

It has been a busy month but not too productive. I have spent hours writing emails and making calls to the county, SHPD and our representatives regarding the cease-and-desist order on 16th and Makuu. It has truly been a case of the right hand not talking to the left hand or SHPD and the county not being on the same page. SHPD came out and was shocked that the construction was completed because it had been reported to them that we were desecrating the burial cave and moving dirt, which was far from the truth. All work was completed in July. The county came out and inspected the site and signed off on our permit. According to the official letter addressed to the Hawaii County Department of Public Works, and from SHPD, two community members, Jim Solleder and Alan Harunaga, had reported to SHPD that we were doing these things in October which triggered the cease-and-desist order. This is the kind of issue that costs HPP additional money, time and delays.

We have a new speed hump at the top of Paradise that was put in by the State at no cost to HPP. The Board was happy to support this action to make our road safer. This was to help with the continued issue of people running that stop sign at the Highway.

The annual audit is wrapping up. The auditors are preparing the final report and will be presenting it to the BOD in the next few weeks. The results will come out in December and will be posted on the website.

Hokori Construction has finished the paving on Ala Heiau including the speed humps. Hokori has also completed replacing the speed humps on 29th Avenue and the aprons at the mail park sites at 4th and 16th.

The legal cases are as follows:

Case #1: Nicole Craig (HPP Owner) vs HPPOA, Hoffman & Finley continue to proceed. The trial date has been set aside and has not yet been rescheduled. This case is for Breach of Fiduciary Duty regarding mailbox Parks being placed on the 20-acre sites, use of funds for mailbox sites, Application of 421-J and Hoffman & Finley misleading the Board. The settlement conference scheduled for November 15, 2024, was also cancelled. A new scheduling conference has been scheduled for January 10, 2025.

Case #2: Nicole Craig vs HPPOA and all directors. This case was filed in the US District Court in violation of the Fair Housing Act, 42 for discriminating against her and those hard of hearing during BOD meetings, Membership Meeting and public events. The trial date is set for August 11, 2025.

Case #3: Blyth vs HPPOA. The previous case of Blyth vs HPPOA was dismissed but then she filed another case to request arbitration. Blyth is in litigation with former GM, Donald Morris and requesting that HPPOA cover all her legal fees. This new case was filed recently and is being handled by our general council ES&A. We have an arbitration scheduled for next year and have submitted half of the payment to hold the slot.

While HPPOA does have insurance for legal disputes, it still costs us \$50,000 deductible on case #1 and \$25,000 deductible on case #2 in addition to our general council costs in case #3 which is not covered by insurance.

The Mail Park sites are progressing nicely. All boxes are installed on the 4th and Kaloli site, the parcel lockers will be installed prior to service starting. Most of the boxes have been installed at 6th and Makuu. The missing CBU's will be installed in the next few weeks. We have received the box assignments for the lower two sites and began labeling the key envelopes in preparation for key distribution. Service contracts have been approved and USPS is in the process of putting it out for bid. Watch for banners on the main roads to indicate when keys can be picked up. All site work has been completed on the upper two sites and the CBU installation will begin in January 2025. USPS will be sending additional crew members over to help with that installation. We will be able to distribute keys as soon as we have a service start date.

The beautification of the 4th and Kaloli mail park is coming along. Plants were planted along 4th, and they continue to remove the weeds from the parking area. They say many hands make light work, but with only a few of us working on it the progress is slow so please come join us any Monday, Wednesday or Friday at 4PM to Pau and contribute to its completion.

HPP has approximately 144 miles of roads to maintain. It is impossible for us to know where all the problems are without everyone's help. Please continue to report road issues that you see to the office so they can be addressed quickly. Non-road issues, please call the police for noise complaints, fireworks or speeding. This is a big place, and it takes everyone to keep it running safely and smoothly.

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

Kari Hoffman, President