# ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Saturday, October 5, 2013 1:00 pm

## **Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Called to Order: 1:11 pm

PRESIDING OFFICER: Board of Director President, Madie Greene

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Mark Workman – Neighborhood Watch, Paul Martinez – Maintenance Director, Al Kualii - Treasurer , Madie Greene – President, Gwen Kupahu – Director, Glen Bousquet – Secretary, Larry Jarrett – Volunteer Fire Dept., Minerva Chenoweth – Policy Committee

ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM: Read by Glen Bousquet

Votes Cast: 611 Lot Owners: 2,058 Quorum: 30%

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME: President Madie Greene thanked everyone for attending the meeting and announced that this is her last term as President. She has served on the board for six years and would like to acknowledge them. She stated that it has been a wonderful six years serving as board president of Nanawale Community Association. Madie Greene also thanked each board member, past and present, for their continuing service to the board. To Bruce Kuamo'o, Maintenance Supervisor, and his crew for their hard work keeping Nanawale beautiful, she offered her heartfelt aloha. To Anthony Adams and Tina Jackson, Recreation Crew, for keeping na keiki in the community entertained and safe. To Kathryn Katada, office administrative assistant, Madie acknowledge her for all the hard work that she has done with assisting General Manager, Robert Berry and expresses her mahalo. In addition, she expressed her appreciation to General Manager, Robert Berry, for all the hard work he has put in. In closing, Madie expressed her mahalo to everyone and a fondest aloha.

## MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL MEETING:

Motion to accept the 2012 Minutes was made by: Paul Martinez

Seconded by: Minerva Chenoweth

All attendees accepted unanimously and the minutes were accepted.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### 1. Election of new Board of Directors

Madie Greene adjourned the first half of the meeting at 1:15pm. Robert Berry announced that the staff would bring refreshments out to be served and to please help themselves at the buffet table. Robert Berry also announced that the final ballots are in the process of being collected for count. Kathryn Katada proceeded to go around collecting the final ballots.

The meeting was reconvened at 2:00pm and called to order by President Madie Greene.

MEMBER TESTIMONY: Michelle Aiwohi proposed two things, one is the shacks that pop up on a regular basis, and this has been a sore point for her as people build the little shacks, then the property gets trashed, doesn't look nice and brings down the property values. Michelle requested a committee be formed to look into permitting issues. She also added, that people come in the community and throw up a shack then abandon it. As an example, she mentioned the property on Molokai Road, right off of Hapu'u Road, as it continues to look trashier and trashier, and the shack is falling down. She stated that it brings down her property value and that is an issue. Secondly, she gave kudos to the staff, the board, and all of the maintenance people because since she moved here about six years ago, Nanawale Estates has improved a lot in appearance which she adds is very positive. She feels it makes people look at Nanawale Estates as more of a neighborhood instead of just a little hole in the woods. Another suggestion is to make a slogan to encourage beautifying Nanawale, maybe in Hawaiian. Overall, she wished to thank everyone, and expresses that it has been a good experience for her in Nanawale, and experienced positives than negatives most of the time.

Madie Greene asked Bruce if he had any comments regarding the shacks. He responded that the issue is on-going with Robert and all shacks are being reported. Communication will be on-going with Madie and Bruce of the status. Robert said addressing the issue of beautification is always on-going. The water station on the right hand side before the Nanawale Estates entrance is owned by the county. Being that it is located next to the Nanawale entrance, the graffiti becomes an issue. To stay on top of the graffiti issue, the Nanawale maintenance crew continually paint over the graffiti to fight it. The bus station is also a target for graffiti. On the left hand side, there are some ideas for what can be done. Originally, fifty years ago, where it kind of sinks down, there used to be a Koi pond. There is an some original postcard from that time when property was purchased in Nanawale Estates a postcard would be given to new property owners that show a woman in the 1960's laying out in front of the ponds. There are ideas about beautifying that area with flowers and greenery. Robert added that one of the most difficult challenges since being involved in Nanawale are the shacks and the non-legal structures without permits. Due to where the real estate market is now, property lots are very cheap. Property owners are willing to do monthly payments for people, so 99% of the illegal structures that are seen going up is because of that. Six years ago a lot in Nanawale was easily purchased at \$15k to \$30k, one particular lot sold for \$50k in 2006. The reality of what it is now, is that lots are being sold as low as \$5k to as high as \$9-10K. Therefore, people who cannot afford a lot, definitely cannot not afford to build a home. Now, buyers are purchasing the lots but not looking at the CC&R's. Robert has been addressing this continuously. Unfortunately, as soon as one shack is removed, three more pop up. Robert suggests that If anyone should see something like that, please call him at the office because there are 37 miles of roadway and he is unable to be out there every day. Next, Robert addressed the slogan idea. He will include the

