



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

MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 1, 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

No quorum

Community Attendance: 14+, including Councilmember Felicia Cowden

Call to Order: Yoshito L'Hote called the meeting to order at 7:12PM

Treasurer's Report: Gary Pacheco reported July's Balance \$5,638.13

- Just received a \$300 donation

Committee / Community Reports:

Planning Committee: No Report

Communications Committee: No Report

Fundraising Committee: No Report

Community Updates:

County Council Updates:

- Councilmember Cowden expressed concern about the lack of school bus drivers and school starts next week. All bus routes were canceled until further notice. Expressed her concern and its negative impact. Discussed solutions, challenges:
 - Public buses: Kaua'i bus is short 10 drivers, so it might not be an option
 - Councilmember Cowden shared that the County has training, pay incentives for people interested in driving
 - Hanalei Initiative is helping with the Haena-Hanalei crew
 - Additional issue: No CDL training available on Kaua'i
 - 14 passenger vans don't require a CDL
- Councilmember Cowden requested to share an additional update: County wanting to give Hā'ena Beach Park to the State- what do people think about that?

- Yoshi mentioned a parking study done with Hanalei but the Mayor didn't show interest at that point.
- Community management example with Ke'e (community stewardship)
- Invite Hanalei-Hā'ena Community Association to come to KNA to speak to the issue – Yoshi to approach them to get their perspectives and how KNA can support them
- Councilmember Cowden shared that more real property tax reforms in the pipeline
 - Tiered structure tax rate to be revised, to be determined
 - No more “residential investor” categorization
 - Question/comment from Yoshi: Shouldn't there be an exception for local families who have been in their house for generations and have increased taxes due to the price of house sales (assessed value going up)
 - Aug 9th County of Kaua'i meeting: Inviting the public to come learn about the tax reform bills
 - Credit is the solution to the recall. This has worked for some, but not all
 - Question from Lorraine Newman: Assuming you have a home with these revised tiers, you are unable to know its assessed value until you get the letter from the County
 - Working towards middle incentive for below market value rental rates

Seniors

- No report

PTSA

- No report

'Āina Ho'okupu o Kīlauea (Kīlauea Ag Center)

- Shortage of employees, risking burnout
- Store is open a few hours daily, white pineapple is still in season
- Continuing to look for partners and funders
- Kalihiwai Reservoir: logistical conversations, Dep of Ag will be taking over reservoirs that are for ag use, from DLNR (according to Sharon Hurd)
 - DOW: Kīlauea and Poipu areas will be a major focus because they require the most attention for management and infrastructure upgrades
 - Going to schedule another meeting, conversation is moving forward
 - DOW public meeting Thurs 8/31 5pm at Kīlauea Elementary School

Anaina Hou Community Park

- Entertainment update from Ben
 - Henry Kapono, tickets for sale now (Sept 9th)
 - Playground is open an extra 2 hours now
 - Sunset Lanai: pau hana with live music
- Community Management
 - Partnered with Project Vision Hawaii (big Oahu firm) to offer mobile shower trailers for houseless community or those challenges with utilities
 - Hoping to offer this every week, please spread the word

Kīlauea Point National Wildlife Refuge & Friends of Kaua'i Wildlife Refuges

- Mo'olelo Series in Princeville: last event was 7/30 with Helene Raine; next is 8/27 with Kathleen Viernes of USFWS.
- 3 Maintenance positions have been extended past 8/1 (Facebook page for more information)

- Predator fence
 - Pono Pacific (contractor) is wrapping up, 150ft of construction left; then installing all the gates (vehicular and pedestrian)
- Hanalei Viewpoint: getting closer to opening
- Question from community member about the Kilauea River water level and the invasive species creating blockages

Kaulana Kīlauea

- Dispensary Park is getting a walking path, soliciting donations for the cement work needed to prepare the walkway. Along the sidewalk, going to build a wall (same as the existing one) so that the dirt doesn't end up on the sidewalk. Will help with maintenance. Will plant some native trees in the area also. Let Mr. P know if there's anyone willing/able to contribute to the project.
- Lions Club has donated funds already towards the project, Rotary has expressed interest as well.
- 3 Christmas trees will be lit for Christmas.
- Send email to County requesting support (suggested by Councilmember Cowden)
- Budget? Need to ask Kellen and Lihau Paik.

Kia'i Kāhili

- Will be meeting this Friday 8/4
- HILT first Sunday 8:30a community workday (on the Wailapa side)

Nā Kia'i Nihokū

- Contested case hearing on the Green house site: parties have not received their transcripts yet so closing arguments have not been heard. They are behind schedule. Question about where the transcripts come from?
- Saturday, monthly workdays to startup again, habitat management within refuge.
- Escort training, experts being brought in. Building capacity to be able to lead more people in the refuge area. Renewing permit at the end of the year.

Namahana Public Charter School

- Raised the funds we need to secure the permanent site for the land.
- Have a match gift opportunity to help launch us into our next fundraising campaign.
- Looking to hire a f/t Chief Development Office and p/t Admin Assistant.

Rotary Club of Hanalei Bay

- No report

New Business:

- Kaua'i County Sign Ordinance, brought to Yoshi's attention by Makaala Kaaumoana. Signed ordinance item, emphasis that any signage along the roadside is not allowable by the County.
 - Issues with signage is complaint driven and regulated by the County.
 - Councilmember Cowden shared why it is important but that it can also be changed.
 - Recommend community familiarize ourselves with the ordinance so that we're educated about it: [website](#).

- Question from Mr. P to Councilmember Cowden: Does this affect County or private property?
- Discussion about striking the balance of following the rule and community outreach. Setting the precedent for other community members and local businesses
- Question from Lorraine Newman: What is the process of getting a permit for a sign? Yoshi explained the process, including submitting a form to the Planning Department. Requires some advance notice.
- Next steps: will discuss next meeting.

Old Business:

- Gathering questions for visit by Kaua'i County Mayor Derek Kawakami at the October 3, 2023 KNA Meeting.
- Kalihiwai Reservoir (see AHK update)

Announcements:

Approval of Minutes: *Without a quorum, approval of July and August minutes will have to be done next meeting.*

~~Upon motion duly made by [], seconded by [] and carried unanimously, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the [] 2023 Kilauea Neighborhood Association meeting.~~

Adjournment of Meeting:

Upon motion duly made by Gary Pacheco, seconded by Bill Chase and carried unanimously, it was resolved to adjourn the August 1, 2023 Kilauea Neighborhood Association meeting at 8:25pm.