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**As of October 2020,
Road Committee*
and Board Meetings
are now being held
via Zoom online
conferencing:**

2nd and 3rd Tuesday of
the month from
6:30pm to 8:00 pm.
www.Orchidland.org
for more info on
attending the
meetings.
(OLCA monthly
meetings went to
Zoom online
conferencing due to
the increase in Covid-
19 cases in the area,
the upcoming flu
season and
restrictions by the
State of Hawaii, 10
persons or less.)

October 2021 Newsletter

Orchidland Community Association's (OLCA) fiscal-year began July 1, 2021. Even with the financial impact of Covid-19 on the general economy – OLCA has been able to move forward with ongoing road maintenance and improvements thanks to your participation and payments of the MRMAs (Mandatory Road Maintenance Assessments).

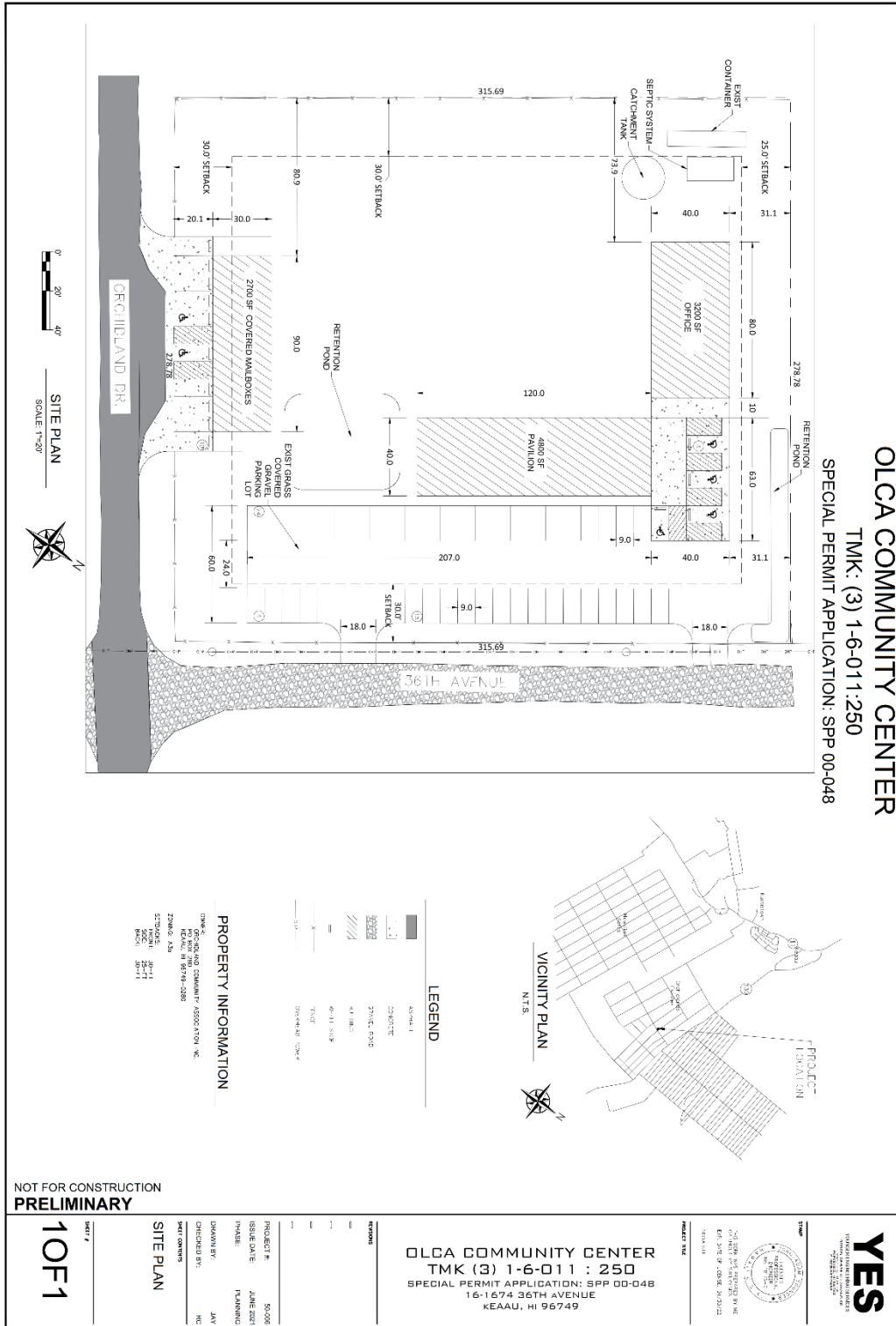
We have a full-year of road service scheduled and budgeted. OLCA has about 29 miles of unpaved/ unimproved roads, 7.5 miles of asphalt paved roads and 3.5 miles of chip-sealed roads. OLCA road maintenance and improvements of the 40 total miles of roads within Orchidland Estates are the top priority of the Road Maintenance Committee (RMC) and Board of Directors (BOD) and have been since July 2015 (all RMC and BOD are membership-elected volunteers).

