

# HPP EQUITY ROAD FEES COMMITTEE

Hawaiian Paradise Park Membership Committee, established February 26, 2017

## May 11, 2017 Meeting Minutes

### AGENDA

**I. Call to Order:** Chairman Peter Frost called the meeting to order at 11 am on May 11, 2017 at his home in HPP.

**II. Roll Call:** Peter Frost, Mayelin Stillwell, Steve Crawford, Alexa von Alemann. Absent: Ernest Olsen, Leilani Bronson-Crelly, Joy San Buenaventura (not as our State Representative but as HPP resident) were invited but could not attend due to conflicting schedules)

**III. Approval of the Agenda:** all

**a) Purpose of the Committee** is to address the unequal level of service provided to HPP lot owners in exchange for the same road fee. We need to develop a more equitable system and propose it to the HPPOA Board and to lot owners at the General Membership Meeting on June 25, 2017.

#### **b) Report by Peter Frost**

The present formula, said to be based on maintenance required, population, and providing people access to our paved feeder roads **faster** does not reflect reality. Long-term effects of exposure to fugitive dust on health, as well as damages to vehicles due to use of improper material and road maintenance have been hurting many of our families on dirt roads. The fact that **not** all of us are getting what we pay for and are forced **to subsidize** comfort of others is **illegal**. The argument that "we knew our road was not paved when we bought our lots" does not account for the fact that some **greatly benefited from the bond when their roads got paved after they purchased them** - while **all** of us are paying off the debt.

The fee scale we propose is to be based on **five** types of HPP roads identified by construction and surface treatment:

- paved (asphalt)
- chipseal
- sand and gravel
- cinder
- none

The road fees based on this fee scale should generate sum comparable to the projected total sum

collected under the current system. They should accurately reflect **level of service provided**.

The **highest** fee should be required of those on **paved** roads, as well as **rentals, B&Bs, and high traffic establishments even on unpaved roads**, since they generate multiple users with no vested interest in preserving our roads.

There should be a slightly **lower** assessment for vacant lots on paved streets, lower fee for homes on sand and gravel, and even **lesser fee** for empty lots there, since owners do not contribute to wear and tear on those roads. Likewise, a lower fee should be assessed on cinder roads (lesser problem with fugitive dust than sand and gravel), making distinction between those lots with homes and empty lots.

The base, or **the lowest rate** should be given to lot owners who have not seen **any improvement** to their roads in years

There is no such thing as "a good dirt road". Why do we use cheap but inappropriate \$15/ton base aggregate?

Peter Frost suggested using **2 1/2" drain rock, 3/4" clean (washed) rock and cement layers to get rid of potholes properly. The current base aggregate spot fill does not bond, gets crushed and turns into dust. We can not afford temporary bandages.**

### **c) Comments**

Alexa von Alemann suggested **having a test done on fugitive dust** created by the base aggregate on unpaved roads. She expressed a concern for children walking to and from school buses on dusty roads. GM Don Morris told her that this material "is being used everywhere in the world so there is nothing to worry about". Still, **silicosis** is a serious disease and should be not taken lightly. Even vehicles moving at below 10 miles/hour speed create lingering clouds of dust covering the children as they pass by. Considering **cumulative health effects**, we should **all** be concerned enough to prevent further harm.

Mayelin Stillwell updated us on **chipseal roads**. With only one layer applied (three layers are required) repairs needed on recently built chipseal roads are already evident. We all agreed to take an exploratory trip down our chip seal roads.

### **TASKS**

Prepare the formula for road fees, get an independent dust test done, get estimates from Glover, Yamada & Sons, and other potential suppliers. Talk to neighbors and record their opinions regarding our roads. Invite them to the next General Membership Meeting. Prepare a presentation for the General Membership Meeting on June 25, 2017.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm. The next meeting will be in the first week of June. We will announce the exact time, date and place one week ahead.

Submitted by

Alexa von Alemann, Secretary.