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**MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 7, 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: 30+, including Representative Nadine Nakamura

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

Election of 2022 Officers: Nominating Committee chair Beryl Blaich introduced the 4 new candidates and the 6 incumbents running for the 9 open spots. Each nominee gave a brief bio. There were no nominations from the floor. Thomas Daubert explained the online voting process.

Election results for 2 year terms:

Stephanie Brown

Bill Chase

Mike Latif

Yoshito L'Hote

Mike Lyons

Ron Paul

Kalena Pacheco

Election results for 1 year terms:

Stephen Squire

Sarah Wright

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 Beryl, Bill and Jeremy met with Alan Clinton and Ruby Papp from the County to receive initial input on the Climate Change Plan being

developed over the next couple years. Beryl summarized the meeting regarding topic areas (ecosystem, weather and infrastructure and their resulting community impacts) and how KNA can support an ongoing regular community engagement process. Yosh reported that he met with the County team on a separate occasion and was optimistic with their engagement, and that he talked to County about KNA's continuing support of the Bertsch property acquisition for affordable housing purposes.

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.

Fundraising Committee: Stephenie Brown no report, there have been few community activities due to COVID-19 but we are optimistic about 2022.

NEW BUSINESS / GUEST PRESENTATIONS:

Kilauea Point NWR Predator Fence: Heather Abbey Tonneson has been the refuge manager for over 5 years now and introduced Brooke Burrows Deputy Manager, and Lindsey Young of Pacific Rim Conservation, the Project Manager for this predator fence project. There is a fact sheet embedded in the KNA email announcement. Lindsey Young provided an overview of the project details. Construction is to begin January 2022 and take about 18 months.

Question on why we are just hearing about this now when implementation is in a month? It doesn't seem to provide much opportunity for community input. Heather noted that the CCP process was the main planning process with deep community input, which was done about 5 years ago. They were selected for a grant for this project in 2017 and the funding just came through recently, along with selecting the contractor and getting final details in place to share with the community. Heather shared that it was her understanding that, in addition to the in-depth prior community outreach efforts, this had been mentioned in the past few month's Refuge updates.

Question on will the hood be painted and what color and same with the shiny fence? Lindsey reported the hood would be painted a camo green color and the fence shininess wears off very quickly and is not very noticeable.

Question on where the fence construction will start? Lindsey reported on the eastern boundary first.

Question on whether neighbors have been consulted and informed? Heather reported that they have spoken with Seacliff but will re-engage those conversations.

Question on whether the fence will be lower down around the west side where viewpoints are? Heather reported that it will be lower around Kilauea Rd. Up at the Seacliff sunset view cul-de-sac area the lower hogwire fence will remain, while the predator fence will go across the end of the paved part of the road with an ADA-compliant gate so as to not block the views off the end of the dirt part of cul-de-sac. There will be no lock on the gate, but it will close automatically. The only other option would be to wrap the predator fence lower around where the hogwire fence is but it was felt this would have worse visual impacts.

Heather offered to schedule a meeting at the fence implementation site to further discuss concerns regarding visual plane and accessibility.

Kilauea Elementary School electronic marquee: Deena Moreas is born and raised on south side of Kauai. She had an opportunity to TA at Kilauea School last year and is now Acting President. She shared some pictures of the current large-letter style marquee and the proposed electronic version.

Question on whether the sign can be turned off at night and not left on all night. Deena will look into this.

Question on the historic designation of the building site and whether this needs to be taken into account? Deena will look into this.

Stephanie Brown would like to support this proposed upgrade with fundraising.

OLD BUSINESS:

Na Kia'i O Nihokū re: the Green home site in Seacliff Plantation: Mehana Blaich-Vaughan reported there is another hearing scheduled December 14th. There was a Planning Director set of proposed recommendations to the Commission distributed and linked to the KNA website for detailed review including moving the home down the hillside 150 feet, reducing the size 15%, and several bird/wildlife and cultural use protections.

Dr. David Moore commented on some of the key issues that were put in place as part of the original development concessions – the primary one being sightlines and as part of that there was a line put on a development map above which nothing could intrude to preserve those views. Also of importance was public access to the area including vehicle access and this was not completely honored by the developer when the gated vehicle access was installed limiting public access to pedestrian and cycles only.

Question on whether the original map or a copy exists that has the agreed upon sightline? Yosh heard that the road was built right up next to the sightline so that since it is flat on the ground it doesn't impact the sightline but then there would be no ability to build makai side of the road. The swale to develop the road cut 50 feet out which contributed to the problem.

UPDATES:

Seniors: No report.

PTSA: No report.

'Āina Ho'okupu O Kilauea / Kilauea Community Agricultural Center: Yosh reported Ag Park is hosting a family holiday tree event on Saturday, December 11th. Contact AHK or Yosh for details. This is a great time of year to purchase CSA presents for other folks – details to sign up are on their website www.ainahookupuokilauea.org. AHK is also offering poultry/eggs and pig shares.

Anaina Hou: No report.

Kīlauea Point National Wildlife Refuge / Friends of Kauaʻi Wildlife Refuges: Heather reported that they have 2 wage-grade maintenance positions open on the government jobs website. They are working with Huliapaʻa on offering a cultural intern. The refuge will be closed Dec 25 and Jan 1 for holidays. The Lighthouse will be lit on December 31.

The Hanalei refuge will begin construction the new Viewpoint and water intake projects later this month using local contractors.

The albatross are back and nesting! Nēnē nesting season is also in full swing; there are already goslings so please drive slowly.

Thomas Daubert with the Friends Group, reported they have put together a display at the inter-island terminal of the Lihue airport, please have a look, it should be up through March or so.

Thomas and Jen Waipa are providing KKCR National Wildlife Refuge Minute spots with species highlights regularly. You may listen to the archives at:
<http://www.kilaueapoint.org/refuge-minute>.

Kaulana Kīlauea: 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. Santa’s Caroling Sleigh Ride will be happening on December 17th. The Christmas Concert will be done virtually again out of an abundance of caution on December 11th, via Facebook live. More history interviews will be done beginning of 2022.

Kiaʻi Kāhili: Yosh reported that AHK wrote a grant to HTA to support a native plant nursery and restoration projects for the group. They are waiting to hear back.

Na Kiaʻi O Nihokū: Report was provided earlier.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Adjournment of Meeting:

Upon motion duly made by Gary Pacheco, seconded by Bill Chase and carried unanimously, it was resolved to adjourn the December 7, 2021 Kīlauea Neighborhood Association meeting at 9:22 pm.