

Resolution

No. 17-01

RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION TO HAWAII COUNTY MASS TRANSIT AGENCY FOR HELE-ON BUS SERVICE TO TRAVERSE THE PRIVATE ROADS OF HAWAIIAN PARADISE PARK OWNERS ASSOCIATION FOR BUS SERVICE IN THE 'PARK'

WHEREAS, Hawaiian Paradise Park is a large subdivision developed in 1959, is approximately 12-square miles, with 138 road miles, 8,850 lots and close to 12,000 residents, and growing; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors at its November 21, 2012, regular meeting consented to establishing Hele-On Bus service within Hawaiian Paradise Park; and

WHEREAS, the meeting minutes of November 21, 2012 were approved at the Board's regular meeting on December 19, 2012, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors further instructed its president to draft a letter to Hawai'i County Mass Transit Agency, which was done; and

WHEREAS, the letter from Hawaiian Paradise Park Owners Association to the Hawai'i Mass Transit Agency was dated November 21, 2012, and stated "that it releases the Agency from any liability in regards to road damage or maintenance connected to the bus service"; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i County Mass Transit Agency posted the Hele-On bus schedule effective April 1, 2013, for Saturday rides on its web site, with one stop in Hawaiian Paradise Park going towards Hilo and one stop going towards Pahoehoe; and

WHEREAS, an additional letter signed by the Board's president and dated May 1, 2013, to Hawai'i County Mass Transit Agency expressed its thanks and appreciation for the commencement of Hele-On bus service in our community; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i County Mass Transit Agency posted the Hele-On bus schedule effective October 16, 2013, for weekday rides on its web site, with three stops in Hawaiian Paradise Park going towards Hilo and three stops going towards Pahoia; and

WHEREAS, the Board at its regular meeting on March 15, 2017, reconfirmed its support to Hawai'i County Mass Transit Agency to operate Hele-On Bus in the Park; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Hawaiian Paradise Park Owners Association Board of Directors:

1. That it hereby grants permission for Hawai'i County Mass Transit Agency for Hele-On to traverse the private roadways of Hawaiian Paradise Park with its bus service; and
2. That Hawaiian Paradise Park Owners Association will release Hawai'i County Mass Transit Agency from any liability in regards to road damage or maintenance connected to the bus service.

Approved and signed by its Board of Directors on March 15, 2017

_____	, President	_____	, Director
_____	, Vice President	_____	, Director
_____	, Treasurer	_____	, Director
_____	, Secretary	_____	, Director
		_____	, Director

that they would not direct any of \$15 million of funds to county for alternate funds when their purpose is to expand Highway 130. It passed, but never made it out of the house. The individuals in our community are saying that we don't want to bisect our community with a large thoroughfare, even though that path did exist. We need to get involved with the planning committee and community development plan to be a part of it. That alternate route would impact two hundred homes. The County never specified the route. The amount of traffic that goes through HPP already is staggering, so an actual road would really be terrible for our community even though other communities would certainly like it.

Proposed Appointments to Mailbox Committee: Mary Couch and Mike Dickerson – past members of the committee have been voted on through the board, so tonight the board will put Mary and Mike on that Committee. **Ruth Mizuba (District 2) moved to include Mary Couch and Mike Dickerson on the Mailbox committee Chris Anderson (District 8) seconded the motion.** Discussion: Others spoke up from the audience stating they had also asked to join. Leslie Blyth, Lori Combs, Alexa Von Aleman. **Vote: Yes-7, Unanimous. Motion carried.**

Leilani Bronson-Crelly (District 5) moved that Lori Combs, Leslie Blyth, and Alexa Von Aleman be added to the Mailbox Committee. Chris Anderson (District 8) seconded the motion. Discussion: They each gave their numbers to be contacted. **Vote: Yes-7, Unanimous. Motion carried.**

