

Volcano Community Association
Board of Directors' Meeting-Minutes
September 27, 2011
7:00 pm Cooper Center

Call to order: 7:07pm

Community Corner: Ms. Zaff Bobilin, Mr. Jim Mata-Bishop, and Mr. Roger Schweitzer discussed the possibilities of developing a community garden at the Volcano School of Arts and Sciences and at Cooper Center. Consensus was reached that interested parties will present their ideas for a community garden at the school during public hearings about planning development of Keakealani Campus. Discussion between the Rotary Club, Volcano Cultivators, Cooper Center, and Volcano Community Association will focus on possibilities of creating the garden at Cooper Center.

Members present: Ms. Brewer, Mr. Freeman, Ms. Glass, Mr. Jacobstein, Ms. Haiku, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tunison, Mr. Wallerstein

Reports

Secretary: Minutes from the August 23, 2011 meeting were approved.

Treasurer: Details of the Accountant's reconciling VCA data with the credit union's monthly statement prohibited our having a standard report this month. After a discussion with the Accountant, we have clarified our reporting process and expect to have a standard report next month.

President:

- A memorial service for Ter De Puy will be held at Cooper Center on October 9 at 4 pm and at 6pm on October 22 at Lava Lounge.
- On September 24, Cooper Center was burglarized, causing losses to both Friends Feeding Friends, and the Thrift Store. Money and jewelry was taken.
- CERT training was completed during the weekend of September 24. Ten new members have been certified. We now have 21 CERT qualified folks in Volcano.
- Mary Brewer will be away from October 17-29.

Public Relations: New long sleeve gold and black t-shirts have arrived and sold well at last Sunday's Farmer's Market.

Volcano School of Arts and Sciences (VSAS) Liaison: A new principal has been selected and the formal announcement will be made when the review of credentials is complete.

Old Business

1. Storage at Hale Lokahi: Mr. Freeman reported that materials for a platform have now been acquired and will be assembled soon. Then the shed will be mounted on the platform and its construction will be completed.
2. Guidebook Update: Mr. Freeman handed out pages from the Guidebook, requesting that Board members call the people listed to see if their entries are current. Results of the calls are due at the next Board meeting.
3. BANKOH vs. HFS Credit Union: Mr. Freeman said that we generated \$51.34 in interest from January through June 2011. Citing the lack of service at HFC, Ms. Brewer moved that we transfer our funds to the Bank of Hawaii for increased customer service and security. The funds will go into similar accounts, which will not generate as much interest as HFC. Motion approved.

New Business

1. Report on Volcano Vision Committee meeting: Mr. Freeman reported on the September 13, 2011 Special Meeting, which Mary Brewer, Paul Freeman, Sher Glass, and Tim Tunison attended. The Meeting was called to discuss Volcano Vision in relationship to current events in the community. The group, which will now be known as the Volcano Vision Committee, determined that the 2007 Revision to the Long Range Plan is the core of a new document designed to be presented to County Planning. With consensus of the Board, this Committee will edit the 2007 Revision, add actions where appropriate, look at the Kailua-Kona plan, and format a new document called the 2011 Revision for presentation to the County Planning Dept. after its approval by the Board.
2. Letter to HVNP: Mr. Tunison drafted a letter in response to the Park's invitation to comment on its new General Management Plan. After the Board reviewed and discussed the draft, which coordinates well with our stated objectives in the Volcano Long Range Plan, Ms. Brewer moved that we accept the letter. Motion was approved. Ms. Brewer will send the letter after minor editing.
3. Fire Dept wish list and letter of appreciation for Volcano Fuhrmann Volunteer Firehouse 19-A Ron and Noni Sanford: Ms. Brewer said that in honor of Ron and Noni's retirement, a VCA gift of a milo (native wood) bowl and koa plaque would be appropriate. Sher Glass moved that we acquire the gift, prepared by a local artisan, and present it with a letter of appreciation at the Retirement Ceremony. Motion was approved. The ceremony will be at the Fire Station from 10-11 am on Saturday, October 1. We will invite a member of the Fire Department to attend our next Community Corner to present a wish list of equipment needed.

4. Volcano Post Office Support: Ms. Brewer distributed copies of a letter we received from the Post Office. The US Postal Service is conducting an Area Mail Processing Study to decide whether consolidation of some operations is appropriate. Consensus of the Board is to ask Mary Brewer to send a letter defending the Volcano Post Office. VCA members will be notified in our E-Blast to also send letters of support.

5. Insert in the Building in the Forest Brochure: Mr. Tunison has prepared a new insert updating the current one. He has changed the focus to be more instructional and will include a more expanded version for our website. Sher Glass will reformat the new information and then they will email a copy to the Board for comments and any new information that might be appropriate.

Next meeting: October 25, 2011, 7pm

Adjourn: 9:14pm