

Nanawale Community Association, Inc.
Annual Membership Meeting
Saturday, October 6, 2008
Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Robert Miguel, facilitator, at 1:10 p.m.

Councilwoman Emile Naeole invoked a blessing and prayer to open the meeting.

Terrie Monfore, Acting president introduced the board members in attendance: Michele Aiwohi , Mary Lou Beardsley, Myrene Wold, and Mark Workman. She also introduced guests: Flint Hughs, Dept. of Forestry; Ivan Van Lear, Attorney at Law; and Rob Tucker, Friends of Puna.

Rob Tucker spoke to the members to invite them to meetings of Friends of Puna and handed out a schedule of meetings to encourage Nanawale residents to participate.

Michelle Aiwohi announced that we do have a quorum so the meeting can proceed.

Terrie Monfore read a president's message which highlighted the acquisition of new computer equipment to allow more accurate and efficient communication with property owners. Now, due to Puanani McBride and Robert Berry's work, the data base is accurate. Because of this more dues have been collected this year than at any time in the past.

Andrew Daus was thanked for his volunteer work to straighten out the books and helped with the audit committee to insure a transparent financial situation. A copy of the Carbanaro Audit Report is available to the members.

Bylaws and CC&R's are being reviewed as they were not followed in the past. An attempt is now being made to make sure that they are adhered to in the future. One example is that they require that structures be at least 880 sq. ft. and permitted by the County. A vote is being asked for to grandfather in structures less than 880 sq. ft. which are County permitted, both those completed and those currently under construction.

Thanks to Linda Meredith for volunteering to get the website on line to allow for better communication with owners both here and off-island.

About 500 survey's have been received giving the board a good start in knowing which issues the members feel should be addressed.

The volunteer board is working to make the association business more transparent to the membership. There is a need for four more members. Members are requested to get information on anyone who is willing to serve to the office. There is a need for more volunteer for the Board and for committees.

The Secretary's report was presented in the member's packet. Mr. Campbell made a motion that it be accepted as presented. Linda Meredith seconded the motion. No one offered discussion on the motion. It was passed without descent by acclamation.

The Treasurer's report was presented in the member's packet but some packets did not contain both pages. A short break was taken while additional pages were distributed.

After members reviewed the complete report the following questions were addressed for Andrew Daut to respond:

Payroll expenses of \$160,000 were noted and it was asked how much was spent on health insurance. The response was \$237 per employee per month. The overall cost is within the 61% of revenue budgeted for payroll. Linda Meredith responded that the \$160,000 includes payroll services, hiring, benefits, unemployment, workers comp. etc.; everything but pay.

A \$23,000 purchase was questioned. It was for a tractor. It was noted that there is a three person maintenance crew on the payroll.

Rene'e Siracusa noted that the current expenditures are 90% of annual budget with 25% of the year left. Mr. Daut pointed out that the budget has been amended from the original and that income is \$330,000 now as opposed to the budgeted \$275,000 so there should be no annual shortfall.

There being no further discussion, a motion to accept the treasurer's audited report was made and seconded. It was then determined that this report is new and therefore not audited as the audit was done on the 2007 budget. The motion was withdrawn.

A motion to accept the report was made by Cheryl Holland; Linda Meredith seconded it. Rene'e Siracusa requested an amendment to the motion that the report be accepted "pending audit". That amendment was seconded by Frank Ascorrod. Linda Meredith pointed out that the report should not have been presented to the members but kept to the board only. It was noted that this was done for the sake of transparency. The vote was called and passed without descent.

Flint Hughs, Research Scientist with the Department of Forestry was called upon to give a short overview on Albizia tree problem and answer questions.

A short break was taken and members were invited to continue to ask questions of Mr. Hughs.

The meeting was reconvened at 2:40 p.m.

The results of the voting were announced: The two members running for the Board of Directors were elected and the new directors are Paul Martinez and Mark Workman. The

vote was in favor of grandfathering in the structures which are not large enough to conform with the CC&R's .

Members were invited to bring up issues concerning them at this point in the meeting

Tree faller Neal Peterson gave a talk on the problem with Albezia trees and reviewed the Hawaii State laws regarding nuisance trees and danger to life and property.

It was noted that there will be an "Albezia" meeting in November for further discussion of this problem.

Mr. Lee commented that the roads crew has been piling "sludge" in front of a piece of his property. It was noted that there are complaint forms and one was found so action could be taken on his problem.

Roxanne Lawson is concerned about turnover on the board and the way board members are treated and since they are part of "us" they should not be subject to emotional objections and should be treated in a courteous manner.

Cheryl Holland: Albezia's are a lot owner to lot owner problem and should not be an association problem. She says her roads haven't been touched since 1990. She stated she would be willing to go back on the Board of Directors to help.

Jeremiah (?) reminded the meeting that Neal Peterson is a professional tree faller who makes a living from removing trees.

Linda Meredith: Albezia is not an issue for the Board but for the homeowners. The Nanawale web site has a clear statement on tree problems. She felt the board's leveling of a fine was not appropriate.

Robert Berry: He resigned as an employee even though he is a homeowner too because the Environmental Committee members are unnamed. He asked that they be introduced. He said staff has tree fallers offering money or gifts for referrals. He says Board members need to know the mission statement and not be Board members because they have one issue which they are pushing.

Michele Aiwohi: Neighbors need to work with neighbors on Albezias. Thanks were given to Gary, Linda and the community for their help. She requested that members come join the board, committees and become involved in the community.

Joe Matthews: A couple years ago a cherry-picker type piece of equipment was purchased for \$30,000 to help clear Albezia but it is not being used and even Miconia is becoming a problem on the roadside easements. It should be sold if it is not being used. Robert Berry says it is broken and the Board is aware of it. The repair costs are \$2,500 and it will be addressed.

Giana (?) Commented that it is possible (and she says legal) to kill Albezia by stripping a two foot wide section on bark from the tree.

Roxanne Lawson: Was alarmed at the report of a fine in the newsletter. She says it is appropriate only if every attempt to remedy situation is first taken and the problem is life threatening. She volunteered to serve on a committee to offer a communications workshop. She feels that Board members are being quoted out of context.

Adjournment was requested by the facilitator. Cheryl Holland made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Alison (?) seconded the motion. No discussion was offered. And the vote was called and passed by acclamation.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.