



P.O. BOX 328 KĪLAUEA, KAUAʻI, HAWAIʻI 96754

**MEETING MINUTES
JULY 11, 2023**

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom (online)

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: 4+.

Call to Order: Sargeant-at-Arms Chase called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM. There is a quorum.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Gary "Mr. P" Pacheco reported we have \$5,362.13 in our checking account. We wrote one check for \$176 for PO Box rent for the year. Kalena Pacheco filed our DCCA annual registration. Please send donations to PO Box 328 in Kilauea if anyone wants to contribute!

Planning Committee: Sarah Wright had distributed a draft planning committee report by email. Councilwoman Cowden had attended. There were discussions on land and beach access (Kauapea), development on the plateau west of town and housing project processes (next steps reach out to Adam Roversi for an update). The Ahuimanu development had promised a community resource room so there will be follow up on that status. The next meeting will be mid-late August to be scheduled (bi-monthly meetings planned).

Question on follow up with Ahuimanu? Sarah will follow up with Kirsten Hermstad for an inquiry.

Concern on the Kauapea beach access topic, on a suggested proposal by private land owners to trade or negotiate away beach access for alternative community benefits (i.e. a skate park, alternate bike path to a different area, or other such items), and what kind of precedent that might set potentially across all of Hawaii.

Mr P. shared that he has old maps that recorded such access, which could be provided to the County if they don't already have them. Adam Roversi also has several recorded interviews with prior users as well as some maps regarding the issue. Yosh said we are waiting to hear back from the County Attorney and the

Mayor on the matter as to the status – this can be a topic for the Mayor’s attendance at KNA as planned in October. KNA could write a letter of support for those efforts.

Communications Committee: Please send any interest in signing up for the Kilauea Neighborhood Association announcements, questions or potential meeting topics to joekilauea@gmail.com. There is a bi-monthly email announcement letter provided to the community.

Fundraising Committee: No report. It is still being investigated if AHK as a 501c3 can support KNA directly as a 501c4.

NEW BUSINESS / GUEST PRESENTATIONS:

Questions for the Mayor:

- Kilauea Road Paving was slated for this year as part of the FLAT grant from Titcomb to the Lighthouse?
- The County was working on land title ownership issues of the Kolo Road intersection for the roundabout?
- Satellite DMV Station in Kapaa? Could we get one even further north?
- Promoting shuttles from airport to destinations to help alleviate traffic?
- Staffing and retention? Key impacted departments (DMV, Water, etc.)?
- Landfill status, the new dump and interim waste stream mitigation strategies?
- Water Department related to planned housing additions on the Kilauea plateau and in the area, and Kalihiwai Reservoir surface water role in mitigating lower value uses of potable water?
- Wastewater and sewer treatment options for Kilauea?
- Anini boat ramp and rock wall repairs?
- Kahili Quarry Road?
- Ala Namahana Parkway bypass road?
- Property tax policies, and as it relates to housing crisis issues? Mayor and Council representation to address this?

North Shore Lions Kilauea Sign – Gary Pacheco: Mr. P reported they have a Lions plaque in Princeville at the entrance sign with days and dates of their meetings. They would like to put up a similar sign next to the Kilauea sign entrance.

MOTION by Sargeant-at-Arms Chase to allow the Lions to put up a sign next to the Kilauea Town Entrance sign, seconded by Vice Chair Bernard. Discussion on adjusting the sign location as the roundabout is installed. Discussion on signage process. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion on the Black Pot Beach evening fair that was moved up to Kilauea Ballpark with loud music late at night – what is the County policy and process on where and when these kinds of events can be held, and are notifications or criteria in place for noise, parking, number of people in attendance and other such matters at night for these types of events?

Kalihiwai Reservoir – Department of Ag Chair Sharon Hurd visited to understand the situation and held discussions with Don Chang of DLNR about the matter. Department of Ag sees reservoirs as vital for increasing food production and there may be an

approximately 3-year transition plan for Department of Ag to take over jurisdiction of reservoirs state-wide.

