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**MEETING MINUTES
MAY 7, 2019**

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Kilauea Neighborhood Center

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

Community Attendance: 17, including guest presenter Jennifer Luck and Representative Nadine Nakamura.

Call to Order: Yoshito L'Hote called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM

Committee / Community Reports (part 1):

Wai Koa Plantation Porter Trust Land Sale: Jennifer Luck reported that the Wai Koa Plantation estate is for sale with Hawai'i Life. A conservation easement has been established with the Hawaiian Islands Land Trust to preserve community access to the Wai Koa Loop Trail, accessible through Anaina Hou Community Park, and stone dam which will live on no matter who buys the property. The charter school will have a 99 year lease; all other leases are being closed. There was an existing CPR with 45 units on the large parcel and 5 units on the small parcel, but this was not registered properly so has reverted to only 15 units now total. The CPR is being abolished completely but the 15 density units will remain. Water rights are held by a separate LLC entity (part of a former C. Brewer arrangement: KRCA, Common Ground, and Porter Irrigation share water rights and stewardship) but are expected to be included in the property sale.

Treasurer's Report: Gary Pacheco deposited the April & May Maui circulation funds. The reported May 7th balance is now \$7,322.88. .

Committee / Community Reports (part 2):

Beautification Committee: No report.

Communications Committee: Thomas asked that anyone who wants to join the email group or isn't receiving email notices please contact him at joekilauea@gmail.com.

Fundraising Committee: Mike and Gary are interested in a spaghetti dinner at the school. Adam will work with them on details.

Japanese Cards (Hanafuda) are an option to be held at the Kilauea Neighborhood Center. Other games are also envisioned as part of community outreach. Ideas are welcome. This is hosted by the same nonprofit set up for the Christmas Concert.

PTSA fundraising to help provide for music, PE, art in the classroom once a week is needed. Please contact Lorraine at 652-0545 to provide ideas and support.

Election Committee: No report.

Planning Committee: Ron reported that work is ongoing on the Kilauea housing / sewage treatment survey.

Community Updates:

Seniors: No report.

PTSA: Adam reported no PTSA meeting last month. Kilauea School update – this is staff appreciation week so please support them any way you can! Register kindergarden children shortly. May Day celebration went very well. Friday May 31st is the last day of school.

Ag Center: Yosh reported we are now beginning to switch to summer-friendly crops. We are 3 months into our adult internship program. To help sustain this and increase overall demand, the Ag Center will be meeting with Senator Kouchi and DOE shortly to discuss contracting with schools, hospitals and the jail on island with fresh local food. The hemp product trial is still ongoing, but regulations and the market continue to change rapidly. The Ag Center is working under State rules and with Dept of Agriculture oversight. The Ag Center is the first in the State of Hawai'i to legally harvest hemp, and processing is now ongoing. The Ag Center is working with Agricultural Development Center (ADC), a very large citrus grower on Maui that is working to open a 250 acre Ag Park on Maui. Yosh will be visiting them and sharing knowledge. The on-site water system should be done in the next couple weeks. The off-site water system still has some County conditions on the subdivision to be satisfied before a water easement can be finalized and work can proceed. Grant writing continues in earnest.

Questions: about organic certification, schools using local food, and CBD vs. Hemp oil?

Answer: Institutional contracts mentioned will cover schools and increasing local food for schools. Organic certification is very difficult to comply but we are certified so far and will attempt to stay so as long as possible. We are not making hemp oil (squeezed from large quantities of seeds), we are using the whole plant to draw out essential oils at this point and expect to sell that. These oils could then be further refined into CBD via a special process but it is very involved and we are not at that step yet.

Kilauea Point NWR: Mike Mitchell (Deputy Director at the Refuge) reported that last weekend 1420 people attended the 106th anniversary and late lighting of the Lighthouse. This coming weekend on Saturday is a special Nihoku hike and Kāhili Quarry plastic cleanup (signups required and space is limited call 635-6367) for world ocean day.