slogan for the beautification idea in the newsletter that goes out with the January billing. He added that it would be good to have people compete with their yards, especially on the boulevard. Robert invites members to come to the office to gather some ideas together to present to the board for approval.

Mr. Kissor wished to give his thanks to the maintenance crew. He added that he has come to an understanding and appreciation for all they do. Mr. Kissor ends with a Naval Marine Corp slogan for 'Job well done.'

#### **OUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FOR THE BOARD:**

Barbara Raymond: Barbara complimented on the beautiful flowers and great food. She states that she loves Nanawale Estates. She purchased a little house in Nanawale Estates and brought it up-to-code and adds that it is still a great little house. Barbara shared her concerns about the geothermal plant and more additions added. She suggests that going solar would be a better choice. Lastly, Barbara inquired about whether the industrial businesses and organizations coming outside of Nanawale Estates will be discussed by the association.

Paul Martinez: Paul responded that his personal feelings about geothermal is that geothermal is not sharing all that is going on with their information. He agrees that solar is definitely a better option, but geothermal is going to put up more plants in this area. Paul also added that geothermal plants should be placed towards the Kona side because that is where the money is at. He feels that geothermal puts their plants on the poorer side of the island because geothermal knows that people are more likely to have a harder time resisting than Kona would as they have the money. Paul shared that geothermal has plans of putting a plant near the park where he goes surfing.

Barbara Raymond: Barbara suggested that a community meeting be formed and scheduled where the geothermal issue can be discussed. She stated that there is a lot of information available as a few organizations in Puna have already held meetings about how it affects people's health. She suggests that the board call gatherings where people could discuss the issue and mainly to educate others. Lastly, Barbara adds that there is a map available that shows where geothermal plans to go to where the Lava Tree Park and the rift zone are located. In closing, Barbara thanked everyone for their attention to the issue and her concerns.

Minerva Chenoweth: Minerva responded that she is in agreement that solar is better; however, solar is very expensive. She adds that the point is well taken and states that it would be a good idea to put a committee together to consider the issue as well as GMO.

Glen Bousquet: Glen suggested that the community talk to their legislators and people in charge of construction to pass laws where solar is mandatory in the building codes. Glen states that it would be a positive aspect to getting solar mandated.

Madie Greene: Madie shared that an organization called "Puna Alliance" is very supportive of geothermal, fracking, and more. Madie stated that personally, she is not

for nor against geothermal. She suggests that to leave be the geothermal that already exists as long as all the safety and health concerns are in place. Madie continues with stating to add more plants near our children or next to a park is a definite "no-no" and she is heavily against it. Madie closes with thanking everyone for their attention and input regarding the geothermal issue.

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTED BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Madie Green: 81 votes Glen Bousquet: 81 votes

Michele Aiwohi: Michelle inquired if whether anyone had left the board.

Madie Greene: Madie responded that Stephanie Souza left the board. Madie requested session to be closed and meeting to be adjourned. To follow, is a session for board members to reorganize board officers and members.

Paul Martinez moved to adjourn, Mark Workman seconded the motion, all Attendees in favor.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:17pm.