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**MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 10, 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:** 7

**Call to Order:** President L'Hote called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. There is a quorum.

**Treasurer's Report:** Yosh reported after a donation of \$500 and \$50 from the Maui Circular the balance is \$7,800.

**Committee Reports:**

**Beautification Committee:** Gary Smith reported that the new Kilauea beautification sign at the dispensary was stolen within 3 weeks.

They are working to take care of the 2' grass strip area all along Namahana Road between the sidewalk and the road, and the strip of grass in the boulevard heading toward the Post Office is overgrown. The County will not take care of it until they have the road officially dedicated to them. Kilauea Market is graciously taking care of the extra 50 feet leading up to that area near the store.

Beryl thanked Gary for the 3 monkeypod trees that are near the cemetery on the way to the Lighthouse. There is also a massive monolith stone that would be nice to have commemorate the old Hawaiian and sugar plantation days. Inscribe a Hawaiian He'e that says "When the sugar cane flowers the octopus is on the reef" or something similar.

**Planning Committee:** Ron Paul reported that Beryl called Adam Roversi to inquire about how the site selection was going; they are still in the process and no decision yet.

Gary Smith reviewed the housing survey and thought the results were very interesting.

**Communications Committee:** Thomas Daubert reported that it sounds like a few people are still not getting our announcements including some Board members. Send him a note and he will work on helping to resolve any issues.

A reminder to please sign up for the email list by sending a note 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.

**Fundraising Committee:** No report.

**Election Committee:** No report.

**Seniors:** No report.

**PTSA:** Adam Hadley reported that we have a new PTSA representative, Sonrisa Stepath, the outgoing head of the PTSA.

Sonrisa is in attendance and will be transitioning into providing regular KNA reports in the future. She is part of the Kupu Aina Corps program working at Kahili Beach to remove invasives and do plantings and fish counts. She will send contact info to Thomas Daubert.

Beryl commented that Adam has been terrific as a representative and thanked him for his service. They discussed writing the letter about supporting school attendance from the last meeting but decided it best to hold off on that.

For fundraisers, in previous years the PTSA had done a “win a trip” but due to COVID-19, they are going to do an online auction instead and are soliciting gifts to auction off.

**Aina Hookupu O Kilauea / Kilauea Community Agricultural Center:** Yosh reported that via the CARES Act AHK are opening up additional acreage and hope to produce 5-8K lbs. of produce per week starting in the next couple of weeks. We are hoping to donate some of the produce and starting back up with produce box aggregation and delivery.

The greenhouses are going up which provide 9000 square feet of growing space under cover.

AHK is working on the handicap stalls for the parking area so we can finish the coping for the parking lot.

AHK has completed 90% of the big trees and are now doing final grass seeding.

AHK has a new roadside fence up and will continue to add to it.

Please have anyone who needs produce boxes to sign up on our website with their application information at: [ainahookupuokilauea.org](http://ainahookupuokilauea.org)

**National Fish and Wildlife / Kilauea Point** – Jen Waipa reported that Kathleen Viernes joined the Refuge team as Supervisory Park Ranger. She was a former biologist with Fish and Wildlife and most recently worked for the Friends Group for eight years.

The increase in visitation has been ten-fold since trans-Pacific flights have reopened. They are being vigilant on sanitation. They are on the cusp of enforcing the reservation system again due to approaching the 25 person per hour maximum, especially in the mornings. Kama'aina can enter without a reservation, but they are helpful to the Point for planning purposes.

**Anaina Hou** – No update.

### **New Business:**

KNA is working to get a new quote and provider for D&O Insurance.

Kalikolihau (Lihau) Paik and Gary Smith for Kaulana Kilauea and the Christmas Concert. Out of an abundance of caution the Christmas Concert will be virtual this year! The Concert will be a Facebook Livestream broadcast on Friday Dec 18<sup>th</sup>.

Question on the Christmas Parade, are we having one? The Concert will be a Facebook Livestream broadcast, but they realize not everyone is tech savvy or interested in this type of new venue. So they will have "Santa's Sleigh" which will be handing out candy via his "elves" along with the Kilauea Social Club caroling and playing along. KNA had discussed providing treats / candies to hand out. The route is intended to cover the entire Kilauea Town. The Santa Sleigh will be Friday Dec 18<sup>th</sup> and the Concert will be Sat Dec 19<sup>th</sup>.

Kaulana Kilauea is also working to take care of the Kilauea Dispensary Park. Discussions are going well to transform it into a place the community can better utilize. They want to help the Norfolk pines to grow, and perhaps eventually remove the coconut tree once they get big enough. They would like to plant additional shade trees as well. There is a written plan with maps that Lihau presented and are available for review.

Question on whether Kaulana Kilauea is involved in the roundabout or any County grants? The roundabout grant was awarded to GetFit Kauai. They had \$40K as of around June and invited Kaulana Kilauea for 2 meetings to solicit help to make the charrette event for them, but Kaulana didn't have capacity to undertake that. The funds had to be expended by Sep 30<sup>th</sup> and the majority was supposed to be earmarked for the roundabout so Kaulana Kilauea is not sure what the status is, but the roundabout was not constructed.

Question on the retaining wall with a potential 37" drop, will protective measures like a guardrail or shrubbery be required for anything over 18"? This may be a good planning concern to consider. Also potentially weep holes, although the rock should be porous too.

Question on whether the "effective" width of the sidewalk will be narrowed, because now you can step off the sidewalk onto the bottom of the slope. There may be an opportunity to inset the wall a bit further toward the Park buildings and extend the sidewalk width to make it actually wider for people to pass each other more easily.

Question on ballpark estimate for the improvements? Not certain at this time, there is a tiered wish list and much of it will depend on in-kind donations such as the trees and softscaping. The big ticket items will be the wall and the interpretive signage. There are no

official budgets yet because it hasn't been submitted to the County yet, it is being shared with KNA first.

Stephanie Brown's daughter did her Bachelor's work on the ahupua'a of Kilauea and there were 23 Lono's heiau's taken down during the plantation era that became the stone buildings of today. She would like to share what it looked like pre-plantation era and potentially incorporate that as well.

### **Old Business:**

None.

### **Announcements:**

Jeremy Burns noted the Kilauea Gym hurricane upgrade Category 4+ request has been drafted and is ready to sign and submit to the Mayor and HEMA Director Ushio. The speed limit of 35 mph request near the Shell station is still in process.

Gary Smith reported the County rain gutters are in rough shape and need addressing on the Kilauea Gym.

KNA elections should be coming up next month. We need to get nominations in. Ron Paul will chair and Beryl will vice chair this effort.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

<b>Upon motion duly made by Ron Paul, seconded by Thomas Daubert and carried unanimously, it was resolved to approve the October 2020 Kilauea Neighborhood Association meeting minutes.</b>
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### **Adjournment of Meeting:**

<b>Upon motion duly made by Charlie Martin, seconded by Ron Paul and carried unanimously, it was resolved to adjourn the November 10, 2020 Kilauea Neighborhood Association meeting at 8:15 pm.</b>
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