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**MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 5, 2019**

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Kilauea Neighborhood Center

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

Community Attendance: There were 23 community members present, including Councilwoman Felicia Cowden.

Call to Order: Yoshito L'Hote called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

Treasurer's Report: Gary Pacheco reported that he had written checks in support of the Kaua'i Police Athletics League (KPAL) Basketball Program, the Kilauea School Art Program and Kapa'a High School Project Grad, the post-graduation, drug-free all night party.

Committee / Community Reports:

Beautification Committee: The Kilauea Town Entrance Sign was damaged in recent high winds. Thank you to Bill Troutman for repairing the sign and to Troy Schmidt for continued landscaping maintenance of the entrance area.

Planning Committee: Ron Paul reported that the committee is developing a survey of residents' current housing situations and needs as well as attitudes toward desiring and paying for a community wastewater treatment plant. The Committee is also pursuing an affordable housing opportunity in Kilauea.

Councilwoman Felicia Cowden stated that since Kilauea Road will soon undergo expensive repairs, the KNA should notify Lee Steinmetz, County Transportation Planner, that sewer lines should be included now rather than having the road dug up for such infrastructure in future.

Councilwoman Cowden also informed the community that the County Department of Water has prioritized, budgeted but needs a location for new well for Kilauea. A United States Geological Survey (USGS) study identified a half-acre site near the Catholic Cemetery on Kuhio Hwy. Gary Smith and Jack Gushiken attended the meeting at which this was discussed.

Communications Committee: Thomas Daubert has transferred all of the email addresses from the KNA collection to our new Mail Chimp distribution program. If you are not receiving our emails and wish to sign up, please contact us at joekilauea@gmail.com. Thomas is also maintaining the Facebook page for the KNA, and the KNA blog.

Fundraising Committee: The Board is hopeful that the KNA and PSTA can hold a joint-spaghetti dinner at the school as has been done in the past.

Community Updates:

Kilauea Point NFWS: Refuge Manager Heather Tonneson reported the births of 74 Laysan Albatross chicks. FWS staff are developing a special use permit for commercial uses of the Refuge, including some tours of the Point and filming and photography. There is an opening for a permanent Budget Analyst position, level GS9, which pays \$52,000 per year. The repair of the Rock Quarry Road is moving forward. The County (SMA?) permit is likely to be granted soon. Rick Hurst Construction will be doing the work.

Seniors: Ellie Weeks reported that the Seniors would be doing outreach, as in entertaining, in Lawai.

PTSA: Adam Hadley invited everyone to enjoy the Kilauea Elementary School annual play, Friday, March 8th and Saturday, March 9th. This year the students, under the direction of Farah Chapin Krovoski, are presenting the musical "Madagascar Junior."

Ag Center:

Except for wind damage to all the screen houses, Yoshito L'Hote conveyed good news at the Kilauea Agricultural Center:

- Market pavilions and bathrooms okayed except for DOH permit for septic system which is expected soon;
- More CSA (food basket subscriptions);
- GAP (good ag practices) certification is almost in place which will allow the Ag center produce to be sold to Wilcox Hospital;
- Starting in March, Mark's Place will be buying produce;
- New interns are terrific.
- And a new large greenhouse will replace four smaller screen houses.

New Business:

Nā Pali Coast Boat Tours from Hanalei

Stephan Koehne came to the meeting seeking support for his effort to get the State to take a look at boating permits in Hanalei. He feels that five permits – owned by companies for many years and which they can sell if they retire – is too little. He is circulating a petition. His four primary reasons for wanting to expand the number of boating operations out of Hanalei are:

1. There is substantial unmet demand. Many tourists, staying on the North Shore, who want to see Nā Pali Coast, cannot.
2. Traffic reduction. North Shore tourists, who go to Port Allen for Nā Pali Coast trips, would not be on the highway.
3. Better paying jobs. More boats would mean qualified, ocean-knowledgeable water young men and women would get well-paying jobs doing what they love.
4. More eco – friendly. Current boat engines are less polluting than those in the past.

