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**MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 7, 2020**

**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, Mike Lyons, Charlie Martin, Don McConnell, Jim O'Connor, Ron Paul

**Community Attendance:** 15

**Call to Order:** Yoshito called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

**Committee Reports:**

**Beautification Committee:** No report.

**Planning Committee:** No report.

**Communications Committee:** Thomas Daubert reported to please send an email to [joekilauea@gmail.com](mailto:joekilauea@gmail.com) to get on the mailing list. There is a sign-up sheet for anyone who wants to receive our emails.

**Fundraising Committee:** No report.

**Election Committee:** No report.

**Community Updates:**

**Seniors:** Elli Ward reported that January 14<sup>th</sup> the Seniors will be singing at Mahelona Hospital.

**PTSA:** Adam Hadley reported that crossing guards are still needed! Please contact Adam if you can volunteer, or if you would be interested in a paid position. It could be a full day position such as crossing guard in morning, help out at the school during recess, and crossing guard at night. 6 people are needed to cover 3 crossings.

There is a raffle for the school with excellent prizes and limited tickets. Grand prize is a reimbursable vacation up to \$5000. Tickets are \$20.

There is a science expo for elementary grades. Mike Latif may be able to donate some old equipment.

Fitness Fun Day is tentatively planned for Q4 of the school year.

Lorraine mentioned that KIUC is willing to donate money to schools for art supplies, but nobody asks. Adam will follow up.

**Ag Center:** Yosh reported that we hope to pour the slab for the first pavilion this week, weather permitting. The pavilions are on-site in containers ready to construct; the roofing will arrive January 21. We are aiming for April to have a big opening for the restrooms and pavilions.

We are still waiting on the Hay subdivision for the water supply.

We are very happy the Seacliff Board and community is supporting installation of windbreak trees along the border of the Ag Park and Seacliff roads. We are doing the second section of planting along the road now.

We have had a successful giving campaign in December.

We have 7 more interns that are now in their course and 3 interns in the second cohort that will begin to farm on-site. We hope they will all successfully complete their courses and become on-site farmers.

We are still working on the MEC waste-to-energy system. The development timeline is expected to take longer than expected but we are still working on it.

We are still working on the funding situation for the Fruit Stand building concept. Cas of Akamai Juice is interested in operating the stand and is a great fit for the concept. We are continuing to seek funding to cover the cost of construction.

A community member mentioned the Food Pantry has until April and will then need to move out of their current ChristChurch location.

The main section of the pedestrian entryway has been constructed.

**Anaina Hou:** Jill reported that Anaina Hou is working on permanent (non-tent) construction of the building that will hold the solar panels.

There is now a space for pop-up shops to rent. This can be done for an event, a week or monthly. It may evolve into co-working spaces in the future as well. Please contact Jill for details. They are hoping they can find some ways to subsidize the space through the Office of Economic Development.

This last year is the first year without Porter financing. They are having challenges standing on their own financially but are navigating it. There is some community perception that Porters are still financing Anaina Hou but this is incorrect, although Joan Porter is still on the board. Anaina Hou is limited in their support they have been able to provide compared to the past, but they are developing a tiered system to help provide support to the most needed (similar to a 990 approach for nonprofits).

Anaina Hou is checking with KPD and KFD as to how to use their facility in case of future disasters. Some things include an alternate landing site, an equipment storage and distribution facility to the rest of the north shore, a pavilion to bivouac first responders, and possibly others.

Social Awareness Film Festival (SAFF): First annual film festival "Social Awareness Festival" will be February 17-23<sup>rd</sup> 2020. Tickets will go on sale in January. They are focusing on indigenous and native peoples. Movies include Kanaka Stand Tall, Hawaiian Legend of Eddie Aikau, Tribal Justice, Joseph Pulitzer Voice of the People, Dolores, Sweet Dreams, and others. 3 filmmakers will be coming from the mainland with a VIP pre-film opportunity and free Q&A afterwards. Thanks to support from Southwest, Office of Economic Development, and private donations. If this goes well they will aim to double down in the fall.

**Election of Officers – Appointment Results** - Don reported that all officers are staying in their appointed positions.

Mike Lyons introduced himself; he is the General Manager of Hanalei Bakery and Coffee Shop and lives in Kilauea.