The US Fish & Wildlife and DOT is having a special environmental assessment meeting May 29th 4:30 – 7:30 pm at Hale Halawai 'Ohana O Hanalei for the new Hanalei Overlook proposed site in Princeville. Groundbreaking is expected to be late summer 2019, and completion at this time next year. 24 parking spots are expected for phase 1, along with future space for an up to 106 spaces park-and-ride for shuttle support use (which would be a separate phase 2 permitting and planning effort). The complete phase 1 and 2 cost is expected to be roughly \$3-5 million.

Thomas Daubert reports family fishing fun day will be on Saturday, June 8th at the refuge for 20 kids as a pilot project (stream and ocean fishing). Plan is to invite kids through the school, and volunteers are needed.

New Business:

Kāhili Rock Quarry Road: Mike Mitchell reported Somers has paid to have the road smoothed and is now reopened. Signage will be posted on appropriate use. Red-tailed tropic bird nesting areas must be respected. If any inappropriate or harmful actions are noticed please call the police and a Fish & Wildlife officer is patrolling.

Housing Survey: Beryl reported we are very close to launching our housing needs survey, anticipated ready on May 13th and to be completed by May 31st. Take it online at KilaueaSurvey.com. Outreach will include door-to-door, community events, flyers at local businesses, and distributed to students. We need volunteers to help with outreach to some Ag Lot areas – please contact Beryl or KNA for details.

Upon motion duly made by Ron Paul, seconded by Jim O'Conner and carried unanimously, it was resolved to provide a Letter of Intent to the State for a long term lease agreement for a 2 acre parcel in central Kilauea owned by Hawai'i Public Housing Authority to develop an affordable housing project.

Expiring Christmas Tree: Yosh reported the large Kilauea pine tree at the dispensary is showing signs of significant stress and probably won't make it until December.

Road to Ha'ena Opening: Nadine covered this event below in her Legislative update. Public is welcome for the ceremony expected to be on or about June 5th.

County Auditor: Jim reported we have not had a county auditor for about 5 years. County Council is seeking applications for the position.

Upon motion duly made by Mike Latif, seconded by Bill Chase and carried unanimously, it was resolved to write a letter to County Council to support adhering to the stated requirements of the County Auditor position when considering applicants for the position.

Old Business:

Lighthouse Shopping Center: Kristin reported the post office road has now been paved along with the makai side parking lot. Friday we will be pulling our first building permit for a tenant. The market should open (along with the makai parking lot) at the end of June or beginning of July... there is still a lot of work to do underground with wastewater

treatment. All planting must be done before dust screens can come down. There are multi-stall public restrooms on both sides of the project.

Legislative Update: Nadine communicated that Sherry Gonzales was named principal of the year on Kaua'i and celebrated at the state capital.

Funding was found for resurfacing basketball courts and the Kilauea water system. Several organizations received grand-in-aid: North Shore Food Pantry, Malama Kauai, Anaina Hou playground.

Nadine strongly supported two bills that passed: one added another year to using the \$100M flood relief funds and allow it to be used for mitigation projects; the other increased illegal parking fines to \$200 out in Ha'ena. Hopefully the Governor will sign both bills during the official re-opening ceremony expected in early June. Additional bills in process include additional charter preschools, and rental car fee increases.

Shuttle Update: Jeremy reported there will be a Kaua'i North Shore Shuttle from Princeville to Ha'ena State Park (Ke'e Beach area). Please visit kauaiNSshuttle.com for the latest details.

Announcements:

None.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion duly made by Beryl Blaich, seconded by Thomas Daubert and carried unanimously, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the April 2019 Kilauea Neighborhood Association meeting.

Adjournment of Meeting:

Upon motion duly made by Charlie Martin, seconded by Mike Latif and carried unanimously, it was resolved to adjourn the May 7, 2019 Kilauea Neighborhood Association meeting at 9:28 pm.