

**Orchidland Community Association  
Semi-Annual Membership Meeting  
Approved Minutes  
November 20, 2016**

**Call to order:** President Steve (Mongo) Lyon presiding, the time is 2:11pm on November 20, 2016; this is the Orchidland Community Association Semi-Annual Membership meeting being held at the Pahoia Community Center.

**Roll call of Board of Directors present:** President Steve (Mongo) Lyon, Vice President Don Stoner, Treasurer Tegen Greene, Secretary Frederic (Ric) Wirick, Gerald Akana, Doug Anderson and Jeremai Cann.

Excused absences for Sky Platt, Chris Morales-Coles and Steve Baca, also Paul Imaizumi is on extended leave while he is caring for his wife, Faith. She was seriously injured in a canoe/boating incident in September. Our thoughts and prayers are with Faith, Paul and their family. For more information please visit: [www.Wegotfaith.org](http://www.Wegotfaith.org)

**Establish Quorum:** Seven Board of Directors were present as well as a combined total of over fifteen total members either in-person and/or represented by proxy.

**Approval of Agenda for this meeting:**

The Agenda for the meeting has been distributed to all BOD and handed-out to all OLCA property owners in attendance.

**Motion by Secretary Wirick to approve the Agenda for the Semi-Annual Membership meeting of November 20, 2016 as distributed.**

**Motion seconded**

**Call to vote, all in favor, unanimous vote, Agenda approved.**

**Introduction of the Board of Directors at today's meeting.**

**President Steve (Mongo) Lyon's message:**

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There is the charity of one’s energy, and there is the self of legacy. No singular person could build an authentic community. Would not a deep community success forming its own legacy be a better human endeavor, rather than one built on ruination to feed self-dealing egos? Do no harm, but listen and act. These board members care about their community and are doing the positive things, desiring to resolve a few of life’s complexities where we call home. Mahalo.

There are no actions nor proposals in this membership meeting. We hope to update you with reports of substance and then open up to a round table discussion. The Association is perhaps months away from any substantive move in the on-going lawsuit, due to the holiday season, thus we are still unable to provide any information.

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## **Semi-Annual Reports**

### **Treasurer Tegen Greene:**

#### **Financial Report and Updates:**

The good news is the 2016-17 fee schedules were approved by OLCA membership ballot vote. Billing statements were sent out in July and MRMAs are coming in on a regular basis. Funds are deposited into the OLCA account.

Expenses as of Sept 30, 2016 for the fiscal year fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016:

MRMA/ Road Maintenance expenses = \$29,754

Insurance = \$7,252

Administrative = \$12,597

Community lot improvements, maintenance and functions = \$3,262

Legal fees: \$4,703

Mahalo again for your continued support by paying the annual MRMAs, and please encourage your neighbors to support this ongoing maintenance program.

### **Update by Secretary Frederic (Ric) Wirick:**

Please note, the lawsuit launched by Orchidland Voice on July 1, 2015 and perpetuated by Barbara Arthurs has been costly. A trial date is set for October 30, 2017.

In March 2016, Barbara Arthurs instigated the freeze of a few OLCA financial accounts. Her malicious actions have disrupted the funding of scheduled road maintenance programs and caused others to be postponed. This directly affects the safety and welfare of residents of Orchidland Estates.

### **Road Maintenance Committee Report read by Secretary Frederic (Ric) Wirick:**

Good afternoon, first I will read a general announcement regarding the Road Maintenance Committee and the Board of Directors:

#### **Aloha Orchidland Community Association Members,**

Our mission for the past seventeen months as Board of Directors is to serve you, our Community. Your annual Mandatory Road Maintenance Assessment (MRMA) fees are used to service over 40 miles of private roadways. In fact, if you live in Orchidland you may have noticed improvements to your roadways. We are completing the second rotation of maintenance on all unpaved roadways, 30 miles. This is the first time this has been accomplished in OLCA history! Our goal is efficient management with limited funds while serving the entire Community. In addition, we have worked to reduce liability risks by providing

fully insured road maintenance operators and have installed needed signage throughout Orchidland Estates.

A Big Mahalo to the OLCA membership paying annual MRMA fees; truly, we are working together to serve our greater community. Please note, all Board of Directors and Committee members are volunteers. We receive no pay for our services, yet often work countless hours to serve our Community, to serve our Ohana.

**Road Maintenance Committee (RMC) Report:**

Consistency and efficient management continues to be the foundation of OLCA's most comprehensive road maintenance program. First and foremost, 4 of the 5 members of the Road Maintenance Committee members have been at your service for seventeen months. We live throughout Orchidland Estates, survey roadways on a monthly basis, set standards, coordinate road maintenance crews and survey the work completed.

RMC's accomplishments over the past seventeen months include: 3.6 miles of chip sealed roadways recoated, completing the second rotation of road maintenance for all 30 miles of unpaved roadways, ¼ mile of the worst sections of Main Access Roadways on 40<sup>th</sup> Ave and Pohaku Drives built-up and paved, completing STOP sign and post installations at cross roads throughout Orchidland Estates. Additional signage is scheduled to reduce speeding, road sides have been mowed periodically and potholes filled on regular basis where needed. Plans are in place for more road maintenance and some minor paving if and when funds become available.

**For more information on road maintenance and ongoing road project please visit: [www.Orchidland.org](http://www.Orchidland.org)**

Click on RMC and/or Board Minutes and read the full monthly RMC reports.

