

## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

September 2023

Aloha Members,

### **OFFICE & PERSONNEL**

We have brought Bonnie McCoy on as a full-time employee starting September 1<sup>st</sup>. Bonnie is our bookkeeper and has been on contract working for HPPOA since December 2022. We also hired a new CDL driver to drive our water truck and some of our heavy equipment. We welcome Rob Peahu to our HPP family. Our activity center is once again under the supervision of Zile Wagner. Zile is a former employee that had to leave the island earlier this year but is now back again and we are delighted to have him back in our HPP family.

The office staff and many volunteers helped to get the 8,850 unaudited financials, CIP budget, and President's Letter out by the August 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. Each mailing is a major task, thankfully we only have 3 a year. It is the Board's hope that the bylaws can be changed soon to allow us to supply this information electronically in the future. Postage alone is \$5,900, not to mention the envelopes, paper, printing cost and the manpower needed to stuff them all.

We collected another \$102,418 of road fees in August bringing our total to \$3,102,721 in 2023. We now have 7000 owners paid in full which is 79.1%. We sent out reminder statements in June and continue to collect past due fees. We have started to lien properties that are behind 2 years or more. This past month, Barbara placed over 200 liens on properties. We currently have 30 properties in foreclosure. We hope that they will be sold soon to an owner willing to pay their fees.

### **ROADS**

The road crew put down new rock, graded and rolled 6.5 miles of our roads this past month. They worked on the Makuu dead-end from 26<sup>th</sup> up to 31<sup>st</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> street from Makuu to the Kaloli dead-end, 33rd street from Makuu to Paradise, and 19<sup>th</sup> Makuu dead-end. Some of these roads had not been touched in over 3 years. We thank Larry and the crew for working to make sure every road is touched twice each year.

The road crew started to work on easement drainage issues on Kaloli. They had been able to complete 17<sup>th</sup> and Kaloli and 27<sup>th</sup> and Kaloli. They will continue adding dry wells down Kaloli where needed to make our roads safe during rainstorms. We also had 62.5 miles of roads watered in August.

The Board started to discuss what to pave this year. We only have 1 mile of paving budgeted this year due to the purchase needs of newer equipment. The Board will vote at the October 18th meeting on what is to be paved.

The Board voted in September to move forward with the purchase of a water truck, a medium size dump truck and another sidearm mower. All these items were budgeted for in the CIP budget, so Larry was given the go ahead to start looking for the equipment.

Striping of the main roads will go out to bid as soon as the easement work is completed. It makes no sense to stripe the white side lines and then have our road crew tear it up while they repair the easements. Kaloli and Shower will be the first roads to be striped.

## MAILBOXES

Progress continues in the site preparation for the mailbox parks. The 4<sup>th</sup> and Kaloli site is complete and ready for USPS to install the boxes. The 6<sup>th</sup> and Makuu site has the concrete pads installed and the base course is being spread in preparation for the asphalt. This site should be completed by October 15<sup>th</sup> and ready to have the mailboxes installed by USPS. The 14<sup>th</sup> and Kaloli site has been cleared. The 16<sup>th</sup> and Makuu site has started clearing, it has the most Albizia trees to take down so will take a few weeks to complete. If you haven't seen the 4<sup>th</sup> and Kaloli site, take a drive to check it out. Each site will look like that site once completed.

The Board was served with a lawsuit by a homeowner at the August board meeting to stop the Mailbox Parks project. In addition to the lawsuit, we were served with a TRO (Temporary Restraining Order) to halt construction. The hearing on the TRO was on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> here in Hilo courts. The judge ruled that HPPOA could continue with construction of the mailbox parks. The next hearing on the lawsuit is scheduled for October 27<sup>th</sup>.

## POLICY AND BYLAWS

The Board reviewed the Conflict of Interest policy, voting to add the procedures to be taken if a member has a conflict of interest and further defining what it means to be involved in a lawsuit against HPPOA. The Board added that if an owner is financially supporting a lawsuit against HPPOA, they too would have a conflict of interest and would not be permitted on committees or on the board. The current policy only holds the person who files a suit against HPPOA as having a conflict. The changes to this policy have been sent to our attorney for legal review.

The Board reviewed 5 bylaw changes from 2018 that were approved by members at the February 2018 Members Meeting. Of the 5, the Board passed 2 of the 5 to be sent forward for legal review. The Bylaws Committee is working hard to have more changes to present at the February 2024 membership meeting.

## COMMITTEES

Nominating Committee – a new committee will be formed at the October 29th Membership Meeting to oversee the May 2024 elections. If you want to be involved, please come Oct 29<sup>th</sup> and sign up.

Cultural Preservation Committee - The RFQ for the Archaeological Inventory Study has been sent back out as we only received 1 bid and it was not done per the RFQ. We have sent it out to 40 Hawaii companies again. The committee meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday each month at 10am in the library.

Land Use Committee – The board voted to dissolve this committee at this time.

Bylaws Committee – is now meeting twice a month to try to get the changes done in a timely manner.

Finance Committee – Is currently reviewing the contracts and leases of HPPOA. They meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each month at 1pm in the library.

Human Resources Committee – will be reviewing the employee code of conduct. They meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday each month at 1pm in the library.

Road Safety and Pathways Committee – had no report

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The next membership meeting is October 29<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at the Activity Center. Check-in starts at 2pm. We must have a quorum by 3pm to start the meeting so please come early to get registered. This meeting will form the Nominating committee for next years election.

Agenda – is set by the members. If you have items you want on the agenda, send them to Shelli at [Associate2@HPPOA.net](mailto:Associate2@HPPOA.net). Agenda items must be submitted by October 13<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. The office will then put the agenda together and have it posted to the Website.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Driveways to lots must be from the avenues, not the main drives. If necessary, exceptions must be filed with the HPPOA office.

Road fee statements are mailed in January and due April 1<sup>st</sup> each year.

Homeowners are required to have their street address clearly marked at the roadside in front of their property.

Thanks for making HPP a place we can be proud to call home!

Kari Hoffman, President