VIX. Community Resources – Judi Houle –

- **Emergency Action Team** had a tabletop exercise with Civil Defense and it was very successful. Now preparing for a larger activity with CERT and their radio team
- **Fire Ant Workshop** - The last one was on March 4th and there were 50 participants who each received the \$45 voucher. The next workshop will be in about two months, probably in May.
- **Food Pantry** – The Neighborhood Watch took over as the management team – Bodacious Ladies Food Basket trained them and they had 18 community volunteers attend. The management team from the Hilo Food Basket came to check along with the Head Start Program. It went very well. **Chris Anderson (District 8) moved to allow Neighborhood Watch to take over management of the Food Pantry. Jeff Finley (District 3) seconded the motion.** Discussion: Neighborhood Watch has an insurance policy to cover the association and the Food Basket so that offers an additional insured policy for the Association as well. **Vote: Yes-7, Unanimous. Motion carried.**
- **Albizia Workshop** is coming up this Saturday, March 18th. Thanks to the GM, Don Morris for getting it done. The milestone team would take care of stumps for the next round because the ones near the building have already been done when they were cut down near the building.

X. Owner Input:

Jeffrey Newman: He's a farmer here in HPP for 30 years. He came wanting to have the Board rescind the road maintenance fee raise on businesses, daycares and churches. If my road was paved I'd gladly pay more, but it's not paved so that's not fair to raise the fee – please no special burden extra road maintenance fee! A discussion occurred.

Shawn Merrill: Regarding the newspaper article that Hawaiian Beaches complained about their crime problem to their Representatives. She got some positive feedback about the idea of the subdivisions to come together because united we stand. She met the president of Hawaiian Acres, and abandoned cars and mailbox problems are huge for them as well. Mountain View also has same issues, so that's 3 of the 14 subdivisions that have similar issues. There was a committee called the Political Action Committee, which she asked to be resurrected to reach out to the other community subdivisions to unite our voices. There must be common denominators with the other 13 subdivisions. Please activate the Political Action Committee. Puna is underrepresented and we have more population than Hilo. She would be willing to serve on it. There are three new positions available on an ad hoc committee for Puna that just opened and she will be applying for that. There was a *Coalition of Puna Subdivisions Alliance* that was called together by Leilani Bronson-Crelly a few years ago to find commonalities with the other subdivisions and ways to work together on tandem issues.

XI. Consider applicants for appointments to districts 6 and 7 – Thomas Burnett. We have two vacancies – two-day notice has ensued since the notice, but according to bylaws we have 60 days to move to next meeting.

XII. Appoint President of the Board – Board – Because the President resigned, another board member is needed to fill that position. **Ruth Mizuba (District 2) moved that Patrick Murdoch (District 9) be appointed as President. Chris Anderson (District 8) seconded the motion.** Discussion: Patrick stated that he would agree to do it, but for only the 3.5 months until the new board is in place. He's doing it because everything got dumped on Ruth Mizuba, the VP, and this seems fair to help. **Vote: Yes-7, Unanimous. Motion carried.**

Patrick Murdoch took the Officer Oath of HPPOA.

XIII. Unfinished Business

1. **Proposed Resolution No. 17-01 to Hawaii County Mass Transit Agency to Operate in HPP**
Jeff Finley (District 3) moved to approve the Resolution No. 17-01, to Hawaii County Mass Transit Agency to Operate in HPP. Mike Dickerson (District 4) seconded the motion. Discussion: why do they get off with a release of liability for road use. By way of history, the letter to Hawaii Mass Transit released the agency of any liability for road damage. Making residents at bottom of HPP walk miles to get to highway seems unfair. It would be a disservice to our community if we don't pass this. Disallowing bus service would be a problem. The letter of 2012 said we'd provide a place for them to pull over as well and that hasn't been done, so we need to send the letter for Hele On bus service to move through the park and not be liable for road damage. **Vote: Yes-5, No-2 (Larry Kawauhau/District 1 & Chris Anderson/District 8), Abstain-0. Motion carried.**
2. Chip seal update given in GM report above.