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**MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 7, 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:** 10+ including Councilwoman Cowden.

**Call to Order:** Chair L'Hote called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM. There is a quorum.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance Committee:** No report.

Please send donations to PO Box 328 in Kilauea if anyone wants to contribute!

Yosh reported Insurance was paid.

**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](mailto:joekilauea@gmail.com). There is a bi-monthly email announcement letter provided to the community.

**Fundraising Committee:** No report.

**NEW BUSINESS / GUEST PRESENTATIONS:**

**Adam Roversi – Kilauea Town Expansion:** The County attorney is reviewing a purchase agreement with Mr. Hay to purchase his 27-acre property. It could be executed by the end of this month.

After failed attempts to purchase Mr. Bertsch's 23-acre property, condemnation action was taken to acquire the property for community uses which (after many COVID-19 delays) is set for trial on July 10, 2023. The Housing Agency would purchase it for affordable housing and town expansion. There will need to be pre-development assessments, community

meetings for a master plan, environmental assessment, titles, a 201H application, and other implementation steps. A transit funding from the State will cover most pre-development work and the Housing agency will cover the rest. The County has allocated \$450K to plan out the Namahana Parkway road extension for the FY2024 budget. The Housing Agency has a \$150K budget to do a wastewater study for a treatment plant for those properties – which could include sewer for part of the town on the lighthouse side of the post office where older cesspools typically are located.

Question on water available for this? Preliminarily there is water for an initial 40-50 units, but details remain. The Water Department has a tank location and design approved and permits done to drill test wells at their latest prospect sites, with next steps dependent on those tests. Timeline is TBD.

Question on condemnation process and appeals? The County acquisition will more or less be final, but the price is most likely to be under appeal.

Question on STIP and funding process for Namahana Parkway road? It is not currently on STIP but being worked on.

Question on the sewer development – will this be part of public hearings? It will be a separate contract but seems to make sense to include as part of overall community planning and visioning. This process would include how many total units would they want on this property, what kind of density, etc.

Question on any preliminary DOT plans for ingress/egress with Anaina Hou across the street of Namahana Parkway? There may be plans for a future roundabout as an idea.

Question on potential maximum housing that could be accommodated in the area, if 40 units is a proposed starting point? The area is zoned R6 which if nothing changed could accommodate theoretically 300 units, however it is anticipated that a mix of housing types and uses would be contemplated to achieve different purposes and this will be driven by the community planning process.

Question on Emergency Support Grants (ESG)? These are temporary grants provided to address homelessness issues due to disasters and other shocks. The State will not accept the money this year due to administrative difficulties, so the Counties have an option to apply for it. The entire Federal pool is \$480K, which would have to be split depending on how many Counties apply. If this was applied for the County of Kauai would likely invite nonprofits to apply to administer the funds (e.g. similar to the \$7M flood funding Hale Halawai was awarded).

**Adam Roversi – Kauapea Access:** After many COVID-19 related delays, the County filed a motion for summary judgment which was denied. There were many statements of fact found to support the easement, but enough other issues were also raised that the judge decided summary judgment wasn't warranted without further investigation of all the issues raised. The trial appears to be set for July 2023.

**Lorraine Newman – County Council Selection of Replacement Seat:** Lorraine was deeply concerned about comments made by Councilman Billy DeCosta regarding the two candidates (Kagawa, Holland) for the vacated seat. Lorraine read the quote from The Garden Isle newspaper.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **Future Attendees:**

Jill Lowry has invited Chief Raybuck (KPD) to attend the April, and Chief Gibson (Fire), date TBD.

Yosh has invited Larry Dill (HDOT), and Mayor Kawakami.

OED is another possible option.

## **UPDATES:**

**Councilwoman Cowden:** There are challenges with the new regime to turn right only from Kolo road at the school. They are being addressed.

There is a County Department of Motor Vehicles satellite office now in Kapaa. There are also substations for police, ocean safety, etc.

There are a couple of band-aid solutions being developed to prevent unintended consequences of the residential property tax classification changes.

Question on whether there are any other satellite County office plans? It would be good to know what functions are most desired to have on the north shore.

Question on real property tax ideas? There are planned workshops.

Question on any ways to help people who are born and raised on Kauai but haven't purchased a home yet to still be qualified for tax relief?

