

Mail Park Beautification Committee Nov 11, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 8:15am by Jeanette Baysa

Present: Keith Redman, Jeanette Baysa. Guests: Katherine Patton, Kari Hoffman

Agenda was approved. Motion by Keith, 2nd by Jeanette

Meeting minutes as amended for Oct 28, 2024 were approved. Motion by Keith, 2nd by Jeanette

Meeting minutes for Nov 4, 2024 were approved. Motion by Keith, 2nd by Jeanette

Motion by Keith to add Katherine and Kari to the MPBC since the committee had 2 resignations this past week. Both are volunteering their time and energy to assist the committee in achieving its goals and mission. Kari is on the committee as a member of HPP, and not as a representative of the BOD. 2nd by Jeanette.

Kari nominated Jeanette to be both Chair and Secretary. 2nd by Katherine. Motion carried.

Unfinished business:

- A. The donation account and process are still pending approval by the BOD at its next meeting on Nov 20, 2024
- B. Progress on 4th/Kaloli: continue with putting cinder down in the areas chosen for planting. Keith and Katherine agree that the area fronting Kaloli should be a little wider, up to 10 feet, and not straight but curvy like serpentine. Continue to clear the Kaloli side getting tall shrubs down so line of site from Kaloli is clear. Katherine also suggested putting red cinder down next to the black cinder for contrast and minimizing future growth of weeds and unwanted trees. Katherine to work on design proposal.
- C. We discussed plan for requesting plant donations. Need a system where approved plants and quantities can be received, tagged with plant name and donor, and then planted with mulch. Keith will bring mulch this Wednesday so that we will have the material to do plantings when we receive the plants.
- D. In order to accelerate completion of the 4th/Kaloli site, we discussed strategies to attract more volunteers. The 4th/Kaloli site has been progressing slowly, so we should organize a Saturday work party early in the day, in addition to the regular M-W-F afternoons. Many people have work commitments, and 4:00pm is still too early for them to join during the week. Katherine will work on a proposal.

New Business:

- A. Looking around the 4th/Kaloli site, we were able to know what next near-term steps to take: widen cinder planting areas, clean/clear Kaloli side and 4th side, will need more cinder to do the back side (toward 5th), get red cinder for design, design small 'garden' areas for plants.
- B. We discussed the possibility for in person meetings in addition to Zoom. Kari said she can be at the HPPOA Library, while Katherine, Keith, and Jeanette all preferred Zoom due to the reduced interference in their workday, instead of having to leave home/work and go to the meeting at the Activity Center. This would also allow others to join meetings if unable to do so electronically. Katherine will confirm with Shelli that the library is available at 11:00am on Mondays. Agendas sent to Shelli (to post on the HPPOA.net website) will include the Zoom link so others can join electronically.
- C. We discussed the current days/times for work parties. It was decided that since the work party for the 6th/Maku'u site had already been published, it would not be changed. Keith will run the work party on Nov 16. Jeanette gave him copies of the Volunteer form and Waiver form. M-W-F will still be workdays at 4th/Kaloli and we'll schedule an upcoming Saturday. Hopefully, being on a Saturday will get more folks able to help.

Next Meeting: Nov 18, 2024 at 11:00am. Location: Activity Center Library, Zoom.

Motion by Jeanette to adjourn meeting. 2nd by Katherine. All approved, meeting adjourned 10:00am.

Jeanette Baysa, Secretary