

Mail Park Beautification Committee

Meeting Minutes Sept 16, 2024

Meeting was called to order by Patti Szot 11:03am

Roll Call: Katherine Patton, Patti Szot, Jennifer Meyers, Jeanette Baysa (11:08), Keith Redman (11:34)

Agenda was approved as amended motion KP, 2<sup>nd</sup> JM

New Business: add today's meeting is a work session extending to 1pm

Minutes from Sept 9, 2024 meeting were reviewed and approved Motion PS 2<sup>nd</sup> KP

Old Business:

- a) Blessing: JB just got off the phone with Kumu Leilehua Yuen, (who was taught by Auntie Nona Beamer). She does not have any time until after the beginning of the year, but here are some of her suggestions on the mailbox parks:
  - a. Ti plants of any color are wonderful, green ones especially at the corners for protection
  - b. Landscape work, planting, mail service can still happen before blessing, but the lawsuit should be resolved prior (ho'oponopono) to remove any negativity
  - c. Suggested native pohinahina and ohia'ai as possible plants for closer to the ocean

Jennifer has been talking with Noel Morata, a dancer, for other insight. Noel will ask around to see if he can get more ideas/information

The community will be invited to the blessings at all 4 sites. Afterward there should be a pa'ina (celebration/food/party) at the activity center. Will have to keep an eye on the calendar for a date/time

- b) PS gave us handouts on what she is proposing to say and give to the BOD at the BOD meeting on Sept 18, 2024. Discussion and changes were suggested. KP is to update the Volunteer Work Day Invitation with the date, time, and particulars for Oct 19, 2024. Once the basic template is approved, the Volunteer Workday Invitation will be added to the HPPOA.net website.
- c) PS has donated green ti stalks, and they will be planted on the 4 Mailbox Park sites on Wednesday Sept 18, 2024. She, along with KR, who is donating mulch, will meet to do the planting.
- d) The date for our first Volunteer Workday (VW) is October 19, 2024. Hours are from 8am -2pm.

New Business

Work session on planning the first VW. Discussed several ideas about what the day should be, goals, what tools are needed. Volunteers can come anytime between those hours and help to clear areas from weeds, junk trees, etc to make way for the beautification plants. The first site is 4<sup>th</sup>/Kaloli. JB/KP volunteered to bring a canopy for shade, a 5gal water jug, and a couple of electric weed eaters. We are asking the volunteers to arrive dressed for outdoor work and bring any tools to use in the clearing activity.

We have some time to finalize what the Committee members will bring, and we need to stress, that for this first VW (volunteer workday) that we are NOT planting, so therefore it should be noted on the VW invitation to please don't bring any plants. KR asked if he could cut the albezia trees and for safety reasons, didn't want anyone around while he was doing that. KR will cut trees when he is available, and when he can do it safely.

Work Session cont.

Some of the tools that we will need, and request are:

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| -weed eaters/burners | - portable shredder  | - First Aid Kits |
| -gloves              | - chairs             |                  |
| -rakes               | - water bottles      |                  |
| -wheelbarrow (s)     | - fire ant treatment |                  |

Reminder to have waiver forms signed by participants (including us) if they didn't include it with their volunteer sign up form.

Next meeting is September 23, 2024 at 11am via Zoom

Motion to adjourn by JM 2<sup>nd</sup> by KP. Meeting adjourned at 12:40pm

Jeanette Baysa, Secretary