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**MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 12, 2021
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 7:05 PM. There is a quorum.

Representative Nadine Nakamura update:

Remote electronic submitted testimony is now permitted for the first time ever. More details to follow.

The State received \$200M to assist families with income <80% of area median income for both rent and utilities. Apply for 3 months at a time. Can be used for back and future rent. This is not for mortgages, it is targeted towards renters only. It is strictly for residential, not commercial.

Rep Nakamura is chair of the housing committee. She has been in touch with Adam Roversi to understand the County's priority projects for Kilauea.

The budgeting process will be very challenging this year. Government will need to become more efficient and look for opportunities to build back better.

There will be no State Grant-In-Aid funding due to budgetary constraints. Bills will also be limited to 20 bills (plus an additional 10 for committee chairs).

Treasurer's Report: Gary Pacheco reported that we had so many unexpected donations that KNA did not need to provide any money towards the truck caroling activities. Our bank balance is now \$7,850.74. Maui Circular provided a \$50 deposit. We have not made our new D&O insurance payment yet.

Elections: Thomas introduced the 5 incumbent and 2 new candidates for the open 7 positions. Each candidate gave a short introduction and speech. There were no nominations from the floor. Voting was conducted online via Google Forms. All 7 candidates received votes and were elected.

Committee Reports:

Beautification Committee: Gary Smith reported the two small Christmas trees in the park are decorated and lit! The park swale is weed whacked and they took out a trailer full of grass cuttings.

A park ranger took down the Kilauea Pride sign put on the fence because it didn't have a permit. The banner was not returned yet.

There is constant improvement in the community.

Kalikolihau Paik reported a large mess was made at New Years behind the community center near the double-doors entrance with broken glass and trash everywhere. There is a group of teenagers who neighbors noted have been spending time in the area overnight as it is secluded from the road. There is a question about how to approach the County or KPD to address the issue so this doesn't happen again. To be appropriately monitored would require approaching the area on foot and KPD usually drives by. Suggestion that KNA should approach KPD with this concern. Yosh will reach out to KPD as a representative and also reignite the discussion about neighborhood watch and an increased partnership. Suggestion that the kids need somewhere to go and something to do as an alternative outlet... Anaina Hou's "The Haven" is opening soon and might be an outlet.

Planning Committee: Ron Paul reported they had a meeting December 21 with Adam Roversi to see if there are any updates on County plans for the north shore affordable housing. Adam relayed some initial preferences, but things are in such an early stage that it's not appropriate to share publicly at this time. The ~\$9M funds don't need to be committed by the end of this year so there is some time to explore negotiations and options. The Planning Committee relayed the importance of providing housing accessible to mainstream Kilaueans given further recent housing price spikes as COVID-19 continues.

Question on the roadway speeds and STIP impacts with affordable housing? Adam indicated that many infrastructure impacts would need to be considered depending on what ultimately happens. Yosh offered that KNA could help facilitate community meetings and understanding.

Communications Committee: Thomas Daubert reported that if anyone is not receiving emails from the KNA please let him know. A reminder 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 also email to joekilauea@gmail.com.

Fundraising Committee: Yosh would like to see this discussed as part of our 2021 calendar, and putting together an annual budget which we also need for things like insurance.

Election Committee: Ron and Beryl hosted elections tonight, results reported above.

Seniors: No report.

PTSA: Sonrisa reported the PTSA is very active right now. There is a \$20 ticket for a lucky draw to win up to \$5K worth of travel expenses (airfare, hotel, car) and can be used locally. Tickets will be available in about a week or so, drawing 3rd week of May. Tickets will be available from every Kilauea student (each has 5-10 tickets to sell), or reach out to Sonrisa for more options.

They are hoping to have a virtual May Day / Lei Day.

Teachers are struggling with needing supplies. They just held a drive for parents to bring in sharpies, glue sticks, bar erasers, paper towels, disinfectant wipes, hand soap and sanitizers, etc. They did receive COVID relief money for some of these but more is needed and the drive is ongoing. Question on how are people that don't have school-aged kids being notified? Sonrisa is working to do this now via this venue and others. Sonrisa will forward the list to Thomas. Sonrisa is working to get a Venmo set up for cash, or checks or physical supplies can be brought to the school. Gary Pacheco offered that the North Shore Lions may be able to support this effort also, and suggested Sonrisa attend.

MOTION by Beryl Blaich to donate \$500, seconded by Mike Latif. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Sonrisa passed along the mo'olelo lullaby to all the parents of all kids at Kilauea School.

'Aina Ho'okupu O Kilauea / Kilauea Community Agricultural Center: Yosh reported that we survived a very productive year. We distributed over 36K boxes and employed over 20 people. We are actively looking for funding to maintain the staff that we have which are now working part time. We were awarded some funding today which is helping.

