

HAWAIIAN ACRES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

16-1235 Moho Rd
Kurtistown, HI 96760

May 23, 2021 | 1:30 PM

1. Call to Order

Board of Directors meeting called to order by Doug Schabell (President) at 1:33 PM. Taken place at Hawaiian Acres Community Association Center and via Zoom meeting for remote board members. Social distancing and mask protocol upheld.

2. Roll Call

See sign-in sheet. Vernon Guenther, Lopaka Milliora, and Diane Winslow marked absent.

4. Approve Past Minutes

Doug Schabell moved to approve the corrected meeting minutes of April 25, 2021.

Vote: Yes - 7, No - 0. Unanimous. Motion carried.

5. President's Report: Doug Schabell

- a. *Real Estate Update:* HACA is selling two quarter acre residential lots (Corner of B & 5) to liquidate assets for a commercial-standard safety playground to benefit the community. Additionally, HACA pays \$400/year in taxes to hold these unused lots, which is a financial drain on HACA. HACA accepted a \$10K purchase offer for one of the two lots listed with the condition that closing costs are paid for by the buyer. Escrow has been opened and all is cleared to move forward with the transaction. HACA's only cost from the sale is the 10% of purchase price to the realtor, which amounts to \$1K.
- b. *Playground Equipment:* Currently in the research phase to find a commercial-grade safety playground company. As prices and quality vary significantly, next steps are to ask the County and/or the Parks and Recs Department for recommendations on reputable playground companies they have contracted with in the past.
- c. *Storage Shed:* Announced the reopening of the small shed used to store various material recycling and clothing donations. Alex Shade volunteered to manage the shed.

6. Vice Presidents' Report: Lopaka Milliora

- a. *Community Watch Update:* Not present

7. Secretary's Report: Lisa Bevier-Sakimura

- a. *Update on Road Improvement District:* Resolution 105-21 was presented to Hawai'i County Finance Committee on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 (with public testimony open at 3 PM) asking to move forward with a feasibility study on the cost of improving roads. Various "guesstimates" were discussed between County officials made with incomplete information as outlined in a spirited local article entitled, "Cost estimate of Hawaiian Acres road plan raises eyebrows ([link](#))." These "guesstimates" drew considerable community attention. Puna Councilmember Matt Kaneali'i-Kleinfelder subsequently held a Hawaiian Acres Roadway Study Q&A on May 8, 2021, to educate the community on the process and answer questions. To date, the resolution remains in limbo and is not on the docket with the County. There is no actual estimate of cost and no plan to acquire this information at this time.

A question was raised about HACA involvement in road improvements and the answer is as follows: HACA is not a private club, but a homeowner association with all the rights such associations entail.

Part of those responsibilities involve making decisions about how to address community improvements, including if we want to work with other governing bodies, like the County, for things like the roads, if and when feasible. While HACA can address road improvements, HACA does not bear any responsibility for road repair and maintenance; all current road maintenance is maintained by HARC.

8. Treasurer's Report: James Kiley

- a. See Report.

Jim Hoffman moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as written. Alex Shade seconded the motion.

Vote: Yes - 7 No - 0. Unanimous. Motion carried.

9. Old Business

- a. *Market Update (Doug Schabell)*: Looking for general volunteers to help with the setup / breakdown of the Friday Market. Alex Shade, Jim Hoffman, and Pam Everett are typically available on Fridays. Noting that at least one board member must be onsite during the Markets as per HACA's special use permit from the County.

11. Set Date Of Next Board Meeting

Next meeting date: June 27 @ 1:30 PM.

12. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:07 PM.

Fred Hofer moved to approve the motion. Pam Everett seconded the motion.

Vote: Yes - 7, No - 0. Unanimous. Motion carried.