

Vacationland Hawaii Community Association

Minutes – Approved
Regular Board of Directors’ meeting on February 16, 2008
Asia Pacific Flowers – Kapoho Farm Lots

Present: VHCA Board members: President – Richard Shea, Vice-president- James Lehner, Treasurer-Glady Christenson, Secretary-Jan Anderson, and Director: Tom Young
VHCA members: Greg Braun, Betty Oberman, Mike Lewis, Linda Fullmer, Gene Kpau, Vivian Mark, and Gary Mark
Public: Arjuna McGowen (Recording Secretary)

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 9am by R. Shea, President

*Presentation: Greg Braun talks about his involvement with the Puna Plan development committee:

Details:

- Puna Plan is one of four development plans in the state
- 11 residents are on the committee
- it is something that is going to be a part of the general county plan, focusing on growth
- Puna Plan focuses on transportation and keeping Puna “rural”
- Kapoho has documented subsidence and so is of special interest to the committee
- Mr. Braun is asking the Puna Plan committee for street lights on the “Red Road” (on Hwy 137) and Kapoho Kai Drive
- Other Proposed improvements are installing toilets and trash cans in the beach area of Vacationland
- Mr. Braun has learned from the Puna Plan committee that the Dept. of Health may not issue any more septic tank permits and is looking at the possibility of a pump out system for Kapoho Vacationland

Mr. Braun suggests writing him so that he can pass a letter to the planner regarding the necessity of assistance or fast tracking a county recommendation to the state that is approved by the VHCA board.
This Letter should be sent or e-mailed to Larry Brown or John Wayland, to be CCd to G. Braun by February 20th.

The Puna Plan Committee will be meeting with Chris Yuen on 28th.

*Clarification: The MLCD is not in the public domain. This should be addressed in the letter to the Puna Plan Committee

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

-Acceptance of Minutes from January 19, 2007 regular Board of Directors meeting:
-minutes read from this meeting

*Action: Motion – by G. Christenson, **seconded** by J. Lehner, to approve minutes. **Motion passes** unanimously.

Treasurer’s report:

G. Christenson – Report on file.
\$36,758 in checking account
Invoice has been sent to HTA for \$1,450

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Committee reports

Road Committees

Committee met on FEB 9th
-minutes on file

J. Lehner – House lots (Unit 1)

-report on file

*Discussion: House lots ideas should be developed and listed for the general meeting so that members can focus on them and respond.

-Estimates should be sought on the average cost to trim the ROW. These numbers should be presented to the members for the general meeting.

-B. Oberman will host a pot-luck after a clean up of Kikiao on Sat. February the 23rd.

K. Parrish – Farm Lots (Unit 2)(report given by Jim Lehner)

- There will be a separate road committee meeting to discuss ROW clearance.
- Chipping has begun on road sides in the Farm Lots.

T. Young – Wai O Pai (Frontage)

***Clarification:** The boundaries of the MLCD is the high tide

-There will be a requirement to do a conservation use application for road improvements along the Frontage. An environmental assessment is needed for this application unless improvements are only for maintenance.

-A shoreline certification is also needed

-Niels Christensen is the surveyor who will survey the road and Frontage

-He will only survey the boundaries of the road

-There is a 45 day review period after his survey is finished

-Comments from the review board must be addressed, and then the application for “conservation use” can be submitted.

-Niels Christensen is recommending a low impact sea wall to protect the road and trees.

-For \$2000 engineers will submit an engineering plan.

- An Army Corp. 404 application must be submitted.

- A Dep. of Health 401 water quality certification must also be submitted.

-A DLNR surveyor must be paid for (transportation and housing) to come in April.

-Completing this process may set a precedent for state wide shore line policy.

-T. Young recommends working with the Puna Plan Committee and inputting desired shoreline policies.

***Inquiry:** can old foundations be built upon for this shore line wall?

***Discussion:** a bathroom near the MLCD needs to be considered.

-T. Young recommends approving the bid from The Independent Hawaii Surveyors, LLC.

-Cost will be \$1,250

-Bid on file

-This survey will give VHCA the needed certification to finish the permit process for improvements.

***Discussion:** How much of the road improvements are going to be on the road that is within the MLCD?

***Issue raised:** accepting the \$1,250 will send the community and state the message that the residents in VHCA’s jurisdiction truly care about making improvements in conjunction with government agency approval

***Action: Motion** by T. Young, **Seconded** by J. Anderson to approve spending \$1,500 to acquire a shoreline certification from The Independent Hawaii Surveyors. With a vote of three for and one opposed, **motion passes.**

***Discussion:** Where will the funding for the improvements project come from?

-A special assessment could be used to collect funds

-This route will inspire a lot of political resistance

-Even if the project goes no further than the survey it shows good faith on the part of the VHCA to complete it.

- Public agencies could be appealed to for funds.

-It is unlikely that there are public funds available for this private road.

-Collecting fees from tourists is another option

-This will mean the community will not have to tax itself and VHCA can avoid the strings that come with taking public money.

-grant money should be sought

-What is the VHCA’s scope of responsibility? Can Farm Lots residents be charged for repairs to a house lots roads?

Issue raised: Is there a time limit on any of the permits in which the improvements need to be completed? No, the shoreline certification will not expire.

Waterfront Committee

- G. Christenson
- has not met
- Malama O Puna has agreed in principle to be VHCA's umbrella organization to facilitate acquiring \$4,000 from the county for the tide pool's "visitor educator"

Action: T. Young agrees to get an application for funds from the Resource Conservation and Development Department

Bylaw Committee:

- J. Anderson
- J. Anderson presents current Bylaw (Article VI: Membership Meetings) that is being considered for an amendment at the general membership meeting
- Bylaw amendment on file

Action: Motion by J. Anderson, **seconded** by J. Lehner to approve the proposed amendment to be presented at the general membership meeting. **Motion passes** unanimously.

Nominating Committee

- G. Christenson and S. Lang
- Four board positions will be open this year.

Coqui Committee

- R. Shea
- The sprayer is desired by other communities and if it is not used it will be taken.

2. Update on subdivisions and zoning issues (re: VHCA) before County of Hawaii Planning Department

- There has been an application for subdivision request to be withdrawn (Mohammed)
- Sylvia Dolena's Special permit application was submitted and sent back because it was incomplete. It has not been resubmitted.

3. Status of County's Kapoho Wastewater Treatment Study

- The consultant for this study is not looking into anaerobic systems. However legislation requires looking into alternatives.

***Action:** T. Young agrees to e-mail all board members the DLNR report and sewer system information.

4. Discussion of Long Term Road Funds into CD's

No longer an issue because of no excess funds.

NEW BUSINESS:

6. Preparation for VHCA Annual Membership Meeting

This meeting will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2008 from 9Am to 12 Pm at the Pahoia Community Center

- Budget requests need to be submitted before this meeting.
- T. Young will present a Power point presentation on the proposed road improvements along the Wai O Pai Frontage
- Notification letters should be sent out by March 8th

***Action:** J. Anderson agrees to contact a newspaper to advertise the Annual meeting, as per VHCA bylaws.

***Action: Motion** by J. Anderson, **Seconded** by J. Lehner to approve spending \$150 for refreshments at the annual membership meeting. **Motion passes** unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE

-The next board meeting will be held on(Saturday March 1st at Asia Pacific Flowers at 9AM) **ammended to 4pm
March 02, 2008 at Lehner's residence.**

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:26Am