

**Orchidland Community Association
Board of Directors meeting
Approved Minutes
December 20, 2016**

Call to Order: President Steve (Mongo) Lyon was delayed, Vice President Don Stoner presiding, this is the Board of Directors meeting of December 20, 2016 at the Pahoia Community Center the time is 6:50pm.

Row Call: Don Stoner, Tegen Greene, Frederic Wirick, Gerald Akana, Sky Platt, Doug Anderson, Jeremai Cann, Steve Baca, Steve Lyon (arrived after meeting began).
Chris Coles-Morales is on the mainland.
Paul Imaizumi is out on extended leave while he is caring for his wife, Faith. Our thoughts and prayers are with Faith, Paul and their family.

**Motion to approve the Agenda for the BOD meeting of December 20, 2016 as distributed.
Motion seconded, called to vote, 9 in favor, unanimous.**

**Motion to approve the Minutes of the BOD meeting of November 15, 2016 as distributed.
Motion seconded, called to vote, 9 in favor, unanimous.**

**Motion to approve the Minutes of the Semi-Annual Membership meeting of November 20, 2016 as distributed.
Motion seconded, called to vote, 9 in favor, unanimous.**

Vice President's welcome announcement to members and general public:

Aloha and welcome to the December Board of Director's meeting for fiscal year 2016-17. OLCA members and the general public are welcome to attend but are asked to please not interrupt the proceedings and agenda. Guests will be given the opportunity to speak at the end of meeting. Sign-in and suggestion forms will also be provided at the meeting; these forms will be reviewed and addressed by the BOD at the next scheduled meeting.

Please note, the lawsuit originally launched by a dissident group calling themselves Orchidland Voice on July 1, 2015, and being perpetuated by Barbara Arthurs is still in process. Legal topics and related issues will not be addressed at the OLCA meetings while the lawsuit is in process.

Mahalo for your continued support.

Announcement: the new Orchidland Community Association phone number: 808-464-5598

Monthly Reports:

Treasurer Tegen Greene: Some OLCA accounts remain frozen, a full-report will be given when these accounts are unfrozen.

RMC monthly report read by Secretary Wirick.**Side road maintenance:**

Natural drainages were opened and gravel was distributed where needed on dead-end side roads of Napua, Oliana, Pikake, Pualani and the dead end section of Pohaku Drive above 40th Ave. Some of these roadways also required road side mowing.

These were the final roadways to be maintained to complete the full-rotation of unpaved side road maintenance -- approximately 30 miles of unpaved roadways were serviced.

Unpaved side road maintenance is an ongoing process, and the RMC is scheduled to begin another full-rotation of maintenance in 2017.

Main Access Road maintenance:

The shoulders of the newly paved section of 40th Ave were improved, fill materials added where needed and some shoulder access opened.

The Main Access Roadway/ road sides and intersections were tractor mowed on Pohaku, Laniuma, Orchidland, Auli'i Drives and 40th Ave.

Pothole Filling:

The extended rains, flooded roadways, extensive cracking of the asphalt pavement and the constant flow of primarily commercial traffic caused many large potholes to form on lower Orchidland Drive between Hwy 130 and the entrance of Blanes. In addition, these extended rains and often submerged roadway made it impossible for maintenance crews to repair potholes. About one week had passed before weather conditions allowed maintenance crews to fill the many potholes in this area. The largest pothole measured almost 5' in diameter and was about 8" deep. This giant pothole and others (up to 3' in diameter) were located in front of the Mormon Church. The rain run-off from two church parking lots flows directly onto Orchidland Drive, submerging this stretch of roadway. These last series of storms clearly showed us how quickly road hazards can develop on this short section of roadway -- and that road closure might be necessary in the future to prevent potential hazards and liability risks during extended heavy rains.

The RMC, under the direction of Sky Platt is developing a detailed re-construction plan for this short stretch roadway. The RMC's intention with BOD approval is to take this plan to the commercial property owners located on lower Orchidland Drive -- and to cooperatively work together to complete this necessary reconstruction project in a timely manner.

Potholes were also filled on Auli'i Drive from Hwy 130 to 36th Ave. During heavy and extended rains sections of this half-mile of roadway can become more like a riverbed, coupled with the traffic flow -- potholes can develop rapidly. Maintenance crews also repaired potholes at the intersection of 35th Ave and Laniuma Drive and on Ilima Drive from 35th to 36th Ave.

Stop signs were replaced on Laniuma at the intersection of 36th and 39th Ave. More posts and signs are to be added next month.

As noted in last month's RMC report, OLCA is looking into the possibility to acquire portable 25 mph speed humps from the County to be installed on the elbow from 40th Ave to Pohaku Drive to help slow traffic flow and improve public safety.

Old business:

We have a number of road maintenance projects on temporary hold until funding is released from "frozen" OLCA accounts.

RMC recommended motion for BOD approval:

1) Motion to approve a letter to be sent to the commercial property and franchise owners, and the Mormon Church located along lower Orchidland Drive. This letter would call for a formal meeting with OLCA representatives to discuss the proposed reconstruction of Orchidland Drive from Hwy 130 to the intersection of 34th Ave. Letter to be approved by BOD majority vote.

Motion seconded

Discussion: For years this short section of pavement on Orchidland Drive from Hwy 130 to the entrance of Blanes has been breaking up during heavy rains. For the past two years the RMC has directed road maintenance crews to repair potholes on this short stretch of roadway on a regular basis after heavy rains.

