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**MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 4, 2022  
VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING (DUE TO COVID-19)**

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Location:** Zoom Meeting

**KNA Directors Present:** Yoshito L'Hote, Jeremy Burns, Gary Pacheco, Bill Chase, Stephenie Brown, Thomas Daubert, Mike Latif, Mike Lyons, Charlie Martin, Kalena Pacheco, Ron Paul, Sonrisa Stepath, Stephen Squire, Sarah Wright

**Community Attendance:** 20+, including Councilwoman Felicia Cowden

**Call to Order:** Secretary Burns called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. There is a quorum.

**COMMITTEE / COMMUNITY REPORTS:**

**Finance Committee:** Gary "Mr. P" Pacheco reported we still have \$4,959.74. One check paid to Noguchi & Associates for D&O insurance for \$1,157.00 for the year. No payments or contributions this month. Please send donations to PO Box 328 in Kilauea if anyone wants to contribute!

**Planning Committee:** No report.

**Communications Committee:** President L'Hote joined the meeting. Thomas Daubert 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. Discussion on fundraising needs to support community events and

**NEW BUSINESS / GUEST PRESENTATIONS:**

**Namahana Charter School – Kapua Chandler:** Kapua reported on Dec 16, 2021 the Hawaii State Charter School met and reopened the application process, which is now due Feb 4<sup>th</sup>. May 5<sup>th</sup> and/or May 19<sup>th</sup> are the public hearings to provide input on the application. Kapua would like KNA to write a letter of support to include in the application on Feb 4<sup>th</sup>. In the interviews they are only allowed to reference what is in the application and cannot bring in outside materials so it is best if they can include diverse materials such as a KNA letter of support.

Yosh offered to write a letter of support from AHK.

Councilwoman Cowden would also write a letter of support. Question on the lease arrangement and whether the building space is available? Kapua noted they have a 99 year land license dedicated for a charter school only that runs with the land. There is an architect Group 70 managing conceptual design for documents needed for the special use permit which will be another community process to go through once the site plans are drafted. The earliest they could open would be 2024. Jen Luck, Adam Roversi and Kirsten Hermstad are on the Board and supporting the activities. Mary Patterson who is also assisting also noted that their 99 year lease also has an option to renew for another 99 years.

**MOTION** by Secretary Burns to provide a letter of support from KNA to the charter school for their application, seconded by Thomas Daubert. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**Kilauea Traffic and Fireworks - Keli'i Alapai:** Keli'i has noted that our main Kilauea road has become very dangerous due to speeding and increased traffic exacerbated by many new establishments that are now open. He would like to see more speedbumps or enforcement or other measures. The second issue is a lot of illegal fireworks going on. His very elderly mother-in-law just got back from the hospital and was affected. He saw an aerial land in a nearby tree. There was no enforcement that he saw for 2 days and was concerned.

Sonrisa Stepath thanked Keli'i for raising these issues. She noticed that hedges are being planted along the roadway near the Kilauea / Ala Namahana / Keneke intersection.

Councilwoman Cowden also noted that the fireworks were overwhelming near her house and she received many complaints.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Fish & Wildlife Predator Fence – Brooke Burrows:** Brooke reported that there will be contained rat traps to eradicate the remaining rats in the area which will take 4-8 weeks after the fence is completed. Cats will be trapped and they tend to also leave the area themselves as the rat food source is removed. There are publications from Nihoku and Kaena Point available that will be provided. They removed 41 cats from May 2020 to Dec 2021 out of both refuges. Sometimes there are particular cats that cause most of the problem – in once case it was one cat that depredated 15 bird nests. References on past predator enclosure eradications:

Nihoku: <http://manoa.hawaii.edu/hpicesu/techr/198/v198.pdf>

Kaena Point: <https://pacificrimconservation.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/Pub-891.pdf>

Yosh thanked Brooke for facilitating the meeting up at the fence site and thought the fence seemed lower than anticipated and should not block the viewplanes.

Beryl thanked Pono Pacific and Fish & Wildlife representatives for hosting the meeting. She noted that the circular turnaround at the end of the cul-de-sac will remain with the low fence as it is now and the views should remain well preserved. Pono Pacific mentioned they may have opportunities for workers to help with the construction.

Thomas can help put that potential job information on the website and also thanked Fish and Wildlife and Pono Pacific for hosting the meeting at the site.

