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**MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 4, 2020
VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING (DUE TO COVID-19)**

Time: 7:00 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: 16

Call to Order: President L'Hote called the meeting to order at 7:11 PM. There is a quorum.

Representative Nadine Nakamura Legislative Session Report:

Representative Nakamura reported there were many starts and stops in the unusual session this year. The main activity was to allocate Kauai an amount of money (\$28M) for CARES Act funding.

We are working to secure \$2.1M for planning to upgrade the Kilauea Gym to a Category 3/4 level of hurricane resistance.

There was money secured to install a CT machine at Mahelona Hospital.

There was also funding to add one more lane plus bridge from Lydgate to Hanamaulu. It may be on the main highway or on a cane haul road.

We were not able to secure the funding for the affordable housing project in Kilauea. Representative Nakamura will be meeting with Housing Director Adam Roversi to see if any other opportunities are available.

The legislature sent a bill to the Governor allocating the second half of CARES Act funds. The Governor vetoed some line items. \$230M in unemployment benefits increases that would have provided \$100 / week instead of \$600 / week which is expiring, but the Governor wants to see what Congress does. He approved \$50M of the proposed \$100M for housing stability. Funding of \$61 of \$100M will go towards difficult to obtain PPE. He provided \$10M of \$63M towards workforce retraining. He provided \$70M of \$91M to do

airport temperature screening. There is a bill for interisland transport of cannabis on his desk.

Question – how much was brought to Kauai for flood relief? There was \$70M brought to Kauai for flood relief in the past two years.

Question – why does the Governor reduce what the legislature proposed? He has the flexibility by powers to use the veto where needed, and the legislature will continue to work with him. The republicans proposed less time to use these funds and whether any funds could be used to address the budget shortfall projected. They will also have restructuring options in place.

Question – how will mortgage assistance be administrated? The funding was provided to Housing Development Corporation and two nonprofits (one focused on Oahu, the other on Neighbor Islands) to help get the money out to landlords and tenants. There will also be publicity when the program is ready to launch.

Question – is there anything we can do to push the Kilauea Gym redesign toward a Category 4 rating? Yes the community could provide its input or even a formal request via the Kilauea Neighborhood Association for example.

Question – can we invite a person who can tell us about Kalihiwai Cliff project? Yes next meeting Larry Dill will be invited.

Question – what is the State’s sense of ongoing funding and ability to tap other lenders if the Federal government shuffles its feet. What will we need to do to balance the budget? Answer is States are able to borrow substantial funds from the Federal Government. We will also have to review our own options, one proposed is a 5% flat cut across the board. This could result in service reductions and furloughs, which would further impact the economy. This may be an opportune time to do a CHIP agreement and allow the private sector to support the government in this time of need – for example for a housing project.

The KNA thanks Representative Nakamura for helping get an improved hurricane shelter and other benefits for the Kilauea community.

Treasurer’s Report: Gary Pacheco reported our bank balance is now \$7,276.01. We just paid our Kilauea Post Office for 1 year post box rental.

Committee Reports:

Beautification Committee: No report.

Planning Committee: No report.

Communications Committee: Thomas Daubert reported to please sign up for the email list by sending a note to 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.

Fundraising Committee: No report.

Election Committee: No report.

Seniors: No report.

PTSA: Adam Hadley reported today was the first day of school, but it has been moved back to August 17th.

Upper grades will be going to school every other day. Lower grades will go every day. There is a full-time distance learning option from Kilauea School. There is an issue with low enrollment, many parents are choosing to homeschool which makes planning for teachers capacity uncertain.

The PTSA is actively meeting and still supporting the school.

Question – any input on how or whether volunteering will continue? No known information so far. Allowable group sizes are changing. Adam will follow up.

Ag Center: Yosh reported that we received the County CARES Act money which allocated about \$660K to the Ag Center allowing for 1/3 of the money towards 12 positions and 1/3 of the money toward equipment (excavator, tractor, track loader and dump truck), the last 1/3 of the funds will go towards purchasing mobile greenhouses. This will really allow us to increase production but we have very little market to go to. We will need to identify ways for people in the community to get that food. With some subsidy we can aggregate and deliver to people.

For the existing USDA contract we did our first 6 weeks at 2000 boxes per week, and are now in the second option phase of 9 more weeks of the same volume. There is plenty of seasonal fruit.

The next round of USDA has significant changes and greatly expanded requirements in both the breadth of the food box contents and distribution from supplier to last-mile provider. The largest dairy provider in Hawai'i HFA has elected to decline this new program. We need to partner up with a large provider or it will not be feasible to even consider participating.

The pigs are doing great. We are creating a feed co-op for members to support the island demand.

Hemp requirements are changing, but we are not subject to them. Very thankful for the legislature to provide a means to grow this crop.

The Farmers Market buildings we are still waiting for electricity and water permits from KIUC have been very slow. The County is doing a great job with fast service.

So, the Ag Park is shifting focus from aggregation under the USDA contract to production expansion under the CARES Act guidelines. But the market is very soft and we need more help getting the products to the vulnerable in the community.

Our growth rate has been phenomenal, we had a team of 4 in March and now a team of 14! This has been a big challenge but a major accomplishment. Thanks to all who made it happen!

National Fish and Wildlife / Kilauea Point – Thomas Daubert reported that the Refuge has created a Draft Wetlands Management and Waterbird Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for Hanalei National Wildlife Refuge. Please stay tuned for open public commentary period.

Kilauea Point has reopened Thurs – Sun 10 – 4 pm, and reservations are required at reservations.gov. It can also be found through the link on www.fkwr.org. There is a kama'aina pass available for purchase for \$20, and reservations are required. Visitor Centers remain closed all over the nation, and times are difficult. The friends group is offering a small pop up store on the Refuge to help bring awareness and support.

Question – is the reservation system working well? Yes, reports indicate the system is working smoothly.

Monica Belz would like to speak next month on behalf of KGEFCU.

Anaina Hou – Amy Meharg reported they received CARES Act funding to hire 4 more maintenance team to open up the trail, and possibly the playgrounds depending on a COVID-19 safety review. They are open Fri-Sun for mini golf.

Announcements:

Mr. Pacheco reported:

- Kaulana Kilauea is going to meet with the parks people and see if they can get the transfer of duties for park caretaking done.
- There will not be a typical Christmas Tree lighting - because the trees are still too small! But instead, we will string the Niu (coconut) tree as though it is a Cook Pine tree.
- There will be a float parade! December 19th. Participation is very welcome! We will know more details to come.
- There was a teacher and group for Hanapuda the Japanese card game. We want to expand to have bingo night, a Filipino card game, and other ideas are welcome.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Upon motion duly made by Gary Pacheco, seconded by Ron Paul and carried unanimously, it was resolved to adjourn the August 4, 2020 Kilauea Neighborhood Association meeting at 8:16 pm.
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