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**MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 3, 2023**

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Kilauea Neighborhood Center

KNA Directors Present: Yoshito L'Hote, Jake Bernard, Jeremy Burns, Gary Pacheco, Bill Chase, ~~Stephenie Brown~~, Thomas Daubert, Mike Latif, Jill Lowry, Mike Lyons, Nathan Myers, Kalena Pacheco, Sarah Wright

Community Attendance: 9+

Call to Order: Vice Chair Bernard called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. There is a quorum.

COMMITTEE / COMMUNITY REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Gary "Mr P" Pacheco reported we received a donation from Edward Blanchett for \$1,000 we have \$6,989.13. We have renewed our insurance for the same cost as last year, which Aina Hookupu o Kilauea intends to donate. Please send donations to PO Box 328 in Kilauea if anyone wants to contribute!

Planning Committee: No report.

Communications Committee: Please send any interest in signing up for the Kilauea Neighborhood Association announcements, questions or potential meeting topics to joekilauea@gmail.com.

Fundraising Committee: No report.

NEW BUSINESS / GUEST PRESENTATIONS:

KNA Board Officer Results: Sergeant at Arms Chase shared the results of the Board vote for 2023 Officer positions.

Chair: Yoshito L'Hote

Vice Chair: Jake Bernard

Secretary: Jeremy Burns

Treasurer: Gary Pacheco

Sergeant-At-Arms: Bill Chase

Communications Committee: Thomas Daubert

Finance Committee: Kalena Pacheco
Planning Committee: Sarah Wright
Fundraising & Events Committee: Jill Lowry and Mike Latif

Buckley home project in Seacliff – Santo Giorgio: Santo provided a hardcopy presentation of a proposed home site not up on Crater Hill, this is down off the hillside which is in the Open STR area and so which requires a use permit and a SMA permit. Renderings were shown. The house is just east and below the existing Pali Moana house.

Question on the process to provide feedback in general from community to and through KNA Board as part of collecting input and providing opinions? Chair L'Hote explained that County has ultimate authority, but they consider Neighborhood Association input as representative of the community, and the KNA listens to feedback from community members in attendance as well as leveraging the combined experience of the board. Discussion on ways to present information in advance to the community while protecting ourselves from inadvertent potential copyright infringement issues from materials provided by third parties.

Discussion on the narrow-gauge train tracks that ran from AHK along this property and down to the top of Kahili Quarry area, where the lumber would be dumped into the sea to cure and the sugar cane sent down on cables to the ships. This old lumber 10x10 is still in the ceiling of the Dispensary building and termites do not eat it likely due to salt saturation.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

UPDATES:

Seniors: No update.

Kilauea School PTSA: No report.

‘Āina Ho‘okupu O Kilauea / Kilauea Community Agricultural Center: Yosh reported that we are working to finish the Market/Deli space.

AHK is engaging with Kalihiwai Reservoir owners and stakeholders to work potential plans for a public private partnership to restore and steward the reservoir to provide surface water for high-demand agricultural uses and save more County potable water for residential and commercial uses.

The MED (Microbial Electrolytic Device) waste-to-energy ammonia/hydrogen/water production system is being developed and we hope to pilot an on-site test late 2023. If the system proves out it could become a scalable system to address Kilauea town sewerage needs.

We are creating about 300 produce boxes a week, containing 3000 lbs. of produce for nonprofits across the island, supported by USDA-NIFA, State of Hawaii OHA, and private donors.

Anaina Hou: Jill Lowry stated they are planning new film events and a festival with the theme “mother nature”, more details to follow. The Wind and the Reckoning will be shown this Friday January 6th.

The Wai Koa Loop Trail access has remained closed due to uncertainties about emergency protocols, animal issues (loose dogs and a bite incident), AED access and other issues on the trail. Many people mistakenly believe that Anaina Hou is part of Wai Koa and liability concerns are keeping the access point closed.

Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge / Friends of Kaua‘i Wildlife Refuges: Jen Waipa reported that 62 Laysan albatross eggs were predated by pigs on the refuge and confirmed by trail cameras. There is a predator proof fence construction in process and the ones on the interior of that are protected but this is still a terrible loss and the remaining gaps will be diligently monitored. On Moli Hill by the Lighthouse there are about 45 remaining nests (out of 60 original, there are always some nest failures) which is better than last season.

Christmas bird counts were lower this year than last year, 42 different species and 2911 birds, compared to last year’s 46 species and 5988 birds.

Nene nests were 101 previously compared to 88 this year, but over 60 new which was an unexpected upward trend. Speculation there are more nesting going on at AHK property given the number of sightings in that area.

Kama’aina spots are filling up quickly, reservations are highly recommended.

At some point in the near future, there will be a posting for an Environmental Educator, and another Park Ranger position.

The new Hanalei Viewpoint is now expected to open around March 2023.

Thomas Daubert for the Friends Group reported that the community was very generous for their year-end donation appeal. Follow the Friends Group for volunteer opportunities and after-hours access to the refuge.

Kaulana Kilauea: Mr. P reported that Jerry Johnson built a roof for the Kilauea sign.

For those who went to the Dec 10th Christmas in the park there were two 40x60 tents plus grass seating which was all full. The entertainers were extremely impressed with the after party and have committed to return next year it was so good.

Kaulana decorated the 3 Christmas trees at the Dispensary park and are planning to improve the park further this year including sidewalks and a retaining wall.

MOTION by Treasurer Pacheco, seconded by Bill Chase, to donate \$300 to Troy Schmidt to cover his fuel, equipment and time to maintain the Kilauea entrance sign area.

The Christmas lighting competition was a huge success. Aalona had 2 lit homes last year and this year had 6 homes alone that won prizes. In total 15 homes won prizes for their lighting. Michael Ching, AHK, Lihau Paik, and many others contributed certificates and other items to the prizes.

Kia'i Kāhili: No report, there is a meeting this Friday, January 6th.

Na Kia'i o Nihokū: There is another month of testimonies upcoming on the Green's property in Seacliff Plantation.

Namahana Charter School: No report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr P reported next week Saturday at the Makai Golf Club is the annual North Shore Lions Club golf tournament. All monies raised goes towards scholarships. The Hunt Family will match donations up to \$20K. Last year the Lions gave out \$63K in scholarships to all ages. People can purchase a golf ball for \$25 and if the helicopter drop is closest to the pin you can win up to \$2000.

The new principal Mr. Mitchell of Kilauea asked the Lions to help do sight and hearing tests for the whole school. Disruptive students often have sight or hearing deficiencies which can be addressed if identified. The Lions meet 7-8 am the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at the Bistro.

Question on the delay of the PAL affordable houses? There is a specific pipe material that is required and not available for 6 months which is causing the delay.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the December 2022 Kilauea Neighborhood Association meeting minutes was completed by email.

Adjournment of Meeting:

Upon motion duly made by Treasurer Pacheco seconded by Director Daubert and carried unanimously, it was resolved to adjourn the January 3, 2023 Kilauea Neighborhood Association meeting at 8:23 pm.