Also you are welcome and encouraged to attend the monthly RMC meeting held the second Tuesday of each month. The meetings are held here at the Pahoia Community Center from 6:30 to 8pm.

**Updates on the Social and Community lot (Hui Hoaloha) Committees read by Jeremai Cann:**

On November 12, 2016 OLCA held the fourth consecutive Harvest Sharing event at the Hui Hoaloha (Community Gathering Place) on the Community lot. It was another great success: harvests, plants and seedlings were shared as well as potluck dishes and good conversations. A special presentation was given me, Jeremai Cann on the preparation of sauerkraut, and the use of salt to ferment vegetables.

The Harvest Sharing event at the Hui Hoaloha is the second Saturday of each month, located at the corner of Orchidland Drive and 36<sup>th</sup> Ave. All Orchidland residents and guests are invited to

attend. For more information go to [www.Orchidland.org](http://www.Orchidland.org) and click on the Facebook link. The next OLCA Harvest Sharing event is December 10, 2016.

Please note the time of the monthly OLCA Harvest Sharing/ Social event, second Saturday of each month will be changed from a morning event to the afternoon event: the afternoon event hours will be 1pm to 5pm.

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The Social and Community Lot Committee with the approval of the BOD would like to expand this monthly OLCA Harvest Sharing event to include a possible OLCA barter, swap and trade day -- and Orchidland-based farmers market. A second 20'x40' pole tent has been approved by the BOD as well as the construction of base-course pad for the pole tents for these social events.

In closing, policy and procedures are being drawn up by the OLCA Social and Community Lot Committee regarding the use of the OLCA Community lot by non-affiliated groups within Orchidland Estates. This P&P will be submitted to the OLCA BOD for review and approval. Please note, insurance coverage is an issue with non-affiliated groups, according to the OLCA insurance agent any non-affiliated group must submit proof of insurance listing OLCA as the certificate holder before use of the OLCA Community lot would be permitted.

**This concludes the BOD Reports and Updates, we will now move onto membership questions and answer session:**

-- A question was asked regarding the collection of Mandatory Road Maintenance Assessment (MRMA) fees, the estimated number of Orchidland residents paying the annual MRMA's, and the current collection's policy – a detailed discussion followed.

-- A question was asked regarding the possibility of closing a short section of 34<sup>th</sup> Ave. This short stretch of unpaved roadway, 34<sup>th</sup> Ave from Ainaloa to Illima Drive, at times experiences heavy cut-thru traffic, as well as speeding vehicles that appear to be traveling to and from suspected illegal activity in this area.

This question was also asked of the RMC and BOD months earlier. The recommendations from the RMC and BOD included filing complaints with the Hawaii County Police Dept. (HPD) regarding all incidents -- threats to neighborhood resident's safety and welfare. And to write-up and distribute a petition for neighborhood signatures regarding these safety issues. The signed petition would then be submitted to both the OLCA BOD, and to the County of Hawaii for review and consideration.

**Contact info for the HPD:** Emergency 911; non-emergency dispatch 808-935-3311

The OLCA Membership group discussion ended.

Secretary Wirick then directed the group to three large laminated posters:

- 1) A map of Orchidland Estates showing the over 40 miles of private roadways. A description was given regarding the roadways serviced over the past year.
- 2) A detailed proposed site plan for the OLCA Community lot. A description was given regarding improvements, proposed development and monthly activities on the Community lot.
- 3) A letter from an Orchidland resident was referenced and read aloud:

FROM: DAVID A. MCBRIDE

TO: BOARD MEMBERS (STEVE "MONGO" LYON)

SUBJECT: **KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!**

I HAVE NEVER MET ANY OF YOU BUT YOUR "ACTIONS" SPEAK LOUDLY.

I HAVE LIVED IN ORCHIDLAND SINCE JULY 2009 AND BEFORE YOU FOLKS TOOK OVER, NOTHING EVER HAPPENED IN THE WAY OF ROAD MAINTENANCE. I EVEN STARTED ASKING WHAT IS THE MRMA I'M PAYING FOR? THE WORD I GOT FROM NEIGHBORS WAS THE BOARD MEMBERS PRETTY MUCH JUST MAKE SURE ROADS IN AND AROUND THEIR HOMES GET FIXED.

SINCE YOU FOLKS TOOK OVER (LAST SIXTEEN MO.) I HAVE SEEN MAJOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS THROUGHOUT ALL OF ORCHIDLAND ESTATES! YOUR NEWSLETTER IS SPOT ON WITH WHAT IS REALLY HAPPENING.

**\* KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK**

DAVID A. MCBRIDE

RET USMC/ DIS VET/ CIVIL SERVICE

**Some Final announcements by President Steve (Mongo) Lyon:**

OLCA members are invited to the monthly RMC and BOD meetings here at the Pahoia Community Center the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 6:30pm to 8pm.

OLCA members and guests are invited to the monthly OLCA Harvest Sharing/ potluck social event at the Community lot located at the corner of Orchidland Drive and 36<sup>th</sup> Ave -- the second Saturday of each month from 1pm to 5pm.

**For more information please visit the OLCA website at: [www.Orchidland.org](http://www.Orchidland.org) , plus there is a link to the Facebook page.**

**OLCA has a new phone number and voice mail: 808-464-5598**

**The Motion was made to adjourn the meeting, unanimous vote in favor. Meeting ended at 3:45pm**

**Submitted by:**

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**Frederic Wirick, Secretary**

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**Date**

