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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**MAY 5, 2020**  
**VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING (DUE TO COVID-19)**

**Time:** 7:10 PM

**Location:** Zoom Meeting

**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:** 30+

**Call to Order:** Vice Chair Beryl called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. We are adjusting the agenda to move directly to guest presenters.

**Community Updates:**

**Dr. Terry-Bivens:** She is very well connected with mental health resources and can assist communities.

Question, are people happy with the current situation? Dr. Terry-Bivens noted that it is a mixed bag, some keiki are very happy to be out of school and hunting/fishing with family, but many people are extremely stressed for a number of reasons. Dr. Terry-Bivens will provide flyers that we can distribute and Thomas can post on our website. Dr. Terry-Bivens will share her contact info via the Chat function. Many people know her by first name, or as an equestrian or a school counselor but not as a doctor.

Marie Terry-Bivens Drmarieterry@gmail.com 808-332-7190 Pacific Psychology Partners

Felicia Cowden has been spending time at all 5 homeless camps and noted trauma at all of them. Dr. Terry-Bivens will accompany her to help assess the situations.

**Ambulance:** Teri Tico reported the status is uncertain due to COVID-19 changes. Felicia Cowden reported Princeville is supportive as long as the station is on the edge of Princeville not running through the neighborhoods. Hanalei-Haena Community Association is ok with the proposal. There is also discussion about Kapa'a taking over responsibility for Anahola / Aliomanu area.

**Kilauea River Valley:** Mauna Kea Trask (attorney for Charles Somers) will not speak to the legalities, personalities or people involved – but will speak to the resources in the area

in question. Mr. Trask reported on long history of the kalo lot in the area dating back to the 1800s. In the 2010's, 69 ancient l'oi were discovered along with irrigation channels on one of the old overgrown lots. Mauna Kea believes it would be wonderful if Kilauea could (in HILT conservation easement perpetuity) protect and steward these lo'i. It could be integrated into the conservation easements easily, it could be restored, kalo could be sold through the Kilauea Community Agricultural Center. The island has seen a number of industries from whaling to sugar to tourism, but we should support maintaining local historical agriculture.

Question: Were the 69 structures part of separate kuleana awards? No, it was one kuleana to the only woman to receive one.

Question: Can water be restored to the l'oi? There is a waterfall and it appears that it could, but an expert would need to look into it.

Question: Can we receive a copy of the history stated? Yes, it is all public.

Teri Tico (attorney for Mike and Rose Kaplan) reported a modest one-story 2300 sq. ft. house has been fully permitted and is already under construction (it was temporarily halted due to COVID-19). An injunction was filed by Mr. Somers which has been denied by the judge. They have followed all County rules and State preservation rules and intends to conserve all the archeological sites in question. There is evidence of other residential and industrial uses (including an old rice mill). Ms. Tico would like to return next month and provide a full presentation.

Question: What is happening on May 19<sup>th</sup>? Ms. Tico reported there will be oral arguments on Mr. Somers appeal of the Hendrikus agreements / permits. Mr. Trask reported that there are concerns about whether the correct processes were followed so there is no question if a house is constructed that it is properly permitted, so that there is not a return to the situation of 2010 with 4 unpermitted structures. Ms. Tico reported that all surveys and studies are public record and available.

**Treasurer's Report:** Gary Pacheco reported our bank balance is now \$7,782.01 as of April 8th. That includes the insurance refund of the \$1,000 put down towards legal fees.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Beautification Committee:** Gary Smith is monitoring the area.

**Planning Committee:** Ron Paul reported that post our March 3rd meeting, the Planning Committee met to formally consider barn application which was COVID-19 delayed from March 24th til Planning Commission meeting next week Tuesday May 12th. There was no opposition to the barn per se.

**Communications Committee:** Thomas Daubert reported to please sign up at the sign up sheet up front to receive our emails or send an email to [joekilauea@gmail.com](mailto:joekilauea@gmail.com) to get on the mailing list. If any community members have any events they want to share please email or share it via Facebook.

**KNA Website Changes:** KNA was sued by a photographer which has now been resolved. But, we are taking a more proactive stance as a result to closely monitor what is posted on our website regardless of the content creator.

**Fundraising Committee:** No report.

**Election Committee:** No report.

**Seniors:** No report.

**PTSA:** Adam Hadley reported school is happening but in a very different format now!

Kilauea School is offering grab-n-go breakfast and lunch for anyone under 18.