There was also a County Council discussion, in the understanding that DHHL was planning to speed up land transfers to Native Hawaiians, that water could become a key constraint. Keola at CWRM discussed being able to make a recommendation to the Governor to slow the fines process pushing owners toward decommissioning to allow time for a transfer and new approach for these assets.

Future Attendees:

Office of the Mayor, October 3rd.

UPDATES:

Councilwoman Cowden: No report.

COMMUNITY REPORTS:

Seniors: No report.

Kilauea School PTSA: No report.

‘Āina Ho‘okupu O Kilauea / Kilauea Community Agricultural Center: Yosh reported that we had a soft opening for the store building a couple of weeks ago for the construction workers and funders who made the place happen. The plan was to open 2 hours a day 5 days a week, but staffing issues are delaying matters. It is open Thursdays 3-5 pm in conjunction with the farmers market. We are still working with the County to clarify lease terms and arrangements, as the lease is under Office of Economic Development which is relevant. We are planning on a grand opening perhaps around the end of August or September. In the meantime we are planning to train people for farm tours to show off the site and the operations.

Question on whether there's been any discussion to move the Saturday Anaina Hou market over to KCAC? AHK is happy to host it in the large covered Pavilions if and when the time is right to do so, now that our major construction phase is completed.

Anaina Hou: No report.

Kilauea Point National Wildlife Refuge / Friends of Kaua'i Wildlife Refuges: Jen Waipa reported the third Thursday of the month they are working to establish a regular Weed-N-Watch series of events to support habitat maintenance and eliminate invasive plants that negatively affect the birds. Sign up by emailing angela iwai-pineda@fws.gov, or go on their Facebook page or call the office.

They have hired an environmental educator Laurel Smith who will be starting shortly.

There will be an announcement for an open park ranger position soon, hopefully this will be a local hire. There will also be announcements for maintenance positions. Check USAJobs.com for the postings!

The new Hanalei Overlook is still waiting on final acquisition documents and TMK, and some final construction items like safety fencing, irrigation and tree removal. They are hoping for Fall 2023 sometime which will be accompanied by a news release.

Question on a historic poi pounder? Jen will connect with Jake on that.

Question on reservation system and how can reservation holders be held back from entering when non-reservation holders are already in at capacity? Jen shared the busiest time is 10a-12p where there is often a line, but afternoons are generally open. They only have spots for 40 cars which causes a line up that is difficult to manage.

FRIENDS GROUP: Thomas Daubert reported that the monthly Princeville Mo'olelo talk story event will be Sunday July 30th at 3 pm at the Princeville Community Center featuring Helen Raine talking about wetlands. For more information on these events please visit <https://www.kauairefuges.org/princeville-moolelo>.

Last month the Board of Directors distributed \$20K in scholarships to 8 students pursuing conservation careers!

July 12th there is a photo book release with the author of "Birds of Kilauea Point" in the nature store from 11a – 1pm by Hob Osterlund.

Kauai North Shore Community Association: No report.

Kaulana Kilauea: December 2nd from 5 – 8 pm is Christmas in the Park at Kilauea.

Dispensary Park is now under the stewardship of Kaulana Kilauea. They will be planting native trees in the area with Gary Smith overseeing the selections.

Kia'i Kāhili: No report, there is development in process for an access study.

Na Kia'i o Nihokū: No report.

Namahana Charter School: Sarah Wright said they are still in escrow and still fundraising for the 11 acres near the Post Office. There is a link to learn more at www.namahana.org. Kaupa Chandler will be coming to a future meeting with a broader update.

Rotary Club of Hanalei Bay:

David Dinner reported they are just completing their fiscal year and their President will remain in place. They have supported Namahana School. They are still in recovery phase post COVID-19 but things are taking off well now.

Chris Pico presented recently on the PulsePoint app which identifies where AED's are located across the island, along with police and fire response integration. It is a great tool and system.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None.

Approval of Minutes:

Thomas Daubert moved and Bill Chase seconded approval of the June 2023 Kīlauea Neighborhood Association meeting minutes. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Adjournment of Meeting:

Upon motion duly made by Treasurer Pacheco seconded by Director Chase and carried unanimously, it was resolved to adjourn the July 11, 2023 Kīlauea Neighborhood Association meeting at 8:34 pm.