

**Orchidland Community Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Approved Minutes
August 20, 2019**

Call to Order: President Steve (Mongo) Lyon presiding; this is the Board of Directors meeting of August 20, 2019 at the Neighborhood Place of Puna in Keaau, the time is 6:39pm.

Roll Call: Steve Lyon, Frederic Wirick, Sky Platt, John Erickson, Jeremai Cann, Doug Anderson by phone, and Tegen Greene (a few minutes late, missed Agenda and Minutes approval).

Guests: Judy Tang, Rich Robbins, Timothy Jenkins, Gee Gee Vanvig, Lloyd Swierenga and Carrie Walters.

Out on medical and/ or excused leave: Steve Baca and Don Stoner.

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 August 20, 2019 as distributed.

Seconded, called to vote, 6 in favor, unanimously approved.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the BOD meeting of July 16, 2019 as distributed.

Seconded, called to vote, 6 in favor, unanimously approved.

President's welcome announcement to members and general public:

Aloha and welcome to the August 2019 Board of Director's meeting for fiscal year 2019-20.

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.

One final notice, this is a public meeting and it is being video recorded.

Monthly Reports:

Treasurer Tegen Greene, monthly financial report, as distributed.

RMC report summarized by RMC Vice Chair John Erickson (full report as distributed):

Updates on pothole filling: As anticipated lower Orchidland Drive, the commercial district, continues to crack and break away in every rain storm. Repairs are being made at least twice a month if not more. The worst potholes are located on lower Orchidland Drive between Hwy 130 and the entrance to Blanes Drive-in. This short section of roadway receives heavy commercial traffic, including large delivery trucks and school bus traffic, plus the two parking lots from the Mormon church drain onto lower Orchidland Drive, causing ponding during heavy rains.

Letters were sent to commercial property owners on lower Orchidland Drive and a complaint filed with the County Works Department concerning the road flooding and ponding issue. We anticipate a workable solution in the future, in order to avoid the closure of this section of roadway.

Unpaved road maintenance updates:

Hokori Construction will complete the maintenance of about 30 miles of unpaved roads by the end of this week. Maintenance included: grading, rolling, compaction and adding materials where needed. Materials used on roadways to date = 1420 tons (about 71, 20-ton truck loads).

Asphalt repair and paving updates:

Asphalt repair and paving will begin shortly after the unpaved road maintenance is completed. This asphalt paving includes RMC/ BOD approved repairs on Laniuma and Auli'i. As well as the asphalt paving of upper Pohaku Drive, the installation of some speed humps on 40th Ave and Pohaku Drive, and finally approved asphalt paving of some intersections and aprons.

Signage installation: "Speed Humps Ahead" signs have been installed at all entry streets into Orchidland Estates. Speed humps will eventually be installed throughout Orchidland Estates to help slow the traffic flow and in-turn create safer roadways and reduce OLCA liability risks.

Addition RMC updates:

Abandoned Vehicles (AVs) along the right-of-way. At times these vehicles impact the roadway and/ or are road/ roadside hazard.

Reporting protocol for AVs:

-- Immediately report the AV incident to the HPD, non-emergency dispatch number: 808-935-3311. Report: location, time, description of vehicle(s), and any suspicious activity. Get an incident report number from the reporting HPD officer.

-- Please share all the above information with the OLCA Road Maintenance Committee (RMC) by email at OrchidlandCommunityAssociation@gmail.com , call 808-464-5598, or attend the RMC monthly meeting, second Tuesday of each month at the Neighborhood Place of Puna, in Keaau.

The HPD should contact County Vehicle Disposal, that County Department will contact the contracted tow-truck companies to haul the AV. Note, a vehicle "disposal fee" is charged with every vehicle registration to pay for this County/ State service.

-- The key is to report AV incidents immediately – and follow-up with HPD weekly until the AV is hauled.

-- The whole process can take up to two weeks to complete – from reporting the AV incident to the hauling and disposal.

Proposed road and road related maintenance for fiscal year 2019-20 includes:

- Completion of paving projects previously scheduled.
- At least two-full maintenance rotations of unpaved roads.
- Road-side mowing: along Main Access Roads about four-times (about every 3 months), and along unpaved roads about two-times (about every 6 months).
- Main Access road-side vegetation removal and crack sealing.

More RMC discussion and guest input:

Guest discussion included right of way maintenance on lower Auli'i drive and right of way issues on Mapuana.

New BOD Business:

The following motion was passed by the RMC and has been recommended for approval by the BOD:

A motion to draft a formal letter to Hawaii County Road Department and Hawaii State Highway Department and government representatives requesting the installation of a traffic light at the intersection of Hwy 130 and Orchidland Drive.

Seconded

Discussion: The intersection at Hwy 130 and Orchidland Drive is becoming more dangerous every day as the population of Puna District continues to increase. This commercial district on lower Orchidland Drive has been the only commercial district between Keaau and Pahoia for decades. There have been some fatalities and many injuries over the decades. Commercial traffic includes Orchidland Store, Ohana Fuels, Blane's Drive Inn and the Mormon church. Plus, new construction has begun directly across the street from the Mormon church. In addition, while school is in session, this is a student drop-off and pick-up site in the morning and afternoon.

To improve traffic and pedestrian safety at this location, a traffic light for should be installed by the State of Hawaii and/or commercial district property owners. This "commercial district" located within Orchidland Estates has served the Puna District for over 30 years.

The RMC recently noted that the new commercial shopping center in Pahoia has a new traffic light on the adjacent Hwy. Plus Pahoia received a small roundabout a few years back. The traffic flow in this area is estimated at about 8000 vehicles a day according the State Hwy Dept. Whereas the traffic on Hwy 132 passing Orchidland Drive (the commercial district) is about 18,000 to 20,000 vehicles a day.

Motion to enable Data Processing Services, Inc. to accept credit card payments for the annual MRMA (Mandatory Road Maintenance Assessment) fees.

Seconded

Discussion: this service will allow immediate payment fees.

More discussion, call to vote, all in favor 7, unanimously approved.

Social and Community Lot Committee Report:

The OLCA First Saturday Market was canceled on August 3, 2019 due to forecast storm activity. This monthly market is held at the OLCA Hui Hoaloha located near the intersection of Orchidland Drive and 36th Ave. Join us next month, First-Saturday September 7, 2019 for this growing event with more participation every month.

For more information on upcoming events please visit www.Orchidland.org , in addition, on the website there is a direct link to the OLCA group Facebook page. For vendor information please contact either Committee co-chairs Edie Valentine or Merlin Forman at the monthly events or by calling 808-464-5598.

Guest input:

Questions were road related and deferred to the RMC for review. The first question was regarding a right-of-way issue on Mapuana. The second, a few questions regarding lower Orchidland Drive and the proposed roundabout at Hwy 130. A short discussion followed regarding a traffic light as an alternative.

That concluded the OLCA BOD meeting for August 20, 2019, motion to adjourn, call to vote, 6 in favor -- the time is 7:48pm.

Submitted by:

Frederic Wirick, Secretary

Date