



KILAUEA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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President:

Yoshito L'Hote

Meeting Minutes for: December 2, 2014

Time: Meeting started 7:10 pm ended 9:05 pm

Vice President:

Alvin Castelo

Location: Kilauea Neighborhood Center classroom

Secretary:

Thomas Pickett

KNA Directors present: President: Alvin Castelo, Thomas Pickett, Gary Pacheco, Scott Mijares, Beryl Blaich, Bill Troutman, Tim Kallai, Ken Carlson, Charlie Martin, Carrie Souza, Ron Paul, Tamra Martin, Tricia Padilla.

Treasurer:

Gary Pacheco

Community Attendance: 22

Sergeant-at-arms

Scott Mijares

I. Call to order Vice president Alvin Costello called the regular meeting to order at 7:10 pm

PTSA Rep.

Tricia Padilla

II. Treasurer's Report Gary Pacheco reported after November expenses and income the KNA checking balance is 8122.83. He expects a lot of activity in the account with deposits and payments through December due to the Christmas tree festivities.

Directors:

Mike Latif
Beryl Blaich
Bill Troutman
Tim Kallai
Ken Carlson
Charlie Martin
Carrie Souza
Tamra Martin
Ron Paul

III. Committee/Community Reports

a) KCOP; no report

b) Seniors; no report

c) PTSA; Tricia Padilla reported there are three gardening days scheduled for December. The community is invited to come help with the Kilauea elementary school gardening project headed by Sarah M. on 12/4, at 2pm, 12/12 at 9am and 12/18 at 2pm. Helpers are encouraged to bring gloves and personal hand tools. She announced that the P.T.S.A. main fund raising event, SPAM, raised 20,000.00 that will allow the students to continue receiving art, music and extra-curricular learning programs. She announced the annual job-a-thon early in 2015. She said as of Dec. 2014 there is no funding for 2015 after school programs. Funding is pending responses to two grants applications that have been completed. Tricia recapped the current situation with the school playground and the D.O.E.'s promise to rebuild it. This situation is stalled due to D.O.E funding. Communications between the P.T.S.A. and D.O.E. representative Monica Kauai Baron are becoming strained and Tricia asked the KNA for their opinion. Tricia said that Monica took offense at the KNA letter sent to her regarding the delay in fulfilling the promise to refurbish the playground. Monica said she would have an update and answer for us by the end of the school year in June, 2015.

Upon motion duly made by Beryl Blaich, seconded by Tim Kallai was carried unanimously to adopt a three pronged strategy for getting playground results. 1. Seek methods and financing to refurbish the playground privately. 2. Pursue contacts between board members and state representatives so they can look into the matter and 3. Continue to wait for the DOE to progress.

III. Committee/Community Reports cont'd

d) PTSA; Gary Pacheco announced that he has arranged to remove a dangerous tree that is overhanging the school property. He also announced that the North Shore Lions and the Princeville Development Employees Association have combined resources to present Christmas goody bags to the students with the help of Santa Claus on the last day of school before Christmas break. Jim Edmunds presented a summary of his Happy Healthy Halloween program in which the community is subsidized and encouraged to provide healthy snacks for trick or treating kids. He said it was a great success this year, he plans on doing it again next year and he asked for more community support.

e) Communications committee; Tom Pickett reported that the committee published several November Blog posts, fulfilled the obligations of emailing the community with meeting announcements and expressed the desire for having a communication committee meeting in the new year and accepting more members to the committee in 2015.

f) Access Committee; Tim Kallai reported that the past summer's access workshop recording is available for download from the Hoike website. Then he addressed the Pilaa access situation. Beryl said she looked into the central Pilaa access and discovered that the access is not official. There was further discussion among board members and the conclusion was that the issue is one for the Access committee to follow up on.

g) Somers Committee; Shannon Smith of the Kilauea Lighthouse Fish and Wildlife Reserve reported that she had recent discussions with Fish and Wildlife officials, the KNA and representatives of Mr. Somers regarding the access road from the Somers house to the beach. She stated that the official position of Fish and Wildlife is that the road to Kahili beach can be graded and repaired as per their master plan using best management practices once the plan is implemented. She stated the plan will be implemented early in 2015. Tim Kallai suggested we get copies of the annual public report on Somers progress that is submitted to the Kauai planning department.

