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**MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 2, 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, ~~Stephenie Brown~~, Thomas Daubert, ~~Emily Dunn~~, ~~Mike Latif~~, Mike Lyons, Charlie Martin, Don McConnell, Ron Paul, Sonrisa Stepath

**Community Attendance:** 20+

**Call to Order:** President L'Hote called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. There is a quorum.

**COMMITTEE / COMMUNITY REPORTS:**

**Finance Committee:** Gary "Mr. P" Pacheco reported we still have \$6,116.74. No payments or contributions this month. Please send donations to PO Box 328 in Kilauea if anyone wants to contribute!

**Planning Committee:** Ron reported that he checked out the community space in the shopping center and still no progress on interior construction. No planning committee meeting was held this month.

**Beautification Committee:** No report.

**Communications Committee:** Thomas had no report. As always please send any interest in signing up for the Kilauea Neighborhood Association announcements, questions or potential meeting topics to [joekilauea@gmail.com](mailto:joekilauea@gmail.com).

**Fundraising Committee:** No report.

**NEW BUSINESS / GUEST PRESENTATIONS:**

**Permanently Affordable Living (PAL):** Jim Edmunds provided a brief history of his 35+ year tenure involved in the KNA and more recently since 2016 with PAL to try to provide affordable housing for median income locals here on Kauai. PAL is finalizing recording the deed this week on a 1.8 acre purchase next to Gather FCU and the old Titcomb subdivision.

They anticipate breaking ground on an 11-unit affordable housing development within the next year. Water meters have been secured. The Kaplans are generously providing funding for the horizontal infrastructure estimated at over \$1M to bring electrical and water from the road to the houses. These will be offered via a list (signups now being taken) to locals who need affordable housing options. Habitat for Humanity will be building 5 of the homes and can do these for those who make <80% AMI. PAL's 6 homes will be offered at <120% AMI. PAL is also in negotiations with another seller to purchase another 13 existing homes which could be offered at affordable pricing rates. PAL is also working on another 17 housing units in Waipouli in partnership with Habitat for Humanity. They are looking to raise money to install edible trees and foliage on the properties, and on promoting electric vehicles. They are also looking to set up a fund to help folks faced with homelessness to help cover rent, down payments or rent-to-own situations.

Question on the location behind the store area and how it may tie into the new Lighthouse bypass road? Jim answered that the back road is not on the STIP for a long time but this property has nothing to do with the potential road and has been zoned residential since the 1970s or so.

Question on how to keep the homes affordable? Jim reported they are looking at a few options including a silent second mortgage whose value to pay off would depend upon how long it is when they decide to sell (could be 40-50+ years).

**Holiday Lights Competition & Caroling / Kaulana Kilauea:** Gary "Mr P" Pacheco announced a home lighting competition where winners will receive gift certificates to local businesses and encourage making Christmas a community event. Businesses can donate prizes, contact Mr P.

Kalikolihau (Lihau) Paik reported they are also doing the Christmas Concert virtually again out of an abundance of caution. However, Santa's Caroling Sleigh Ride will be happening on December 17<sup>th</sup>. There will also be a recording of oral histories of the Kilauea area and Dispensary Park. A mailing will be distributed to all households in 96754 to announce these events.

Gary Smith reported that Lihau has a 6 week old baby girl! They are working on a rock wall for Dispensary Park and have had several donations from local businesses.

**Jonathan McRoberts – Princeville Albert Park:** Jonathan worked with Rotary Club of Hanalei Bay to build a 2-piece community exercise area and meeting place. The exercise area has now been built by FitLot. There will be an official ribbon cutting on November 13<sup>th</sup>, all are welcome to attend. In January there will be experts on the equipment providing guidance for 8 weeks to all users.

**MOTION** by Bill Chase to support and endorse the new Princeville Albert Park upgrades, seconded by Beryl Blaich. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**MOTION** by Beryl Blaich to contribute the same amount of money we donated last year towards candy or other treats for the Sleigh Caroling giveaway, seconded by Sonrisa Stepath. Gary Pacheco will look up the exact amount. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**Na Kia'i O Nihokū re: the Green home site in Seacliff Plantation:** Mehana Blaich-Vaughan could provide an informal update tonight and a more comprehensive presentation in December or can provide the comprehensive update now per the Board's wishes.

Question on how long the comprehensive update will take? Mehana said approximately 10 minutes. The Board agreed on the time allotment and not to recap a lot of old already-presented information.

Tonight's update is to advise on progress made to date on negotiations with Phil and Linda Green.