## **COMMUNITY REPORTS:**

**Seniors:** No report.

**Kilauea School PTSA:** No report. Councilwoman Cowden said the play "Annie" was fantastic and they raised \$18K. Malia Estrada is now the PTSA president.

Mehana reported that April 25<sup>th</sup> there will be a fundraiser for the 100 year anniversary, and May Day is May 5<sup>th</sup>.

**'Āina Ho'okupu O Kilauea / Kilauea Community Agricultural Center:** Yosh reported that we are still working to finish the Market/Deli space in the next month or two, including final cement, electrical, plumbing and HVAC, then the Board of Health.

For the Kalihiwai Reservoir we have an AOI with the key parties and can now fundraise to do the remediation and management. AHK is using 1M gallons/month and could grow to 5-10x that amount so we are working to preserve surface water for irrigation and free up potable water for housing uses. There are 2 bills in the legislature to support these efforts.

**Anaina Hou:** Jill Lowry reported they have a new partner Project Vision that is coming to Kauai. They may have a shower truck once a week Sunday and move food pantry and wrap around services to help care for homeless.

The Wai Koa Loop Trail is not owned by Anaina Hou, same with Stone Dam, Wai Koa Plantation, and all other surrounding areas. There are aggressive dogs on the trail and dog bites have happened. The Kauai North Shore Community Foundation dog park would like Anaina Hou's trailhead reopened to mitigate traffic issues in their area. The Porter heirs are selling the property which is challenging due to all the encumbrances. The key local stakeholders will be meeting in April to address all these challenges as a group and make decisions.

Question on the dog park – there is a water line on both sides of the park, where hikers are washing their feet with the hose (ok) and then leaving the gates open (a problem). Also people are hiking with their dogs off-leash.

Anaina Hou has 3 scholarships for LGBTQ, they are \$1500 each, applications are due April 30.

**Kīlauea Point National Wildlife Refuge / Friends of Kaua'i Wildlife Refuges:** Jen Waipa introduced Ian Cantrell who will be helping with enforcement and wildlife concerns on the refuges on Kauai (and works on several islands).

Thomas Daubert from the Friends group reported that the application is open for the Daniel Moriarty Scholarship for high school / college students and is due April 30.

They will also be hosting a Guided Sunset Cart Tour fundraising event on Tuesday April 11 at the Princeville Makai Golf Club. The event will include special commentary on Refuge activities including a visit to a mōlī nesting site. The cost is \$150 per cart, with 2 people per cart.

**Rotary Club of Hanalei Bay:**

John represented Rotary Club of Hanalei Bay and would like to attend and increase collaboration in the future. KNA will provide them a standing Update slot. The Rotary has done many projects including building the club lifeguard building down in Hanalei, Grow Your Own Teacher, the Hanalei Pier, AED's, Life preservers, and the AHK Gazebo among many others.

**Kaulana Kīlauea:** No report.

**Kia'i Kāhili:** Jeremy Burns reported that the group is looking crafting an RFP to do planning around beach access and usage from both sides. This is envisioned to be a comprehensive process that includes community input, data gathering, cultural and environmental assessments.

Question on congestion and limited access for emergency vehicles / safety issues? This should be included.

**Na Kia'i o Nihokū:** Mehana reported there was a community work day recently up on the mountain, and there is no final date yet for the contested case.

**Namahana Charter School:** No report.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Hanalei Canoe Club – Adam Roversi indicated there will be a Summer Luau pa’ina with more details coming in the future.

Kilohana anti-bullying concert for grades 7-12 is coming up.

Affordable Housing Development across from Post Office – Bill Chase said water pipes are now showing up and they are going to self-fund the first 2 homes to get started with construction within 6 weeks. They have housing applications on the website. Question on the Kapaa building electrical infrastructure on the roof? American Tower Company owns it, and it will all become part of a hidden story similar to the Lihue clock style.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion to approve the February 2023 Kilauea Neighborhood Association meeting minutes was completed by email.**

**Adjournment of Meeting:**

**Upon motion duly made by Director Lowry seconded by Director Daubert and carried unanimously, it was resolved to adjourn the March 7, 2023 Kilauea Neighborhood Association meeting at 8:55 pm.**