In 2015, all the chip-sealed roads were recoated. Since 2015, about 30 miles of unpaved/ unimproved roads have been maintained at least once or twice a year. Prior to 2015, only select roads were maintained and some unpaved roads had not seen maintenance for almost a decade. Since 2015, potholes on paved and chip sealed roads are filled on a monthly basis and more often where needed. Road side mowing is completed multiple times a year on Main Access Roads and intersections, and also on side roads. When paving funds become available, short sections of asphalt paving are completed.

OLCA is moving forward to complete the 1999 Paving Plan. Over the past years, 25% or \$50 of the MRMAs collected go towards new asphalt paving. In September 2021 the short section of upper Pohaku Drive was paved at a cost of \$61,000. In fiscal-year 2019-20, upper Laniuma Drive was paved at a cost of about \$150,000. The final remaining section of road to complete the 1999 Paving Plan is upper Ilima Drive from 36th Ave to 37th Ave – at an estimated cost of \$120,000. Once completed, we can move forward with the 2020 Paving Plan.

This is all possible with your support and participation as members of OLCA, Orchidland Community Association. For convenience, MRMA payments and donations can now be made by credit card and online at www.Orchidland.org Mahalo for your participation.

OLCA is the acronym for Orchidland Community Association. Yes, the OLCA Community Lot Development Committee (CLDC) and the OLCA Agri-Cultural Center (ACC) Board and are basically the same group of individuals -- wearing two hats with common goals. The OLCA CLDC represents our community nonprofit (501c4) and the OLCA ACC represents a separate 501c3 non-profit, able to receive tax deductible donations for the Community Center (Agri-Cultural Center). Over the past year we, the CDLC with Board support and approval have worked with a civil engineer to get the site plan completed and approved by the County:



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President Message by Doug Anderson:

Well, it has been another interesting year of dealing with Covid restrictions and still getting Orchidland's needs met and visions on track. Our small agricultural communities do not seem to get much attention from our local government and not being able to appear before these representatives in on-the-record meetings and such does not improve our ability to bring forth our concerns.

The County likes to count our roads to get State and Federal money but don't help support them. They use our roads as emergency bypasses and the newly paved upper Pohaku Dr now sees county buses, but no county support. They spend a million dollars to improve Railroad Road as an emergency bypass and never open it but freely use ours with no support. They continue to permit expansion of commercial growth at the bottom of Orchidland Dr over our objections, and even 16-page reports from their own staff, without consideration for the impact on the road, safety, and congestion there. Hopefully the new

elementary school (Hawaii Academy of Arts and Science, HAAS) at 34th Ave and Orchidland Dr. will be helpful in garnering support to convince the County and State to do something about what has become a critically unsafe situation.

Junk car removal, meth houses, squatters, theft, and the list goes on of what we are trying to get our representatives to address. Please help us do that and if you want to give back some to your community, consider joining the OLCA Board. We especially need people with helpful experience in accounting, heavy equipment and construction, business and just the ability to work with others to move forward productively in building up our community.

An especially promising highlight is the move of turning our community lot into a 501c3, enabling tax deductible donations, grants and the like to be pursued. The site plans have been approved and we hope to start the process soon on building a vibrant community gathering place we can all be proud of.

Mahalo.

Financial Report

This is the OLCA Treasurer report for the first quarter of this fiscal year 2021 as presented by Hershel Hood, OLCA Treasurer.

The following information has been provided by the OLCA Bookkeeper, DPSI, Hilo, HI.

The monthly financials summary documents are posted online at www.Orchidland.org

Total income from 2021-22 MRMA dues including prior years and miscellaneous interest = \$304,666.00.

Major Expenses paid in this first fiscal year quarter:

1. Hokori Construction, for asphalt road work. Total amount paid=. \$61,000.00.
This money comes from the Asphalt paving fund only.
2. Annual renewal for OLCA Commercial General Liability insurance= \$14,052.00
3. OLCA Bond, liability insurance annual renewal= \$533.00.
4. Uprise Farms, road work, pot hole filling= \$12,526.00.
5. Carbonaro CPAs, 3 progress payments. 2019 Audit= \$7,399.00
6. Puna Rock, road materials = \$7,450.00
7. Administrative expenses = \$17,855.00
8. Road work pothole filling = \$6,013.00
9. Legal= \$1,500.00

Total road expenses paid, not including Asphalt paving fund payments = \$36,812.00

Total OLCA expenses paid = \$118,968.00.

**ORCHIDLAND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
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**OLCA Semi-Annual Membership Meeting
Saturday, November 27th
has been CANCELLED due to Covid-19 and the State
restrictions on social gatherings.**

**The meeting will be held via Zoom online
conferencing. Visit www.Orchidland.org and
contact us via email for more information.**

Mahalo