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**MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 6, 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: ~40

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

Treasurer's Report: The reported June 4th balance is now \$6,356.76.

Committee / Community Reports:

Beautification Committee: Gary Smith reported that, through the Kilauea Pride campaign, he and volunteers planted about 14 palms along the front entrance of Kilauea. Gary also donated large containers along with some maintenance-free plants along the road. The committee would like to host a volunteer day in September (maybe Kahili?). There is no retaining wall currently planned near the Dispensary Park sidewalk. However, there are ongoing discussions to put one in later if KNA supports it. A Christmas Tree (30' Norfolk Pine from Lighthouse School) will be transplanted to take the place of the former tree, which perished. There were also some old plumeria trees removed where the new sidewalk is going to be placed.

Upon motion duly made by Bill Chase, seconded by Beryl Blaich and carried unanimously, it was resolved to support building a stone retaining wall for landscaping maintenance.

Planning Committee: No report.

Communications Committee: Thomas will discontinue the PSA announcement on KKCR for the housing survey. The website was hacked but has now been fixed and the related bills are submitted.

Fundraising Committee: No report.

Election Committee: No report.

Community Updates:

Seniors: No report.

PTSA: Yesterday was the first day of school. There is not a PTSA board in place right now. They need people to step up (kindergarten parents?).

Ag Center: Yosh reported they have started construction on the pads for the new pavilions. The CSA has started again.

Kīlauea Point NWR: Jennifer Waipa reported there is a supervisory park ranger position open until Friday. The Environmental Assessment for the Hanalei Viewpoint Project is progressing, along with Hanalei Wetlands Plan (tentatively for public review Sep – Oct ish).

The Kia'i Kāhili community stewardship group (supporting Rock Quarry) participated in a visit around the area with the FWS regional law enforcement and deputy chief. FWS staff plans for more frequent visits to the site. An informational table for Kia'i Kāhili will be set up at Kīlauea Bakery. They will host a beach cleanup on August 17th, in addition to another one continuing on the other side of the river the first Sunday of each month.

New Business:

Christ Memorial Episcopal Church: David Akana reported as the senior warden of Christ Memorial Episcopal Church and introduced Pastor Gae Chalker. She has served as Priest of the church for over a year. Pastor Gae shared that the church property includes the 3 buildings across the street and she noted many renovations have been done since the flood. There has historically been some bad behavior in the area across the street, which leadership is addressing. The sanctuary is now open 9-4 with beautified burial grounds. Please only donate to the Thrift Shop during open business hours which are Tues, Thurs, Fri from 2:00 – 5:00, Wed 9:30 – 12:30 and Sat 9:00 – 3:00.

Hana Hou: Cindy Marvin reported they will open a commercial kitchen in 2430 Oka Street (the Hale Lea building) to support a catering business and provide a certified kitchen space for businesses that need to process value-added products. Limited retail, not a restaurant. Potentially keiki cooking classes down the line. Hours estimated 7:30 – 7:00 pm (likely 4:00 pm in practice). Donna Apisa, landowner, requested a KNA support for the use permit. Members of the community proposed including a line requesting that, if the approved commercial use sunsets, the community would like to honor the residential zoning and revert back to residential use at that time.

Upon motion duly made by Beryl Blaich, seconded by Stephanie Brown and carried unanimously, it was resolved to write a letter of support for the proposed commercial kitchen use, with a stipulation that if the approved commercial use sunsets, the community would like to honor the residential zoning and revert back to residential use at that time.

Gather FCU: Gather's President and CEO Tess Shimabukuro, architect Mark Ventura, and attorney Sherman Shiraishi made a presentation and request for a letter of support for their use permit. Tess shared that Gather's furthest north/east office is in Kapa'a. 2700 of their 35,000 members live on the north shore, with 1700 in Kilauea. They have a new full-

service ATM at Ching Young Village. They have an opportunity to purchase half an acre (out of a 1.8 acre parcel) across from the post office currently zoned residential. They would like to construct a 3400 sq ft. single story building in order to provide a North Shore branch, and they prefer ownership to renting. As currently designed, the branch would include a drive-thru option and 24-hour ATM. The Planning Commission granted preliminary approval, with a public hearing scheduled on August 13th in the planning commission hearing room. They are asking for a letter of support from KNA to proceed with a rezoning and use permit. They have 1516 signatures of support. Following the presentation, several community members presented a request for KNA not to support the project, due to its negative impact upon the neighbors in close proximity to the proposed site.

Upon motion duly made by Bill Chase, seconded by Gary Pacheco to write a letter of support to the Planning Commission for the Gather FCU rezoning and use permit.

Upon motion duly made by Adam Hadley, seconded by Mike Latif to amend the first motion to be a conditional letter of support which includes provisions for nearby affected homeowners including fencing, lighting, hours of construction, hours of use, noise abatement,

Original motion withdrawn by Bill, seconded by Mike Latif and Gary Pacheco. Passed unanimously.

Upon motion duly made by Beryl Blaich, seconded by Bill Chase and passed unanimously, it is resolved to write a letter of conditional support to the Planning Commission for the Gather FCU rezoning and use permit subject to provisions made for adequate fencing, noise abatement, animal-friendly lighting, headlight mitigation, amended drive through hours, construction hours and use hours to protect nearby affected residential neighbors.

Common Ground: Jen Luck and Adam Watten reported on the Kuawa Road planned widening to 20' and repavement, now expected to begin August 23rd. The property should reopen to the public around Thanksgiving season 2020, including a proposed farm to table restaurant. The new owners plan to retain public access to the History Stone Dam.

Adam reported that the project will include an Ag Accelerator project for value-added Ag to promote small agriculture and jumpstart small businesses.

Kilauea Road: Paving will begin this week from the Kolo intersection gas station past the health food store, then down Kilauea Road to Oka Street, then work on Kuawa Road, then returning to finish paving Kilauea Road to Titcomb. There is a proposal for a temporary roundabout structure near the stone church. The safe schools Kamali'i Street project is now paved and posted as one way with a walking / biking lane.

Nadine Meeting: Nadine is supportive of the KNA's vision for a new housing project but feels that KNA is not in a position to best serve as the developer. She suggests that we seek experienced partners to help. KNA is continuing to investigate design options, utilities, etc.

Old Business:

Shopping Center Update: Kirsten Hermstad reported that the County will stop paving to allow curbs and sidewalks to be put in first, then finish paving along the shopping center area. KGEFCU credit union will be at tenant the shopping center, which is 70% leased. The animal clinic is expected to open around August 15th and the market is now projected for around September 1st, due to a further weather delay. Landscaping is being done now including numerous native trees.

Announcements:

Upon motion duly made by Adam Hadley, seconded by Mike Latif and carried unanimously, it was resolved to post our meeting minutes on the website.

Jeremy will share copies of the final minutes with Thomas, who will create a dedicated space on the KNA website for posting.

Approval of Minutes:

Not conducted this meeting.

Adjournment of Meeting:

Upon motion duly made by Jim O'Conner, seconded by Bill Chase and carried unanimously, it was resolved to adjourn the August 6, 2019 Kilauea Neighborhood Association meeting at 8:58 pm.