

Presidents Corner

March 2023

Kari Hoffman, President

Aloha Members,

I'm proud to report the following progress since my last report in February 2023.

OFFICE

- We have received \$1.1 million of the \$3 million in dues in the month of February. All annual billing statements were sent out, if you did not receive a statement, please call the office to check what address we have for you. Maintenance fees are due by April 1st.
- We have posted the GM position once again on Indeed and Monster.com. We have also posted the Bookkeeper and Administrative Assistant openings on Indeed. We will start interviewing again soon.
- The BOD reviewed some quotes on chairs for the library. It was voted to hold off till they can be budgeted into the 2023/24 budget.

Roads

- Civil Construction will start up again on March 27th on the 4th Ave paving job between Kaloli and Paradise. Grading started but was halted due to the storm that hit us last month. Once prep is complete, they will be paving immediately. They will start next on Pohaku Drive paving job and once complete start on 4th between Paradise and Makuu.
- The road crew has been busy dropping 1787 tons of rock and rolled 5.5 miles of roads, graded an additional 2.5 miles of roads and filling in potholes after our 4 weeks of rain. We had a lot of down trees needing to be picked up and branches with the past storms. They also have been patching potholes on the paved roads and graded 16 miles of dirt roads.
- The Board approved the purchase of a used 2016 Backhoe that is like new for \$72,000 including tax and delivery. We should receive the equipment by April 1st.
- We have hired 2 road crew for weed eating and mowing. We hope that this will help us stay ahead of the weeds going forward.
- Our Water truck was down for a week but is back up and running now.
- The board had sent off a road sample to a mainland company for testing a new dust control product. Unfortunately, the results show that the product is NOT compatible with our volcanic soil. We will continue to look for other solutions.
- The Board discussed the purchase of a new/used small pickup, possibly a hybrid, that can be used by the GM for use in HPP. With 140 miles of roads, we feel this is a

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necessity. Interim GM, Jon Loehndorf was asked to get some quotes and see what is available for next year's budget considerations.

Forensic Analysis

- Dirk Von Guenther has completed his phase 1 analysis of the past 3 years documents. The Board voted to not extend the investigation at this time unless he has identified major findings which he has not. The Board will be reviewing his findings and report and will report to the membership at the April meeting.

Mailboxes

- The Board approved the first two sites locations for the Mailbox Parks on 4th Street just off of Kaloli and at 6th Street just off Maku'u. The Land Use Committee presented an additional plan to consider with having the mailboxes along 4th Ave and 6th Ave along the 20-acre parcels on the streets verses having the clusters on the 20 acre sites where you would turn off the avenues into them. The Board voted to submit both options to USPS for comments and their input. Both plans will be submitted in late March.
- The board has not yet been able to meet with Malamalama Waldorf School to review their lease and see if we can get 6 of our 20 acres back for use with mailboxes.
- The Post Office has begun the assigning of the street addresses to each lot not currently assigned an address, which is their first step, and they will then add them to their database to make them a legal address. Each lot will be assigned a mailbox when the project is complete with their street address as their legal mailing address.

Website

- The HPPOA website has some new features available now with online Road Maintenance requests, Board Applications and Document request forms being able to be submitted electronically. We thank Katherine Patton for helping HPP get into the 21st century on these items. We continue to try to be sure all minutes are now posted. You can find the latest Audit report now on the website.

Election

- The deadline to apply to be on the Ballot has now passed. We have board candidates in 6 of the 7 open districts that will be determined in the upcoming May Election. Ballots will be printed and mailed by May 1st to all owners that are current by April 1st in their road fees in Districts 2,3,5,6,7 & 8. All Ballots must be received by the League of Women Voters no later than June 1st and will count the ballots on June 3rd. We will announce the results at the June BOD meeting and June Membership Meeting.

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Committee Updates:

- *Finance Committee* – Meeting 3/24 at 11am, they have started to look at next years budget and review financials YTD.
- *Bylaws Committee* will meet 3/ 29 at 4pm in the library.
- *Nominating Committee* met 3/24 at 10am. They are planning a Meet & Greet the Candidate's event in April.
- *Land Use Committee* met March 14 at noon in the Library. They have 3 new members that will be joining them after being nominated at the Feb Members Meeting.
- *Human Resources Committee* has finalized the Employee Handbook and the BOD is reviewing it to be approved at the April 19th BOD meeting.
- *Membership Meeting Committee* had no report.
- *Cultural Preservation Committee* meets the 2nd Saturday 10:00am-12:00pm in the library each month.
- *Neighborhood Watch* meets the 1st Saturday of each month 9:00am at Activity Center, Swap Meet is the 2nd Saturday of each month from 7:00am-11:00am at Activity Center and Classes on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 9:00am in Activity Center.

The next General Membership Meeting is Sunday, **June 25, 2023 at 3pm** in the Activity Center. Check-in for the meeting will begin at 2pm, meeting will start at 3pm. Come get involved, meet your neighbors and see what you've been missing.

The membership is looking for help planning a 50 year anniversary luau for HPPOA. Call the office if you want to be on the planning committee.

Thank you everyone for your patience and support. I am proud to live in this great community.

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