New incoming Kindergarteners should be registering now. There will be virtual Kinder-camp sometime later this month TBD.

Dr. Marie Terry-Bivens encourages all kids to come pick up meals as they have plenty, and to please register for next school year. There will be virtual elementary to middle school and middle to high school transitions.

**Ag Center:** Yosh reported that we have spent roughly \$120K in the past month on purchasing small local farmers produce and we are producing about 1000 farmer market boxes per week of fruit / veggie / mixed boxes. We are also doing Burgers for Kauai boxes that includes all fixings to create half a dozen burgers with sides and dessert and it supports 12 different Kaua'i businesses in the process.

The pavilions are being used to aggregate the boxes and support the new program. There is still drainage and cement work in process which will continue to progress.

We have 33 baby pigs now and will continue to produce more.

The next internship cohort will start next week with 8 interested participants. We will graduate 2 new certified farmers and have 6 in our current cohort that will continue to move on.

We have applied to the USDA Farms to Families Food Box federal contract to provide free mixed fruit / vegetable boxes to needy families across the north shore. We expect to hear back in the next week, and if awarded we will double our mixed boxes production at a minimum.

We have rented two fridge trailers and a refrigerated truck is coming from Maui once the safety inspection is resolved.

We are providing delivery of our food boxes across the island via volunteers and other nonprofits.

Question about the Food Truck on site? Y.Hata is providing a frozen truck location at the Ag Center to purchase said foods at cheap prices for their oversupply. They will be there from about 10 – 2 pm on Tuesdays and Fridays. It is bulk supply so recommend big families or share with neighbors or plenty of storage.

**Anaina Hou** – Jill reported they are updating their security due to lots of trespassing with remote control abilities.

They are performing maintenance and renovations to the botanical gardens. Electrical has been updated; garden ponds are receiving much needed deferred maintenance.

The property is being offered to essential needs for the community. They have provided a location for COVID-19 testing. If anyone needs access for a community need contact Jill.

They are focusing on grant work as well, particularly to harden structures for use as better flooding / hurricane aftermath recovery, commercial kitchen usage support, etc.

Question: Is the pavilion hurricane rated? No it is not, but could provide support after the fact or for flooding.

Question: Did Anaina Hou get PPP? Yes they did.

**National Fish and Wildlife / Kilauea Point** – Thomas reported the refuge is still closed and has not gone through the process for when / how to reopen yet. The Friends group for the nature store is in the same situation.

The refuge is doing some activities like invasive species removal but in a very limited footprint.

**Kahili Quarry Road Culvert** – Yosh reported that Mike Mitchell is leading Kia'i Kahili. The road has been undermined below the culvert just past Somers house. The County has responsibility, and the road is closed and blocked with stones for now as it is unsafe and could easily collapse. There are discussions about how to rehabilitate the road. If you are walking down there please go around the culvert into the footpath through the gulch to remain safer.

Beryl reported HILT has hired 3 staff members to focus on Kahili including locals who are regularly monitoring everyday use of the area. Some issues noted are a large amount of erosion from the parking lot area down onto the beach. Some people are not keeping their dogs on leashes or cleaning up excrement.

Question: Has all the \$100M funding from the flood money been spent, could it be used for culvert replacement? Yosh believes there is still some funding left, but with significant restrictions, so it remains to be seen. With flood money it took a year to fix the culvert on Kahilihoho. Gary Pacheco noted that all storm drains are now going into that small ravine, so whoever approved the development should be responsible to fix the new situation generated. Felicia Cowden is interested in pursuing whether flood money can be used and to help put local folks to work. Gary reported the Hanalei Baseyard has done a great job on local roadwork at Kalihiwai and other areas. Beryl noted the County has been responsive so far but additional support is appreciated.

**Announcements:**

Gary Pacheco reported the North Shore Lions Club scholarship officially ended on May 1<sup>st</sup>, but they may extend that deadline so please continue to get your applications in if interested.

**Old Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

None.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Upon motion duly made by Ron Paul, seconded by Thomas Daubert and carried unanimously, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the March 2020 Kilauea Neighborhood Association meeting.**

**Adjournment of Meeting:**

**Upon motion duly made by Gary Pacheco, seconded by Thomas Daubert and carried unanimously, it was resolved to adjourn the May 5, 2020 Kilauea Neighborhood Association meeting at 8:57 pm.**