

## HPPOA Playground Committee Minutes – of December 2, 2015

**APPROVED JANUARY 6, 2016**

Members present: Leilani Bronson-Crelly, Randi Larzalere, and Judi Houle, Moani Pai-Paige, and June Conant.

Members excused: David Prager, Jim Bowers and Judy Sumter.

Meeting location: HPP Library

Chairwoman Judi Houle called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm.

June Conant pointed out that no County building permit would be required to erect a playground set at HPP. She did say that a permit would be required if we built a covered picnic hut with a concrete foundation. Moani Pai-Paige added that the County building code did not require permits for structures up to 600 square feet – and that it possibly might have been amended to include structures up to 1000 square feet.

Judi Houle reported she went to Ainaloa subdivision and got information that they obtained funding monies for the playground equipment from their cell tower lease (franchise fees). They have a special rider for insurance coverage through Servco. Ainaloa said they had damage to their equipment from older kids. They have a short chain-linked fence surrounding their playground equipment. Their biggest problem is replacing parts to broken equipment due to high shipping costs.

Judi Houle also reviewed the playground equipment at Leilani Estates. She recently obtained quotes for playground equipment from Home Depot in Hilo. It included free shipping; however, we would have to pay 9% California sales tax on the unit. Ms. Houle showed six different playground units from Home Depot including their dimension and price. Prices ranged from \$8,946 up to \$13,094.

Judi Houle shared two playground units from Wal-Mart including their size and price. Prices ranged from \$8,499 to \$9,829.

Swing sets were add-on to prices quoted above. Home Depot added \$1,905 for swing sets that included two for tots and two for larger kids.

Discussion ensued as to whether anchors were needed to secure the playground equipment into the ground– their prices range from \$370 each to \$1,012 each.

Randi Larzalere brought up that we will need to find volunteers to help prepare the site, install the equipment and fencing, etc.

Moani Pai-Paige encouraged the committee to go with Home Depot's systems as we could save money on the shipping, and noted it is commercial-grade quality.

Leilani Bronson-Crelly asked the committee to define its wish list for playground equipment as well as other units for the area.

Discussion ensued on the possible location of the playground system. Randi Larzalere felt the open grass area in front of the Activity Center's parking area would be a good site. Leilani and Randi volunteered to inspect and measure several different area around the center.

Moani Pai-Paige offered to provide an Excel spreadsheet of the costs for different playground equipment, fencing, tetherball, bike racks, covered picnic table huts, jungle gym, and upright pipes for fencing, etc. The committee wondered

if Hawaiian Paradise Park Association's non-profit status (501C4) would allow tax-deductible donations of park benches, etc. The committee considered Crowdfunding for any extra money needed for the playground site.

Moani Pai-Paige asked how the committee would obtain the money towards buying the playground unit. She wanted to know if the Board had to release the funds to the committee, or if the Treasurer just released the delegated funds directly. Either way the committee would have to keep a tight tally on the funds and expenditures once they are released.

Judi Houle shared that she contacted AAA, another manufacturer, for their playset and said that the shipping cost was high – their unit cost is \$13,859.

The next meeting is slated for January 6, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. The next agenda will discuss the site, review the December 2, 2015 minutes and review the Excel spreadsheet. The committee should present their findings and spreadsheet at the next Board meeting on December 16, 2015. Leilani agreed to provide a packet of the material to the Board by December 11.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted By,

/s/ Leilani Bronson-Crelly, Secretary