

Doug's Speech

Aloha. My name is Douglas Kerr, and my HPP address is on 15-853 Paradise Ala Kai.

Allow me to suggest a metaphor to the board that also applies to roads: **Stay in Your Lane** *until the Articles of Incorporation say otherwise* ^{mailboxes and roads}

This board runs a Road Association. Not a Mailbox Association. The board has no business solely deciding on how HPP residents are to receive their mail. As my kids would say, "Who made you the boss of me?"

This board was elected solely to pave and maintain roads in HPP. Somehow, this board has translated road maintenance into mailbox construction. Even more concerning, this board has decided to spend what will eventually be millions of dollars of OUR road fees on mailboxes and their new locations. Meanwhile, roads remain unpaved and dust is a constant menace.

Sure, the board has managed to bootstrap mailboxes into their supposed field because the mailboxes are: Beside. The. Road. What next? I suppose the Board will start building fire hydrants because they are: Beside. The. Road. But what happens when this board moves our mailboxes to four remote locations with over 2,000 mailboxes? Now we will be stuck with insuring, maintaining, replacing, and securing thousands of mailboxes. All of this as a ROAD Association.

But there is a way out, before this board spends millions on mailboxes: discuss what needs to be done to allow mailboxes to be expanded at their current locations and work with the Post Office to come to a safe, convenient, and CHEAP plan to add mailboxes along the right of way of the main roads.

As will be discussed by other speakers, there is sufficient room to move mailboxes further from the roadway and to establish convenient and safe cluster locations for our mailboxes. This option hasn't even been considered by this board because they are solely focused on spending millions of our dollars on putting more than 8,000 mailboxes on deed restricted properties.

This board refuses to follow the first rule of the road: Stay in Your Lane. It's really simple: Stay in Your Lane

s/ Douglas B. Ker

Mayelin Speech

Former board member Mayelin Stillwell has requested I speak on her behalf today about these deed restricted properties. Address is 15-1056 Kukane Ave.

All of the mailbox locations the board wants to develop are deed restricted properties and this creates a big issue with this board already spending thousands of dollars to plan and engineer one location. When the properties were presented to the Association by the original landowners, the deed was restricted. Simply put, the Association is not allowed to do anything with the property other than the following uses recorded in the deed:

".... The property shall always be used for park, playground, recreational or school uses only..."

It is impossible to imagine how mailboxes fit into "park, playground, recreational or school uses." And, the FAQ on the HPPOA website is wrong: Nowhere in the deed restriction is it stated that "communal" purposes are allowed. The language is clear – If the property is used for any use other than park, playground, recreational or school uses, the people who gave the property to the Association *or any property owner in HPP* can sue to enforce the restrictions, and all attorney's and court fees will be paid by the Association.

Now let me ask this of you folks:

Would you spend millions of dollars on building a house that was subject to ANY restriction?

Would you go ahead and spend your money and say, "Well, the guy who gave me the property said it was okay. But I don't have anything in writing and can't really prove it in court."

The Board has been asked many times to provide a written waiver of the conditions in the deed. We have yet to see any waiver by the people who gave the property to the Association. Without a written legal waiver, this board is gambling that no one in HPP will sue to enforce the deed restriction and make all of US pay for the court and attorney fees even if the HPP resident loses! Further, the FAQ claims that the family that gave the properties to the Association said that there was no problem with mailboxes. There is absolutely no evidence of this claim.

This board is risking our road fees for a project that probably a majority of members do not want. ~~This all could have been avoided if the board had simply worked with the USPS on roadside cluster mailboxes. Those who follow me today will discuss how expanding roadside mailboxes will meet safety standards requested by the USPS.~~

My demand is that this board not gamble with our road fees on mailbox locations that are deed restricted. If the board goes forward with these properties without first obtaining a written waiver from the original property owners, this board is operating in a reckless manner with our road fees.

s/Mayelin Stillwell

Aloha HPPOA board

Thank you for your service to our community. I know what being on a board is like as I am presently on two association boards and have been for the past 18 years myself.

Enough of that..

I am speaking to protest the present mailbox proposal. I moved to HPP five years ago and noticed on the HPPOA website that a chair was needed for the mailbox committee. I emailed the association three times volunteering to chair the committee. No response. (We were building at that time so I did not pursue it, but should have) I have a lot of experience in the field managing the mailboxes at Vacationland and turning them into a profitable situation where everybody who wanted a box got one! Everybody and no waiting!!!!

