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**MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 5, 2019**

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Kilauea Neighborhood Center

KNA Directors Present: Yoshito L'Hote, Ron Paul, Gary Pacheco, Jim O'Connor, Thomas Daubert, Don McConnell, Mike Latif, ~~Stephenie Brown~~, Charlie Martin, ~~Beryl Blaiich~~, Jeremy Burns, Bill Chase, Adam Hadley

Community Attendance: 47, including 14 County staff & support personnel

Call to Order: Yoshito L'Hote called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

Opening Comments: Mayor Derek Kawakami

- Grateful to represent this island
- Instilling a culture of service and best-place-to-work
- Focus on illegal TVA's
- Focus on illegal drug use (blue light comfort station initiative to start)

County Dept Heads in attendance:

Michael Dahilig (Managing Director), Sarah Blane (Chief of Staff), Polly Phillips (North Shore Liaison), Reiko Matsuyama (Finance Director), Michelle Lizama (Finance Deputy Director), Kanani Fu (Housing Director), Gerald Rapozo (Liquor Control Director), Wally Rezentz Jr. (Parks Deputy Director), Ka'aina Hull (Planning Director), Roy Asher (Asst Police Director), Lyle Tabata (County Engineer Deputy Director), Kilipaki Vaughan (Fire Dept Head), Bryan Weinand (Water Dept Head)

Questions

1) Kilauea Lighthouse Road potholes?

Answer: There are 328 miles of roads to maintain across county, 155 miles of state roads, Parks also owns some, and some ownership is unknown/contested. Lyle Tabata explained policy of road resurfacing and where to find plans and bids out on the county website. Expect definitive plan to take shape by May. Discussed alternate road / pedestrian walkway bypass from Kolo road and how that fits into overall traffic plan and federal funding support. Interim improvements to existing Kilauea lighthouse road, with long term plan with roundabout (sized similar to Lihue middle school example) at Kolo/Kilauea road and sidewalks on both sides to be completed estimated 2021.

2) a) County owns circular drive around Kilauea Park by stone shopping center – can potholes be addressed? b) What is the plan with the bypass road?

Answer: b) Federal funding support requires one project at a time. Priority is required to be taking care of existing infrastructure before building any new roads. a) Lyle will team with Parks department to come up with a plan to address circular drive. Mayor Kawakami reiterated desire and need for communities to take ownership of their parks and will partner and support community-driven priorities and initiatives.

3) Parks bathrooms – Kokee example as very unsuitable – plan to address?

Answer: Mayor Kawakami considering several options, including closing restrooms at night and funding a part-time weekend crew to enhance coverage. Funding is inadequate and will likely be looked at for increased budget. Process and procedure review and best-practice identification is being undertaken. Kokee is state-owned but many county comfort stations are in similar situations. Will assess needs vs. wants, and ongoing maintenance and repair requirements of any new parks or other county systems.

4) Can the bus allow suitcases / personal luggage and more point to point stops?

Answer: Mayor Kawakami indicated paratransit is consuming about half of the overall shuttle budget and may be able to be deployed more appropriately and efficiently to reduce unwarranted costs. Also there should be additional budget now to review routes, fares, and features to improve service to those who use transportation agency services.

5) Speeding is a big problem on Lighthouse Road and Kolo Road. 40 mph in a 15 zone by schools. Kahilihoho is a famous car dumping road / site and suspects are well known. Drug use going on late at night in women's bathroom in particular at the park. We need assistance with some of these specific issues.

6) Mayor asked a minor if he had any concerns – yes, please no raves at Kahili beach!

Answer: KPD response – key players are known, leader has been arrested. Stings have been done starting just before Halloween and will continue.

7) Chair Cowden (chair of public housing) – supporting affordable living initiatives, citizen police assistance program.

Answer: Mayor Kawakami developing new “office of human concerns” to tackle social issues head on by enhancing services and taking the lead, instead of deferring them as state or federal issues.

8) Affordable housing?

Answer: Mayor Kawakami noted backlog of 9000 units of housing now. He envisions using our county assets that are underutilized. One component is 65 year leases with affordable rentals with developers that takes land/infrastructure costs out of the equation for developers. Kanani addressed Kilauea specifically – infrastructure constraints are known and being looked at.

9) Affordable housing follow up – how about farmer housing in conjunction with Ag Park?

Answer: Mayor Kawakami related his family farm housing story and is open to reviewing options in partnership with community.

10) Affordable housing follow up – Parking with families stacked together, holding parties, parking all over the lawns etc. – is infrastructure planning taking this into account?

11) Mehana suggested close family real estate sales and discussions vs. turning to open market in order to maintain 'ohana housing opportunities. There is a need after seeing north shore for areas to kapu and restore and heal as they used to historically. Also mahalo to attendees here for caring and supporting community.

