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**MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 3, 2019**

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Kilauea Neighborhood Center

KNA Directors Present: Yoshito L'Hote, ~~Beryl Blach~~, 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: 22, 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 Project Graduation at Kapa'a High School sent a thank you card and letter. The reported September 3rd bank balance is now \$5,631.10. We have one undeposited check for \$50 from Maui circulation.

Committee Reports:

Beautification Committee: No report.

Planning Committee: Ron Paul reported the Bertsch property of approximately 23 acres is for sale. It is zoned Ag, and would require many approvals before a change of zoning would be instituted. Adam Roversi is now Chair of Housing for the County of Kaua'i.

Jeremy Burns reported on final summary survey results for the Kilauea Housing Survey which had 342 total respondents – a high turnout given the approximately 750 households in the Kilauea area.

Communications Committee: No report.

Fundraising Committee: No report.

Election Committee: No report.

Community Updates:

Seniors: Seniors are busy rehearsing for the big craft fair show in October - all 5 senior centers across the island participate at the Convention Hall.

PTSA: Adam Hadley reported they had their first PTSA meeting of the year. There were new members with energy and the board is being assembled.

Ag Center: Yosh reported that the second round of internships will begin in September, with 7 potential candidates identified so far.

The Ag Center provided white pineapple to the kids in Kilauea and Hanalei schools. Some did not even want to try it which is concerning.

Yosh was able to attend a cafeterias' meeting among the schools on island and the procurement process is challenging for them and for potential new small distributors wishing to participate in farm-to-school local produce initiatives. The cafeterias are very limited in preparation tools.

The Ag Center is still working on the Waste-To-Energy project using a Microbial Electrolysis Cell (MEC) to create hydrogen and electricity. A partnership is being formed to develop and test a small-scale working prototype at the Ag Center. Composting worms can help extract chemicals, heavy metals and other contaminants that traditional wastewater treatment methods cannot. The prototype will first be constructed in New Mexico and tested thoroughly before shipping it to Kilauea which should be in approximately 2 years.

The restrooms are being constructed at the Ag Center and drawings are being finalized for the fruit stand building. Construction is expected to be finished near the end of 2019.

Kilauea Point NWR: Jennifer Waipa reported they have been working with a Directorate Fellowship Intern for the past 9 weeks. They are looking at a shuttle system for the busy season (Jan – Apr) and potentially a mixed system of online reservations and hop-ons.

National Wildlife Week is the 2nd full week in October. Activities such as kayaking and hikes to typically closed refuge areas are planned.

There is a new Friends of Hanalei nonprofit that will help with support activities in that area.

Avian botulism is on the rise due to elevated temperatures. Please report any sick birds (which can receive an anti-toxin and be saved) or dead bird carcasses. Volunteers are needed on the closed refuge to help with this, call the Wildlife Refuge or Jen Waipa for volunteering activities.

Kahili Quarry Road is a one-time fix. Fish and Wildlife is responsible once their boundary is entered. There is a Kia'i Kāhili community stewardship group (supporting Rock Quarry) which will help monitor and maintain the area and make improvements for use by people. An informational table and posters for Kia'i Kāhili will be set up at Kilauea Bakery, please volunteer and help!

Beach Cleanups for Kahili are on an established schedule now: on the Fish & Wildlife side will be the first Saturday of every month, and on the Wailapa side will be the 3rd Sunday of every month.

Anaina Hou: Playground construction finalization volunteering opportunity is upcoming – please visit the website or contact them for details.

New Business:

Kilauea Road Paving: Paving is partially completed, now they are doing Kolo and Kahiliholo Road, then they will return to finish the new Foodland parking lot, Kuawa Road, and then the rest of Kilauea Road to Titcomb by mid-late September. The long range plan for 2021 is to continue paving.

Shopping Center: No report.

Hays Subdivision: Ian Jung still hasn't completed the permits with the department. The County Planning Commission needs additional members to assist and help make quorum. The permits must be completed before the off-site water line for the Ag Center can be put in place to bring water on site and allow for expanded crop production.

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:

None.

Approval of Minutes:

Not conducted this meeting.

Adjournment of Meeting:

Upon motion duly made by Gary Pacheco, seconded by Jim O'Conner and carried unanimously, it was resolved to adjourn the September 3, 2019 Kilauea Neighborhood Association meeting at 8:02 pm.