Gary Pacheco – Mr P was happy to meet the person managing the project and felt they were very receptive to community input.

Mike Latif wondered if there is any way to reroute the fence to allow vehicles to drive up to the top of the cul-de-sac and retain the views while sitting in their car for folks who are mobility impaired? Mr P reported the dirt area of the cul-de-sac will be improved as part of the project and will be handicap-accessible via the new gates. Yosh reported that Fish & Wildlife didn't commit to any improvements.

### **UPDATES:**

**Seniors:** No report.

**PTSA:** Sonrisa Stepath reported Kilauea School is doing their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual lucky drawing fundraiser. For \$20 entry you can win a \$5,000 prize towards a travel vacation of your choosing. Selling all tickets will raise \$40K net for the school. Please consider making a purchase from any Kilauea school family or from Loni at the school office! Any businesses who wish to donate runner up prizes in-kind such as a tour or product please contact Sonrisa or the school. Proceeds will go towards PTSA greatest needs which usually includes art teachers and supplies and many other uses.

**'Āina Ho'okupu O Kilauea / Kilauea Community Agricultural Center:** Yosh reported that the foundation is being poured for our new market and deli space with commercial kitchen, aiming for completion around June of this year. AHK also plans to double production on site and offer ag tours and turnkey ag models to engage and grow more local farmers. This facility will also do double-duty as a community resource to feed people in times of crisis. AHK wants to provide local food for local residents and has new offerings in its CSA Jan-Jun subscription this year including customizable produce boxes and additions of eggs, chicken and pork.

**Anaina Hou:** Thomas reported that they have new movie offerings coming, check the website for full details [anainahou.org](http://anainahou.org).

**Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge / Friends of Kaua'i Wildlife Refuges:** Jen reported they have reservations open but also allow kama'aina to attend at 5 per hour.

Presidents Day holiday weekend will be a fee-free day.

They are opening for an additional day of operation beginning January 12 to include Wednesdays, so will be open Wed – Saturday going forward.

Thomas Daubert with the Friends Group, reported the community has really increased support of fundraising this year along with more grants to offset the store being open less due to COVID-19 considerations.

Thomas and Jen Waipa are providing KKCR National Wildlife Refuge Minute spots with species highlights regularly. He will put a link on the website to listen to the archives at: <http://www.kilaueapoint.org/refuge-minute>

**Kaulana Kīlauea:** Gary “Mr P” Pacheco reported on a successful Santa’s Caroling Sleigh Ride with candy cane handouts that lasted from 5:30 – 8:30 pm! The home decorations competition has been going on for at least 15-20 years now and this year had even more participation, with a grand prize won by Dino Cabello (he is starting a dynasty – someone step up to beat him!) and second place was Greg Hoga on Aalona St. Thanks to North Shore Pharmacy, Kilauea Bakery, Ching Young, and many others for supporting these efforts.

Beryl mentioned that Mike Latif put together an arts and crafts weekend at AHK for the kids and the hope is to continue that again next year.

**Kia’i Kāhili:** Thomas reported there is a cleanup on the Wailapa side next Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup>. AHK wrote a grant to support a native plant nursery in the area but we did not receive the funding.

**Na Kia’i O Nihokū:** Beryl reported the Planning Commission voted unanimously to support an intervention on the planned Green’s house. There will be more info to come. Kauai said that they had accessed the area for the winter solstice and are preparing to host groups such as Leadership Kauai in the future.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mike Latif noticed that with all the recent rains everyone who has to park along Lighthouse Road near the Seacliff gate has to walk through the mud and whether we can gravel or otherwise improve the area? Yosh mentioned that AHK mows that area and gravel is bad for mowers, but the long-term plan concept is to have folks park at the ag park and have an improved walkway direct access into the Seacliff area from there. Mike really liked this concept and thinks it would improve safety and isn’t that much more distance to walk.

Mr P announced that this Saturday January 8 at the Princeville Makai Golf Club the North Shore Lions are hosting their annual golf tournament and helicopter ball drop fundraiser to support scholarships of all kinds for north shore students. Last year they raised and gave out \$50K.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

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

#### **Adjournment of Meeting:**

**Upon motion duly made by Gary Pacheco, seconded by Mike Latif and carried unanimously, it was resolved to adjourn the January 4, 2022 Kīlauea Neighborhood Association meeting at 8:36 pm.**