

President's Message

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As the outgoing president of HPPOA, I was asked to compose a message to the residents of Hawaiian Paradise Park.

It has been an eventful year for our board of directors. One of their first acts last year was to fire three primary employees. Our board vice president and treasurer stepped up as volunteers to fill the roles of released employees. The situation developed into a law suit. Those involved are not allowed to discuss the details, nor the progress. Interested parties have ended up on the witness list, which has been reported to number more than two hundred. Hence...the law suit of "No Name".

In the fall, there were three vacancies on the board. Three volunteers stepped up to fill the positions. For a while, it was working well. After six months, two of the new volunteer board members resigned with no explanation. As evidenced by no meeting attendance in recent months, two other board members have disappeared without explanation. Some members have asked the board to remove them. As the board is reluctant to act in a punitive manner, the membership will have to initiate the removal of their representative themselves. The bylaws state it would take two hundred signatures.

In the last few months, several projects have been proposed that will greatly benefit our community. The support of all residents are needed to make it all a reality.

For many years, fugitive dust from dry gravel roads has been an issue. The Department of Health threatened hefty fines as incentive to do something about it. The road crew started watering roads. Chip Sealing became an option to asphalt paving. It has worked well in Fern Acres, Ainaloa and Hawaiian Ocean View Estates. In 2007, Chip Sealing was planned for road paving in HPP until the Road Traffic Safety Committee shot it down. The board did not approve the project. So...here we are again. The Group Of Ten (GOT) (that scrappy group of residents who chase the rest of you out of meetings) is again trying to sabotage chip sealing for the gravel roads. For the first increment, \$350,000 has been allotted. If road paving is an issue for you, please let your voice be heard. Let us not let these funds go to waste.

Expanding and improving the shoulders of the main roads would benefit bicylists and pedestrians. More bikes and people are using our roads. The shoulders are not safe for bikes to save themselves from the speeding traffic. Pedestrians must walk an uneven, grassy path. Improved shoulders would be a safety blessing for many.

Financial issues are always a concern. Given the salaries saved for the three highest paid staff last year and the \$500,000 plus funds in investments, these projects are possible without raising road fees. Again, your voice is needed to keep the Group Of Ten (GOT) and others from thwarting progress in our community.

A county park has been proposed for the 20 acre parcel at 26th and Kaloli Drive. Councilman Greggor Ilagan has worked to make this happen. This parcel has been vacant land for 50 years. Our community with young families deserve a community park nearby. Planned amenities include: a soccer field, exercise equipment, a ball field, a pavilion. It would be installed in increments, with a walking path first. Several years ago, the board voted down a proposal for a county park. This is our second opportunity for a park, which may not come again for some time. This project needs your community support, too.

The Keaau Postmaster has proposed grouping mailboxes on one acre parcels on Maku'u and Kaloli, with a post office on Paradise. This would enable all residents of HPP to have a mail box. It is in the "this is a good idea" planning stage.

With a new board, a new era begins again for HPPOA. Please consider taking a more active role in our community. Our new president, Craig Crelly, needs your input to keep the board on the task of serving our whole community. We must not allow a Group Of Ten (GOT) to control the development of Hawaiian Paradise Park.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

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