a letter of support and was seconded.

? not clear who made the motion and who seconded it...

Four members voted for the motion (Ron, Charlie, Carrie and Ginny). Two members voted against the motion. (Gary and Beryl)

Ginny volunteered to write the letter for the Board.

Approval of minutes

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of February 7, 2017.

Adjournment

President Yoshito L'Hote adjourned the meeting at 9: 15 pm.