During the recent extended rain storms (over one week) during late November and early December 2016 this roadway began to break up quickly with numerous large potholes forming, the largest measuring 3' to 5' in diameter and up to 8" deep. These potholes coupled with the flooded roadway created potential hazards and liability risks. Fortunately the rain stopped long enough to give OLCA road maintenance crews the opportunity to fill potholes and repair the roadway – otherwise it would have been necessary to close this section of road and detour traffic under the heavy rains subsided. This section of lower Orchidland Drive serves as access to the business district and the Mormon Church within Orchidland Estates

For the past two months RMC member Sky Platt has worked directly with a licensed contractor and civil engineer to come up with a comprehensive reconstruction plan. This plan would be the long-term solution, and it would help ensure uninterrupted commercial traffic flow to businesses and the church. In order to move forward with this comprehensive reconstruction plan, OLCA would need full support and financial assistance from all commercial parties being served.

For more detailed information regarding the ongoing repairs and potential hazards on this section of lower Orchidland Drive, please reference this month's RMC report on "Pothole Filling."

Motion called to vote, 9 in favor, unanimous.

Social and Community lot (Hui Hoaloha) Committee report read by Jeremai Cann:

The members of this Committee last met on November 30, 2016. Subjects discussed included:

1) A formal letter was submitted to the Food Basket regarding the possibility of OLCA food distribution from the Community lot in 2017. Coordinating meeting with the Food Basket is scheduled for later this month.

2) The Committee was updated on the BOD approval for the purchase of a second 20'x40' pole tent, and base course and grading for a raised pad for the two pole tents for upcoming social events at the OLCA Community lot.

3) On November 22, 2016 about 10am Secretary Wirick drove by the Community lot and noticed damage to the fence and chained gate near the corner of 36th Ave. He immediately called the HPD and an officer was dispatched to the scene. It appeared that a pickup truck ran through fence at the corner of 36th Ave and Orchidland Drive, then exited the Community lot driving through the schedule 40 post and chained gate. About 1/3 of the fence and gate along 36th Ave was damaged.

In a follow-up investigation of the incident, an Orchidland resident on 36th Ave the night before heard and noticed a truck full-size recklessly drive down 36th Ave from Orchidland to Laniuma Drive at about 11pm. He estimated the truck was traveling at approximately 50 mph with broken headlights.

Fortunately no one on 36th Ave was injured and/or killed by the actions of this reckless driver.

The BOD, via email, authorized immediate repair and replacement of the damaged fence and gate to secure the Community lot. A local fencing company completed the repair and replacement over the weekend of November 26th; the total repair cost for labor and materials was \$600.

4) Policy and Procedures regarding the use of the OLCA Community lot by non-affiliated groups is currently being drawn up by the Committee. Proof of liability insurance listing OLCA as the certificate holder, and a use fee will be required.

5) On December 10, 2016 OLCA the fourth consecutive, Harvest Sharing/ potluck social event was held at the Community lot (Hui Hoaloha) at a new time, from 1pm to 5pm. Harvests, plants and food was shared with those present. This event is scheduled for the second Saturday of each month for Orchidland Community members and guests.

Local Orchidland farmers, ranchers, musicians and supporters came together for this special OLCA Saturday event. They all participated in a group discussion led by Merlin (an Orchidland farmer) on Community Supported Agriculture (CSA), and to discuss the possibility of participating in a monthly and/or weekly Orchidland Community Harvest Festival/ Farmers Market. This would be held in place of Harvest Sharing event and would feature Orchidland farmers, ranchers and their produce. It would also include special presentations by guest speakers and musical entertainment. This event would primarily serve the Orchidland Community.

At this time the Social and Community lot Committee would like to propose the following motion to the BOD for approval:

Motion to approve a monthly and/or weekly Orchidland Community Harvest Festival and Farmers Market to be held at the OLCA Community lot.

Motion seconded

Discussion: Orchidland Estates has a growing number of small-scale farmers and ranchers who are willing and able to participate in this type of event. A site manager would be designated by the Social and Community lot committee to oversee these events. A mission statement, vendor agreements and waivers of liability would be completed, distributed and signed prior to such an event. The total number of vendors would be limited -- and Orchidland farmers, ranchers and participants would receive priority as vendors.

A sample, Hawaiian Acres Farmers Market Vendor Agreement & Waiver of Liability has been provided for your review.

It has been determined that additional liability insurance would be required for this type of event at the OLCA Community lot, the cost is estimated at \$550 per year. It is recommended that donations be accepted at this event, and these donations could be used to offset the additional OLCA insurance costs.

Motion called to vote, 8 in favor, 1 abstention.

That concludes the monthly reports and committee updates and recommended motions.

Guest input, questions and answers:

Mark Paras from 39th Ave. commented on the RMC report regarding rain water drainage from the Mormon Church parking lots onto Orchidland Drive, and asked if there are run-off laws in Hawaii?

Lloyd Swierenga from 40th Ave asked questions regarding "littering" within Orchidland Estates; County signs on Ola'a Drive state up to \$1000 fine for littering, is this enforced and how? Large

bags of garbage were recently dumped near the intersection of 40th Ave and Pohaku Drive. Apparently if reported to the Hawaii Police Dept. it is the responsibility of the HPD officer to dig through the garbage in an attempt to locate the owner of the garbage (bills, etc.). With evidence of ownership of the trash dumped, prosecution can be pursued.

Also thefts of gates near 40th and Pohaku Drive were also reported, the advice was to contact the HPD and have them file an incident report.

HPD non-emergency number is: 808-935-3311

Closing announcement: the next Harvest Sharing/ potluck social event at the Community lot/ Hui Hoaloha is scheduled for Saturday, December 10th from 1-5pm. All Orchidland residents and guests are welcome to attend.

Motion to adjourn, approved unanimously, time 7:50pm.

Submitted by:

Frederic Wirick, Secretary

Date