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**MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 1, 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: 13+

Call to Order: Vice Chair Ron Paul called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM. There is a quorum.

COMMITTEE / COMMUNITY REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Kalena Pacheco reported we still have \$4,959.74. No payments or contributions this month. Please send donations to PO Box 328 in Kilauea if anyone wants to contribute!

Planning Committee: Ron Paul reported that he talked with Adam Roversi and the Hay property acquisition of 25 acres is moving forward slowly. For the Bertsch property 25 acres the County provided another opportunity to negotiate based on an updated appraisal but there has been no response, so eminent domain proceedings are likely.

Question on timing of eminent domain proceedings? Ron was unsure of the timing if it ends up in court proceedings but will likely take a long time.

Communications Committee: Thomas Daubert hopes everyone is enjoying the twice monthly emails with community announcements. As always please send any interest in signing up for the Kilauea Neighborhood Association announcements, questions or potential meeting topics to joekilauea@gmail.com.

Kudos to the website updates were provided. The website updates have been supported by Stephen Squire.

Fundraising Committee: No report. Sonrisa will be leading fundraising going forward.

NEW BUSINESS / GUEST PRESENTATIONS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Na Kia'i O Nihokū: Green's House update – Mehana Vaughan: Mehana reported that they hosted Senator Kai Kahele at the Nihokū portion of Kīlauea Point NWR. Na Kia'i O Nihokū remains open to negotiation with the Greens and the issue is now in contested case hearings.

UPDATES:

Seniors: No report.

PTSA: No report.

'Āina Ho'okupu O Kīlauea / Kīlauea Community Agricultural Center: Yosh reported that more farmers are showing up to inquire about opportunities to farm at KCAC. This year we are aiming to double production on-site. Our mission is to encourage emerging farmers to learn to become self-sufficient farmers. Housing is a serious issue with even little sheds renting for \$2700 cash, so there is a push to secure farm worker housing through local partnerships with local families.

The MEC system is reporting development progress and we are in process of reviewing permitting and siting for a test system potentially next year. The system would produce ammonia which could be converted to hydrogen.

There is a special on chickens this week.

Anaina Hou: Jill Lowry is planning a special presentation next month.

February 17-27 is our 3rd annual social film festival. Please check the website for details on weekend screenings.

Kīlauea Point National Wildlife Refuge / Friends of Kaua'i Wildlife Refuges: Jen reported Presidents Day holiday weekend will be a fee-free day on Feb 19.

They were a site for the ocean whale count along with dolphins and birds.

They are hoping to open Wednesdays on the last weekend in February pending COVID-19 case counts.

The new Hanalei overlook is progressing well and should be done in summer.

Thomas Daubert with the Friends Group reported they are continuing to provide KKCR National Wildlife Refuge Minute spots with species highlights regularly. He shared a link to listen to the archives at: <http://www.kilaueapoint.org/refuge-minute>

Kaulana Kīlauea: No report.

Kia'i Kāhili: The road repair ball is in FEMA's court. Wade Lord is the County liaison to FEMA, we can request an update on timeline. Kai Kahele may also be good to update on this project; Mehana mentioned it to him in their discussion.

Beryl reported this Sunday is the regular planting and beach cleanup at Kahili at 8:30 am. There is a sign up and waiver online for HILT.

Mehana reported there are many school visits now ongoing to Kāhili Beach, with support by HILT staff.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

If anyone in the community has ideas for new projects for this year, please bring them to KNA's attention for inclusion on the next monthly agenda.

Kilauea Elementary School via PTSA is holding a raffle fundraiser, any Kilauea keiki has tickets for \$20.

Approval of Minutes:

The January 2022 Kilauea Neighborhood Association meeting minutes were approved by Mike Latif, seconded by Charlie Martin. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Adjournment of Meeting:

Upon motion duly made by Thomas Daubert seconded by Charlie Martin and carried unanimously, it was resolved to adjourn the February 1, 2022 Kilauea Neighborhood Association meeting at 7:44 pm.