12) Housing sale equity revenue – any opportunity to tap huge equity gains? Perhaps some type of Conveyance tax?

Answer: Mayor Kawakami noted there are tax considerations being reviewed. Big discrepancy right at \$2M threshold.

13) What about neighbors who are taxed much higher suddenly because someone sells their house?

Answer: There is a 3% increase cap on homestead properties (owner-occupied) to protect for this.

14) Can we keep affordability of housing down through not raising housing taxes which get passed on to renters?

Answer: This will be considered through tax reviews.

Treasurer's Report: Gary Pacheco reported January's Balance is now 8,372.88. An anonymous donation of \$1000.00 is included in this balance. Gary paid for D&O insurance in January.

Committee / Community Reports:

Beautification Committee: Gary Smith has developed a park area plan diagram and posted on the chalkboard. There are 40 workers on the list for work days now. Safety issues have been identified such as trees hanging over cars that could break off.

Minutes from Officers Planning Meeting: Jeremy reviewed key topics for 2019. Gary mentioned a new fence has been put up very recently along Kahili Quarry road that restricts vehicle access down to one lane in a section. **Upon motion duly made by Gary Pacheco, seconded by Don McConnell and carried unanimously, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the January 2019 Kilauea Neighborhood Association planning meeting.**

Communications Committee: Thomas Daubert will merge and consolidate email addresses for meeting notifications. Website has been updated and contains Tom's email for community announcements / concerns.

Fundraising Committee: Mike Latif will chair this committee, with Yosh supporting.

Planning Committee: No report.

Election Committee: Chair TBD.

Community Updates:

Seniors: No report.

PTSA: Thursday is walk-to-school day with bus theme. S.T.E.A.M. family night event Tuesday at 5:45. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is every Wed beginning Feb 20th, register at Kauai.gov/cert. Career day is March 8th, forms are available to share their career at Kilauea school.

Ag Center: Hemp is a newly legal crop with large financial potential; interns will come on site for 6 months and develop a business / join a co-op as well as cultivating under their own name at the Ag Center. The Ag Center is part of a pilot project since September growing ¼ acre of hemp. CBD oil made from hemp is very lucrative, but intention is to provide Kaua'i residents affordable access as a priority. For Co-op, water agreement is in final stages and just waiting on county to sign off on easement. Off-site water system being developed. Farmer's market pavilions to be near the road is still in the works.

Kilauea Point NFWS: Mike – deputy director. Visitors access opened on the 10th, full re-opening done on January 28th with federal continuing resolution passed. Things may change if not renewed when set to expire on February 15th. Avian botulism is worst in winter so a few key staff were kept on to monitor – but no outbreak this winter fortunately! Hearst construction experiencing delays in Weke road rebuilding is impacting their scheduling which impacts road work start date for Kilauea – not anticipated in February.

Question – will a survey be done as part of road resurfacing? Jim O'Conner has had it surveyed a dozen times over the years, there should be no question on metes and bounds. The county easement was originally specifically for widening the road and should be used as such. Mike states that the original plan was to widen the road by several feet on each side, but the plan now is to resurface the existing roadway with no widening on Fish and Wildlife property only. Gary Smith noted that the road was double the existing width of today when it was an active quarry road, and only vegetation encroachment plus drivers taking the path of least resistance has shrunk the road over time. This activity has slowly moved the road closer and closer to the cliff edge. Mike will have Gary walk the roadway with Rick Hearst and himself prior to work starting.

New Business:

Yosh listed the 2019 KNA officers and directors.

Old Business:

None.

Announcements:

Felicia Cowden provided KKCR waverider forms for business promotion opportunities.

Upon motion duly made by Jim O'Conner, seconded by Charlie Martin and carried unanimously, it was resolved to give \$250 to KPAL.

Upon motion duly made by Jim O'Conner, seconded by Ron Paul and carried unanimously, it was resolved to give \$250 to Project Graduation Kapaa High.

North Shore Lions Club has secured a \$20K with \$20K match for golf donation.

North Shore Lions Club breakfast is coming up for Easter.

North Shore Lions Club was approached by a Honolulu company Makani Kai Air about interest in flights from Princeville to Honolulu direct for approximately \$74. They are looking for community input. Contact Gary Pacheco for more information 652-2323.

Upon motion duly made by Charlie Martin, seconded by Adam Hadley and carried unanimously, it was resolved to give \$500 to Kilauea School.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion duly made by Thomas Daubert, seconded by Jim O'Conner and carried unanimously, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the January 2019 Kilauea Neighborhood Association meeting.

Adjournment of Meeting:

Upon motion duly made by Charlie Martin, seconded by Don McConnell and carried unanimously, it was resolved to adjourn the February 5, 2019 Kilauea Neighborhood Association meeting at 9:20 pm.