We are growing many more acres of produce, have a propagation house, Kauai Kaneshiro breed pigs, and poultry.

We are working on a capital campaign to build our Fruit Stand "Johnny's Shack" retail and office space.

The Pavilions are currently being used to aggregate boxes. We have ramped back up to now making 500 boxes per week and distributing them through nonprofit partners around the island.

The community gardens are being managed by the volunteers (Tuesdays and Saturdays currently, with plans to expand the work days) which allows for free produce for volunteers so anyone who needs food or wants to help and work the land is invited.

The Microbial Electrolytic Cell Waste-To-Energy project is ongoing in the research and development phase at the New Mexico Brackish Water Facility. Agreements are being put in place. The system should be in New Mexico in June and once proven will be delivered to AHK's KCAC site in 2023.

AHK looks forward to serving the community for the upcoming challenging years!

National Fish and Wildlife / Kilauea Point – Jen Waipa reported that they had a fee-free day on New Years Eve where they partnered with Princeville Library and NOAA to deliver 100 marine education kits. They also lit the lighthouse and plan to do it annually at New Years Eve going forward (along with first Saturday in May which is May 1st the anniversary of the first lighting, and August Lighthouse Day).

As of January 5th there are 129 Moli nests with 118 being actively incubated.

Christmas bird counts were held at all 3 refuges with over 8000 birds counted and 115 species.

They have hired a replacement for their facilities manager position, Steve from Oahu. He worked on Johnston atoll and other Pacific refuges. He is now on-site working.

They had 844 visitors for December (10 reservation days, not counting 2 holidays and one fee-free day). Visitation is expected to increase with the new quarantine bubble rules but not sure what amount.

There is a fee-free day for President's Day.

There is a partner doing research at Hanalei refuge who is looking for a Bio Tech, any qualified applicants may apply. Information will be provided to Thomas Daubert.

Gary Smith was contacted by Phil Green to point out where the invasive fence-climbing plants are, and Fish & Wildlife could coordinate to remove invasive plants from the fences. Jen will follow up.

Anaina Hou – Jill Lowry reported that about 10 days ago a staff reported repeated sexual harassment by a recycling customer with a blue Frontier truck making sexually explicit gestures in front of the playground. This is being investigated and a police report has been filed.

The Haven will have a soft opening on January 18th. Monday – Thursday 2:00 – 6:00 pm in the Pavilion for kids aged 12 – 18. They can accommodate 20-30 kids at a time. There will be classes rotating every few weeks with different instructors. Kauai Community Television will teach filmmaking and editing with a producer from the Star Trek franchise. There will be ice cream, photography, web design, movement, recycled art and painting, music, and various other classes. Around April 1 they will open up the employment and career services and trial them (applications, resume, interview practice, and plans for a 15-passenger bus for transporting youth to interviews. etc.).

Jill is writing a ton of grants to support these activities and seeking donations. Given the COVID-19 economic fallouts and current situation, people may self-identify if they need free/reduced cost services without requiring proof. Registration will open every evening at 6 pm for the next day (similar to the Playground system). The Haven is intended to be more of a drop-in place. It is expected that 75% of attendance will be a full-scholarship program. There will be at least one meal offered each day.

On another note, there are 4 movies left, check the Anaina Hou website for details! February will be Star Trek themed and March will be resiliency focused.

New Business:

2021 Calendar: Yosh asked the group if any events should be planned?

The 6th grade graduating students last year really enjoyed their parade, this will happen again, date TBD in late spring / early summer.

Old Business:

Insurance – Gary Pacheco received an envelope from Noguchi & Associates today for a premium of \$1,100 for D&O insurance.

MOTION by Ron Paul to pay and instate the D&O insurance, seconded by Sonrisa. Motion passed by unanimous approval.

Announcements:

Charlie Martin has a question from Ralph Young about the status of the repair of Kahili Rock Quarry Road and timeline. KNA sent a letter to the Mayor to please expedite this repair, but the timetable is dependent on the County. Yosh will invite the Mayor to discuss this topic.

Gary Pacheco reported the Kauai North Shore Lions are providing scholarships again, they have about \$50K to award. Visit their website at kauainorthshorelions.org/scholarships for more information. Also the Sight Is Beautiful kids poster contest is back on again.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion duly made by Thomas Daubert, seconded by Mike Latif and carried unanimously, it was resolved to approve the December 2020 Kīlauea Neighborhood Association meeting minutes.

Adjournment of Meeting:

Upon motion duly made by Gary Pacheco, seconded by Charlie Martin and carried unanimously, it was resolved to adjourn the January 12, 2020 Kīlauea Neighborhood Association meeting at 8:50 pm.