

March 19,2018 Membership Mail Box Committee Meeting Minutes

Attending:

Mary Couch

Alexa Von Alemann

Lorie Combs

Kathy Crawford

(quorum)

Mary made a motion to call the meeting to order at 1:07 pm. Lori 2nd the motion. Mary made a motion to approve the March 12th minutes. Alexa 2nd the motion

Old Business/New Business * this meeting combined both old and new business.

Mary presented the letter she drafted to Mr. Wolny (USPS Hawaii contact). After some discussion and a few minor changes the committee approved the letter. We unanimously agreed to delay sending the letter until after the board meeting Wednesday March 21st. We realize that as a membership committee we do not need board approval but with the board also having a mail box committee we wanted to see what the chair presented and also give the board one more chance to recognize us as the legitimate committee we are. Mary made a motion to delay sending the letter. Kathy 2nd the motion.

Mary has had a conversation with Mr. Wolny's boss Megan Brennen. Alexa noted that area post masters rotate every few months which can make it difficult for continuity on a long term project. Roberta has recently been replaced.

Lori commented that she had a conversation with Nani, the USPS contractor who delivers our mail right after our annual letter and road maintenance bill was sent out last January 2017. Nani stated that HPP needs to provide a secure location for the mail boxes. This is contrary to what the board mail box committee chair has stated.

Kathy gave a report on information she received from a local drafts person. She also sent Eileen Ohara an email requesting information and guidance on our mailbox situation as well as grant education. She also left a voice mail yet has not had any response. It was decided that Mary will try contacting Eileen before our next meeting.

There was a lengthy discussion about "Village" development for our community. USPS is advocating a "village" such as a small scale commercial center in HPP. This is a complicated long term project involving the federal, state and county governments. Sewer and water lines will need to be installed. The "Village" sounds nice but is not realistic for our immediate needs. A "village" will take many years to go through all the red tape, work with multiple government entities, receive funding, get plans drafted and approved and permits issued just to break ground. We concluded that mail boxes are our only objective and the need is immediate. Mail box clusters do not need water, sewers, etc.

It was noted that Fern Acres does not have any mail boxes. Residents there have to go to Mountain View to get their mail. Orchidland Estates subdivisions has a nice mail box cluster but there are not near enough for the population.

The committee worked on Mary's 3 minute owner input for the Wednesday board meeting. She has requested to be on the agenda multiple times with out success, which we noted is the case for the Bylaw committee as well. A rough draft of her 3 minute input was created and Kathy will put it all together and send it to her via email. A hard copy will be present at the next meeting.

Alexa voiced her concern about the upcoming BOD election. She is using her 3 minute owner input to implore the board to use the "League of Women Voters" for our upcoming BOD election as this organization has earned its reputation as a respected ballot counting entity and has been used by HPP in the past.

The State Democratic Convention is May 26-27. We as a committee will help her prepare a statement regarding our needs locally. Alexa stated that she requested Ruth Mizuba to do the same as being Board Mail Box Committee chair for approximately 2 years.

We are still planning to present a presentation for the June membership meeting. At this point we do not have enough information to move forward. We continue to gather facts, requirements etc. We need to speak with Mr. Wolny to move forward, but we can still look for foreclosure properties, speak with the county to find out permitting expenses and find a builder to give a real rough estimate to build a structure like the one in Orchidland. Alexa will contact Ariel Murphy. She is a realtor and may be able to guide us on finding the person who

constructed Orchidland's mail box cluster or who has the information regarding Orchidland's mail box clusters. She will forward Kathy as Ariel's contact.

Kathy will try to contact the woman on Face Book HPP Next Door to see if she will attend our next meeting.

Next meeting : Wednesday March 28th 1-3 pm at the HPP library

Mary made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:45

Lori 2nd the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathryn Crawford