Stephan acknowledged that during the eighties/nineties there were too many boats in Hanalei, but five is too little. He also stated that passengers using the Westside companies did not fully experience the Nā Pali Coast.

Stephan was strongly supported by Board member Stefanie Brown, who recalled her own experience working on the boats as a wonderful time of educating tourists, being part of ocean industry as an ocean person. She felt anyone who wanted to should be able to see the amazing Nā Pali Coast, and that there was no evidence that the boating industry, had negatively impacted marine resources.

Frank Rothchild and Evelyn DeBuhr spoke against expanding the number of boats or amending rules, recalling living in Hanalei during the period of rapid boat operation expansion. Board member Beryl Blaich said the present rules came out of years of legal actions and environmental studies and that she would not be comfortable commenting on something that was, first of all, within the geographic interest of the Hanalei Community Association. She did note that the fact that the existing permittees can sell their permits had never seemed fair to her. Jill Lowry stated the opportunity for young people to have well-paying jobs seemed more important than the environmental piece. Councilwoman Felicia Cowden suggested that Mr. Koehne should attend the upcoming Department of Boating and Aquatic Resources (DOBAR) meeting.

Yoshito L'Hote stated that since there were questions and others to be consulted, the KNA would appreciate Mr. Koehne keeping the KNA informed as his petition and initiative moved forward.

Calendar of 2019 Events – events will be posted on KNA Blog.

There will not be at PTSA Jungle Run this year.

Gary Pachecho and Lihau Hannahs Paik have begun planning for next year's Kupaoa and Friends Christmas Concert. Date will be earlier in December. Food booths should be moved further away from the stage and audience. What to do with young children? The entertainers find children dancing and running in front of stage disruptive, and the activities booth, valiantly manned by the Hadley family last year, did not make a big difference. Possibilities: 1) Announce that kids need to sit and enjoy the concert, and parents need to control them. 2) More activities for kids, including a jumping castle. 3) Accept that kids run in big spaces, especially with good music.

Old Business:

Shopping Center Update

Kirsten Hermsted, Lighthouse Shopping Center construction manager, anticipates that parking lot paving will commence on the makai side of the center by March 15th. First tenants are expected in June or July and include a veterinary clinic (stone Plantation Office Building /O'Connor Realty), Java Kai, Island Soap, Wyland Gallery. New tenants include Wailua Shave Ice, Kaua'i Government Federal Credit Union, a cellular provider, a barbeque place. Foodland's waste water treatment package plant will not be finished at the opening. (Foodland's opening?)

Widening of Kīlauea Rd. for the left turn stacking lanes into Ala Namahana Rd. is still held up until Hawaiian Telcom completes moving its lines to the new poles, allowing the old poles to be removed. Landscaping will occur before the screens are down. There will not

be a big opening ceremony for the shopping center, until the majority of spaces are occupied. There will be no parking on Kīlauea Road and on Namahana Parkway. In negotiation with Titcomb neighbors, the height of the fence between the Titcomb subdivision and the shopping center will be raised.

Announcements:

Yoshito L'Hote introduced Jill Lowry as the new executive director of Anaina Hou.

Thomas Daubert announced the Kai Ocean Art Show, an auction of Patrick Ching paintings to benefit the Kīlauea Point Natural History Association (KPNHA) at the Point Visitors Center until March 9th. Also, the Dan Morarity Memorial Scholarship, for science and environmental studies, application process is opening up next week.

From Gary Pacheco: The North Shore Lions Club is giving away \$40,000 in scholarships to students living between Ko'olau and Ke'e. Students in trade schools, college, grad schools are encouraged to avail themselves.

Approval of Minutes: February , 2019

Upon motion duly made by Jim O'Connor , seconded by Beryl Blaich and carried unanimously, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the February, 2019 Kīlauea Neighborhood Association meeting.

Adjournment of Meeting:

Upon motion duly made by Jim O'Connor seconded by Charlie Martin and carried unanimously, it was resolved to adjourn the March 5, 2019 Kīlauea Neighborhood Association meeting at 8:50 pm.