

Mail Park Beautification Committee
Meeting Minutes March 9, 2026

Meeting called to order by Jeanette Baysa at 11:03 am

Members present: Keith Redman, Kari Hoffman, Katherine Patton, Jeanette Baysa, Paul Derbyshire arrived at 11:12am

Motion to approve the agenda (originally from Feb 9, 2026 amended to March 9, 2026) made by Kari Hoffman, 2nd by Keith Redman. Unanimous vote to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the minutes of January 12, 2026, made by Keith, 2nd by Kari. Unanimous vote to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Action items from the last meeting were reviewed and updated.

Discussion was held on weed management, and the use of herbicide, weed whacking, mowing. Spot spraying with preemergent will be done as time available with MPBC volunteers, but hand maintenance and torch burning is the most used. Weed steam killing has been used at a test site but is deemed very expensive at \$80/hour. Will need to see how long it lasts. Mowing is great for the grassy areas if not too uneven but won't take care of cane grass. Or just let the weeds take over the gravel area, and keep it mowed. Eventually it will be 'grass'. (This was not an acceptable solution at this time).

Suggestions for low growing ground cover plant that would keep weeds low. Like the stuff on the 4th side that is fast covering the rocks and choking out the plants. Have to try to maintain it as well. Take some to 6th & Maku'u was suggested.

The red cinder pathways at 4th & Kaloli are getting overgrown. Solution to line them with rocks to create a clear border as discussed in the last meeting. Concerns about mowing interference were raised.

Backyard Monkey will be depositing wood chips from tree work. They can be spread around the pathways and in the area of Kaloli frontage.

There are remaining CBU's that need to be stenciled at 6th & Maku'u with assigned numbers to be ready for when keys can be assigned. The focus of the USPS now is to get that site open.

New business:

Motion to meet less frequently (every other month) made by Katherine, 2nd by Jeanette. Discussion was held. Unanimous vote to approve. Motion carried. Next meeting will be in May.

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Next steps:

- Dane to inspect and perform weed whacking at 4th & Kaloli site. Work party volunteers also do maintenance.
- Check the steam-weed killer test site on Ala Heiau to see if weeds have regrown
- Wood chip piles from Backyard Monkey tree work to be deposited at 4th & Kaloli. Keith will give thought to the exact placement.
- Put up the work party sign for the March 15th event on 6th & Maku'u
- KP to send flyers to Shelli to ensure they are posted on the website and FB
- Need a new 'Sunday' sign for the work party sign
- Reach out to Judy Houle to see if we can use her email list to find more volunteers
- Keith to stencil the CBU numbers on the 6th & Maku'u boxes
- Source yellow flowered ground cover and begin planting at 6th & Maku'u site
- Purchase rock not to exceed \$1200 for the 4th & Kaloli pathways

Next meeting May 11, 2026, at 11:00 am via Zoom. Next work party on March 15, 2026, at 6th & Maku'u, and March 28, 2026, at 4th & Kaloli.

Meeting adjourned at 12:17pm

Submitted by Jeanette Baysa