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MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 9, 2024

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Kilauea Neighborhood Center

KNA Board Members Present:

President Sarah Wright, Vice President Nathan Myers, Secretary Jeremy Burns, Treasurer Gary Pacheco, Sargeant-At-Arms Yoshito L'Hote

Directors: Jake Bernard, Bill Chase, Thomas Daubert, Jim Edmonds, Mike Latif, Jill Lowry, Mike Lyons, Caroline Neal, Kalena Pacheco

Community Attendance: 15+, including Councilwoman Cowden

Call to Order: Yoshito L'Hote called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM. There is a quorum.

Treasurer's Report: Gary Pacheco reported December's bank balance of \$6,738.13. We paid \$882 for our Board D&O insurance. We had \$1,100 in donations. Please consider donating to KNA at PO Box 328, Kilauea, HI 96754.

Special Award Presentation: Councilwoman Cowden presented a County Council certificate of recognition to Kaulana Kilauea for their Christmas music event and Dispensary Park stewardship. Accepting was President Lihau Paik, Gary Smith and Shelley Paik.

Committee Reports:

Planning Committee: Planning Chair Sarah Wright reported the group did not meet this month, but will be meeting again in the near future on a number of topics.

Communications Committee: No report. The email sign up for regular communications is joekilauea@gmail.com.

Fundraising Committee: Yoshi will chair the committee.

New Business / Invited Guests:

None:

Old Business:

None:

Community Updates:

County Council Updates:

- There was a 19-year landfill extension granted but it comes with the condition of building a materials recovery facility and doing curbside recycling. This will cost the County some significant money. There is no future landfill site identified, but some extra time was bought to figure it out through this process.

Seniors

- No report

PTSA

- No report.

‘Āina Ho’okupu o Kīlauea (Kīlauea Ag Center)

- Yosh reported our store Johnny’s Market has been open 9-5, M-F, and has been exceptionally well supported by the community, beyond initial expectations. Most of the sales have been produce. The vast majority of offerings is Kauai local with no or minimal wrapping, shipping, or waste. Community is coming for socialization as well.
- Rep. Nakamura has come up with a bill to reframe and expand the study of freshwater balance and comprehensive systemic solutions which includes valuing reservoirs as just one component on a case-by-case basis in light of a broad range of potential uses and environmental considerations.

Anaina Hou Community Park

- Entertainment: Jill Lowry reported they have a magic act and Los Lobos music coming. Sunset Lanai use is going very well with line dancing, trivia, and coming soon “yappy hour” to bring dogs. Mini golf has an extensive history with natural plantings but is extremely costly to upkeep. Joel Guy, Bino and others will be helping update signage and there will likely be more hardscaping and statues to reduce upkeep costs.
- Kauai Resilience Center has started their capital campaign December 1st and collected \$50K so far. There will be free regular community meetings beginning January 19th, on the 3rd Friday of the month going forward. Email info@anainahou.org for reservations and more information. Retired Fire Chief Jeff Murray from Maui will be speaking at the next one and what conditions led to Lahaina’s disaster including irrigation changes over time. They will be visiting Maui on February 5th to review potential monolithic dome sites there. Health and safety are key targets for the Anaina Hou project but low-cost childcare may be another option with serious cost increases in that area lately that families cannot afford.

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

- Jen Waipa said will be closed on Martin Luther King day.
- There are a couple of Weed And Watch events coming up.
- There are 4 tiny homes that have arrived in Hanalei to help alleviate some of the housing-related pressures on staffing at the refuge.

- The predator proof fence continues to need maintenance. They have a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant to help cover some of it.
- Kim Chadwick was introduced as the new law enforcement officer! She will be here and at Malama Huleia.
- FRIENDS GROUP: Thomas Daubert thanked the community for a very successful year-end fundraiser with matching gifts campaign. There are still a few matching dollars left if anyone would like to support!
- Next Princeville Mo'olelo Series continues this Thursday January 25th featuring Hob Osterland featuring all things Moli. There are 157 nests now at Kilauea Point, an upward swing. There were about 40 viable egg relocations from PMRF.

Kaulana Kilauea

- Lihau Paik mahalo'd the County Council for their award. The work they do is community-led. The 9th Christmas concert was a great success, and planning is underway for the 10th which is a big milestone!
- Last year they focused on the sidewalk for Kilauea Dispensary Park. This year they will be planting trees for shaded areas and installing benches. They will also be fundraising for and building a very low rock wall to prevent erosion onto the sidewalk.
- They were able to give the North Shore Food Pantry a large holiday donation thanks to the community.
- The Christmas Lights competition was done again with 12 award gifts given out. Every year they get more participants.
- There is an ongoing fundraiser: Anyone who wishes to purchase shirts can go to www.kaulanakilauea.org or go to the printing shop across from the Shell gas station back at the end of the road.

Kia'i Kāhili

- The group is working to finalize the RFP for access and environmental management.

Nā Kia'i O Nihokū

- No report.

Namahana Public Charter School

- No report.

Rotary Club of Hanalei Bay

- No report.

Announcements:

- Mr P announced that this Saturday January 13th, North Shore Lions is having their golf tournament fundraiser for the scholarships. \$200 per foursome. There are still some openings and a golf ball drop for donations. Last year they awarded over \$50K in scholarships.
- Question on when the Neighborhood Center will go under renovation construction? It was supposed to start August 2022. Felicia will check with County.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion duly made by Bill Chase seconded by Thomas Daubert, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the December 2024 Kilauea Neighborhood Association meeting. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Adjournment of Meeting:

Upon motion duly made by Treasurer Pacheco, seconded by Director Bernard and carried unanimously, it was resolved to adjourn the January 9, 2024 Kilauea Neighborhood Association meeting at 8:04 pm.