I believe these boxes should stay on the main roads. Reasons:

Safety has been brought up that these are not safe on the main roads as they are too close to the road. The roads are 60 feet wide and the boxes can be moved back and right up against the property line per the county of Hawaii. This will leave 21 feet from the front of the box to the edge of pavement, enough to park cars three deep with room left over. So no safety issue there.

Safety for the users. Roadside is much safer than large lots with dark corners hidden from view. Even Ainaloa has theft problems with their clusters massed together. This would invite theft and assaults.

Safety for ingress and egress. Using the bulk areas will require large amounts of traffic to ingress and egress in a small area and close to an intersection and then travel down residential roads where children may be playing.

Money. The new proposal will require engineering and architectural design, easily into six digits, an archaeological survey using many tens of thousands of dollars, land preparation in the hundreds of thousands of dollars, permits from the county and on and on and on.. a never ending money pit with money that should be used for our roads. And HPP has no plan or estimate at this time of what the total cost is going to be.

Speed.. We can begin on the roadside mailboxes immediately rather than waiting for permits, engineering because this is grandfathered in.

Let's rethink this before it is too late!!!!


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Aloha, everyone,

My name is Danee McFarr and I live on Ama`u Road in District 5 of HPP. I retired here three years ago, expecting a quiet life in a beautiful community within walking distance of the ocean cliffs, where I go every day. I wouldn't have to deal with a condo board, as I did on Oahu, only a road maintenance organization. Then I learned that the board of this organization is making plans beyond the scope of paving and maintaining roads. They are planning massive "mailbox parks," as they are referred to on the HPPOA website. Not the kind of park you first think of, is it? Not like the one we are still waiting for the County to install—"a large public green area used for recreation." It CAN be called a "park" under another definition: "an area devoted to a specific purpose, such as an industrial park."

Of course, most people who live here want a mailbox and have been waiting a very long time for one. We understand that the postal service will not deliver to individual homes, but they do deliver to roadside cluster boxes. I support a plan that the postal service approved in 2018, to add more roadside cluster boxes to accommodate everyone living here.

This is a quote from:

Postal Operations Manual (POM)

631.441 Delivery Requirements

(not read): CBUs and USPS STD 4C equipment may be approved for use at one or more central delivery points in a residential housing community. The local postal manager must approve the mailbox sites and type of equipment.

(Following is read): **Boxes must be safely located so that customers are not required to travel an unreasonable distance to obtain their mail and to provide sufficient access to mailbox locations. Normally, within one block of the residence is appropriate.**

Because there are no proposed mailbox sites between 16th Avenue and the highway, and the plan is to move all roadside boxes to four mailbox sites, a majority of lot owners will have to drive further from their homes—up to seven miles roundtrip!

Another major concern is the potential for criminal activity. Each site, on slightly less than one acre, will house more than 2000 boxes. Rows and rows of boxes, with plenty of places for criminals to hide while committing crimes, including mailbox vandalism, assault and robbery. Elderly residents, especially women, who I have spoken to about this, are particularly concerned for their safety.

I strongly advise the board to not proceed with this very unpopular plan and to leave it to HPP homeowners to work with the postal service to come up with a plan—a plan that will serve the needs of the community and which will align with postal service policies regarding reasonable travel distance for their customers to obtain their mail.

Then the board can get back to their first order of business for HPP lot owners, ROADS.

Mahalo.


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Board Member Meeting -- 21 JUNE 2023, Wednesday
Questions to be addressed,
Traudel L. Haney, HPP resident since 2008 

1. Civil Engineer makes anywhere from \$56k – \$121k per year on an average within the state of Hawaii, hire within the Honolulu County compared with Hawaii County? **What is the cost estimate of this???**
2. If the USPS is not mandating the change, then why these changes happening? If the USPS plan was originally approved back in 2018 **then why is this back on the agenda five years later?**
3. Can the board state at this present time:
 - a. **From the main road to 16th** the occupancy rate is;
 - b. **Then from 16th to below** the current **occupancy rate**;
Basically, a comparison of the number of home occupancy, living within these locations.
4. Thinking of the traffic on Kaloli and Makuu;
 - a. Traffic will increase in these locations, with already substandard conditions
 - i. No street lighting at night;
 - ii. No shoulders to even ride a bike or let alone walk should your vehicle break down this increase volume you are proposing is not so clearly detailed
 - iii. Are we going to be having the same problem that is getting into and out of the locations, as it stands in the morning of getting on the main road
5. Finally, CAN anyone seriously guarantee that our mail will be saver in these locations and if so, explain the logic behind it?
 - a. Originally, we pick up mail at the Post Office **until a box became available.**
 - b. Now the town of Keaau is larger than before;
can anyone on this board tell me how long/how much it will take to get one, now?

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