**2020 KNA Calendar of Events** – there was discussion about having a fundraiser for the Asuncion home fire. They have insurance but it will take a couple years. They are now living with Olena, squeezing an already tight house. They have a GoFundMe to help get lawn tools back to help restart the family yard maintenance business. They may be receptive to a fundraiser event later in the summer or fall to help with furnishings or other needs. Everyone please help think of ideas of ways to support them. Yosh will circle back with them and keep in touch with their needs.

**Common Ground** – Maile Walters reported they are working on constructing an island-to-table restaurant and meeting/gathering place; in the meantime they have facelifted the existing dining room and lanai. Their website is live at [commongroundkauai.com](http://commongroundkauai.com) where people can sign up for their newsletter to stay abreast of developments and can also be found on Instagram.

The signs on the main road have been taken down while construction is ongoing, but the name will remain Common Ground and they will be put back up once construction is completed.

The ag accelerator program is going well, they have been getting applications and are working on a cash and connections support methods. This can be found on [commongroundaccelerator.com](http://commongroundaccelerator.com)

### **Old Business:**

Yosh wants to bring Lee Steinmentz or someone from County on how the painted roundabout idea may come to life.

Can we have Kristen come in and provide an update on the status of the new retail space public restrooms?

The community can approach KNA to get any issues of interest on the table.

**NFWS:** Jen Waipa reported that Mike Mitchell has retired. They are in process of selecting a new deputy project manager. They may have a detailee in the meantime while they are working on the selection.

They have a new law enforcement officer Steve Cruz on site now.

Kahili Beach Cleanup is January 18<sup>th</sup>, starts at 8:30 am.

January 18<sup>th</sup> is a fee-free day for the Lighthouse in celebration of MLK holiday.

The lighthouse has been well attended lately. They have a detailee from Alaska to support.

Tomorrow is the last day for the 6 month seasonal park ranger job posting.

They are still working on the shuttle service which is expected at the end of the year, and there will be a combination shuttle/entrance fee.

With all the heavy rains recently they expect some shearwater burrows were flooded out on the Point, so it was likely a tough year for the birds. There has been an avian botulism outbreak the past two months on the north shore. The Nene have been delisted from Endangered status.

### **Old Business (continued):**

Yosh reported that we are in communications with a photographer regarding the use of a picture that was included in an educational non-commercial document, created by a community member and posted to the KNA website to help educate members of the community about a land use case coming before the planning commission.

**Treasurer's Report:** Gary reported as of December 31, our bank balance was \$6,825.95. We had proceeds of approximately \$780 from the Kilauea Christmas Concert, and the new balance is expected to be \$8,408.95.

Gary would like to see a motion for Troy Schmidt for doing mowing for free for so long.

The culvert on Rock Quarry road is falling apart. It is a problem someone should look into before there is an accident or road collapse. Yosh suggested Kia'i Kahili could spearhead looking into this repair and working to address it with partner support.

Motion: Charlie Martin moved that Troy Schmidt be provided an annual gas fund of \$500 dollars. Second by Bill Chase. After discussion, motion withdrawn by the original movers until further research is conducted by Gary.

### **Old Business (continued):**

Clarification was asked about the Asuncion needs and fundraiser idea. Yosh clarified that the KNA short term contribution was towards the tools (as is their private GoFundMe).

**KNA Housing Survey** – Jeremy reported that a draft results summary with graphs has been developed with Thomas Daubert’s assistance. We expect to post it online shortly.

**Kaua’i North Shore Shuttle** – Jeremy Burns reported that the shuttle transported over 440 people per day after the Christmas rains during the holiday season. Customer refund expectation when there are trail or ocean closures has been the biggest customer concern so far. Plans for Kilauea shuttle leg expansion have not been developed yet but we expect to address this in the coming months for implementation in 2021.

**New Business:**

None.

**Announcements:**

North Shore Lions golf tournament is this Saturday supporting scholarships. Last year they gave out \$40,000 worth of scholarships. Go to [kauainorthshorelions.com](http://kauainorthshorelions.com), click on Scholarship, and tell them why you need it in the application.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Upon motion duly made by Mike Latif, seconded by Thomas Daubert and carried unanimously, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the December 2019 Kilauea Neighborhood Association meeting.**

**Adjournment of Meeting:**

**Upon motion duly made by Charlie Martin, seconded by Beryl Blaich and carried unanimously, it was resolved to adjourn the January 7, 2020 Kilauea Neighborhood Association meeting at 8:22 pm.**