Upon motion duly made by Tim Kallai and seconded by Beryl Blaich the board voted unanimously to send a letter to the planning director requesting a copy of the Somers development annual report. Beryl volunteered to draft a letter.

h) Beautification Committee; Alvin Castello reported that he submitted a letter to state D.O.T. representative Ray McCormack giving suggestions for hillside foliage and consulting help during the replanting of the land just mauka of the highway east of the Kilauea stream bridge. He said representatives will be at a future KNA board meeting to present their plan. Gary Pacheco thanked the person who has been weeding and maintaining the town sign. Thanks was extended to Peyton and Zena Hough of Living Waters Kauai for cleaning and sealing the sign from mold and mildew.

V. Old Business

a) Christmas tree lighting event; The decorating of the tree will be Dec. 3rd starting at 7am, set up for the event will be Dec. 5th starting at 8am and the event itself will be Dec. 6th from 4pm to 10pm. Gary Pacheco and Conrad Schmit borrowed and installed a power pole loaned by Rick Hurst excavation. They hope to make it a permanent fixture. Gary Pacheco added that December 19 will be the night the Kilauea Social Club drive around town on the decorated flatbed truck singing Christmas carols and at the same time judging for the winners of the home Christmas light contest. Awards will be forthcoming.

Upon motion duly made by Bill Troutman and seconded by Scott Mijares to fund the Christmas home decorating contest with 200.00 from the KNA treasury. The board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

b.) Mehaulepu dairy; Beryl Blaich addressed the offer from the board to write an opinion letter on the dairy. She asked that the board not submit a letter and let the current petitions and personal letters stand on their own. The

V. Old Business cont'd

c) Recap of the Diabetes education day sponsored in part by the KNA and the North Shore Lions; Norissa Algren gave a brief power point presentation on the event held last November 1st. It included various speakers and presenters that educated the public about diabetes, healthy choices lifestyles and Hawaiian healing. There were healthy snacks and sugar free ice cream and massage. Dr. Mary Pixter, Dr. Melinda Meneze, Dr. Tyler Chihora and Roy Goo were just some of the speakers. Norissa said she hopes to make the event annual.

IV. New Business

a) My Growing Place pre-school. Tricia Padilla asked the board and the community for creative thoughts and ideas to solve a problem she and her partners have in establishing the pre-school in the Kilauea neighborhood. After they applied for and recieved permits to open the school they have recieved penalties and orders to close if they do not compy with a new, post permit, requirement. The reason for the new county requirement is that upon opening compaints were lodge against them from nearby neighbors. The county manages permits and conflicts based on complaints. Because of the complaints the business was scrutinized for fire safety in regards to the children in the school. The county is requiring a fire retardant system requiring water pressure that exceeds the existing water pressure in the pipes of the neighborhood. Tricia and her partner were stymied on how to deal with this new requirement and asked the community for ideas. Some ideas includes finding creative ways to fulfill the intent of the requirement without the public water supply. More exits, a chemical retardant system and a water tower were some of the suggestions. The subject brought up tender feelings regarding the budget cuts to pre-schools within the D.O.E. ie first you take away the funding for pre-schools and then you regulate private schools out of business.

b) Nominations for the 2015 KNA board. Bill Troutman explained the particulars of the process. Before nominations were opened Tamra Martin announced that she was resigning from the board half way through her term. Nominations were then opened and one nominee accepted; Joi Bonaparte.

Upon motion duly made by Gary Pacheco and seconded by Bill Troutman the board voted unanimously to close the nominations.

After a bit more discussion voting was held. Given that the seven board members who's terms were ending in 2014 agreed to sit for another term and there being no nominees for those positions there was no voting on those seats. As Tamra Martin had one year left in her term and resigned there was one seat left to fill. Given that Joi Bonaparte was the only nominee the board and the community swiftly voted in favor of Ms. Bonaparte filling Tamra's seat. Bill Troutman also announced that on 12/16 7 to 8pm there would be a special meeting to establish officers for the board.

Announcements; Alvin Costello thanked the community for the participation at Aina hou community park's free thanks giving dinner and announced that the park is planning a free Christmas dinner as well and invited any assistance the community could give for the Christmas event.

V. Approval of minutes

Upon motion duly made by the Alvin Costello, seconded by Scott Mihares and carried unanimously, it was resolved to approve the November 4th, 2014 minutes of the KNA board meeting.

VI. Adjournment

Upon motion duly made by the Alvin Costello, seconded by Scott Mijares and carried unanimously, it was resolved to adjourn the December 2nd, 2014 KNA meeting at 9:05pm .