Mehana and Kaui Fu provided a presentation on the impacts of a house on the upper slope portion of the TMK owned by the Greens. Yosh commented that the timing of the objections is a disappointment given that KNA brought forth this topic for input for 6 months and only after the letter of support was ratified that the dissenting opinions emerged. Mehana noted that these upper slope lots are in a special treatment district with layers of protections, not simply agricultural zoned like the lower lots in Seacliff. The two main issues the group is negotiating for is to make the home smaller and position it further down the mountain onto the flatter lands of the lower parcel to avoid things like bird impacts and runoff issues related to the excavating and filling that would be needed on the steeper upper slopes. There are now other developments also beginning on other lots in the sensitive management areas on the flanks of Nihoku. Mehana noted that the County and State are charged with performing assessments to weigh in on cultural and traditional practices in the area that predates landowners and parcels, and these processes can only be administered by governmental entities not private landowners via consultants or informal discussions with community members. Kaui said their group was counseled by Native Hawaiian legal representatives to file as interveners lest the group be locked out of any future negotiation opportunities by filing a motion to petition to preserve their rights. The County needs time to finish their cultural practices analysis so this topic was deferred to the December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. There have been 2 prior contested cases regarding this area and this group is continuing to attempt to protect the place.

Phil Green provided a report on the list of requests they have received from Na Kia'i O Nihokū. In May there was an initial list which primarily consisted of moving the house down to the lower parcel along with numerous other changes including roof pitch and shorten the driveway and many others, some of which were agreed to. In September this was changed to 2 different options, primarily option 1 move the house to the lower lot and option 2 keep the house on the upper lot but make it substantially smaller – both lists were very extensive on details, in some areas not very clear, and the requests for conditions seem to keep expanding and changing. They are concerned that negotiations are not happening in good faith.

Question on why the Greens want to build in this location? They love the place and want to build their retirement home there.

Yosh stressed the importance of compromising and building community through shared voices.

**MOTION** by Gary Pacheco to table this discussion to a special board-only future board meeting. Seconded by Don McConnell. Discussion. Roll Call vote requested.

Jeremy – No

Beryl – No  
Sonrisa – No  
Don – Yes  
Mike Latif – N/A  
Gary – Yes  
Thomas – No  
Ron – No  
Mike Lyons – No  
Bill – No  
Charlie – No

The motion fails. There will not be a special Board meeting for Board discussion on this topic.

Question by Gary Smith on whether the groups are still interested in negotiating. The Greens indicated they are still interested in negotiating while having concerns that the requests for concessions only continue to expand. Na Kiai O Nihoku is also interested in continuing negotiations.

### **UPDATES:**

**Seniors:** No report.

**PTSA:** Sonrisa Stepath reported she is filling a new role as the Quarantine Coach for helping any students who cannot come to school for a period of time due to close contacts / potential COVID-19 exposure. They will also be again hosting the \$20 raffle for \$5K grand prize towards a vacation – more details TBD.

**‘Āina Ho‘okupu O Kilauea / Kilauea Community Agricultural Center:** Yosh reported the second Saturday of December the North Shore Pharmacy will host a kid’s event to decorate ornaments and plant a tree for their ‘ohana. There was a very successful pumpkin giveaway of a couple hundred pumpkins to kids thanks to Kekaha Ag Association, Hartung and Corteva.

AHK wants to become more active on development of the plateau and lead coordination of other nonprofits and funding to accelerate infrastructure development of the Hay property with KNA’s support. Yosh will send details to the Board on the proposal given the late hour now.

**Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge / Friends of Kaua‘i Wildlife Refuges:** Jen Waipa reported that they have contracted with Pono Pacific for the predator-resistant fence at Kilauea Point NWR.

There will be a fee-free day on November 11<sup>th</sup> in honor of Veterans Day.

The wetlands manager for the Kaua‘i National Wildlife Refuge Complex has left the role, so this will be backfilled along with a vegetation management laborer position – these will be announced in the next few months.

Anyone interested in a shorter-term contract with the refuge for maintenance – please contact Jen and they can help with the documentation requirements.

Thomas Daubert with the Friends Group shared that they are working on two community outreach projects: partnering with KKCR to produce a series of monthly National Wildlife Refuge minutes spotlighting different species, and developing a window display for the Līhu'e airport celebrating the 50th Anniversaries of the Hanalei NWR in 2022 and Hulē'ia NWR in 2023.

**Kaulana Kīlauea:** Lihau gave this report earlier.

**Anaina Hou:** No report.

**Kia'i Kāhili:** Yosh reported that AHK wrote a grant to HTA to support a native plant nursery and restoration projects for the group.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**The October 2021 Kīlauea Neighborhood Association meeting minutes were approved via email.**

**Adjournment of Meeting:**

**Upon motion duly made by Gary Pacheco, seconded by Ron Paul and carried unanimously, it was resolved to adjourn the November 2, 2021 Kīlauea Neighborhood Association meeting at 9:45 pm.**