

**Orchidland Community Association
Board of Directors meeting
Approved Minutes
February 21, 2017**

Call to Order: President Steve (Mongo) Lyon presiding; this is the Board of Directors meeting of February 21, 2017 at the Pahoia Community Center the time is 6:35pm.

Row Call: President Steve (Mongo) Lyon, VP Don Stoner, Secretary Frederic (Ric) Wirick, Gerald Akana, Sky Platt, Doug Anderson, Chris Coles-Morales, Jeremai Cann and Steve Baca (late arrival).

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 February 21, 2017 as distributed.
Second motioned and called to vote, 8 in favor, unanimous.**

**Motion to approve the Minutes of the BOD meeting of January 17, 2016 as distributed.
Second motioned and called to vote, 7 in favor and 1 abstention, unanimous.**

President's welcome announcement to members and general public:

Aloha and welcome to the February 2017 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:

RMC report read by Secretary Wirick:

Opening statement:

Beginning last month, January 2017 all road maintenance work has been cut back and some projects postponed due to the actions of Orchidland Estates resident, Barbara Arthurs. Mrs. Arthurs is the sole plaintiff in the lawsuit that was launched by Orchidland Voice on July 1, 2015 – the complaint was filed against some OLCA Board members and threatened OLCA with dissolution and receivership. Without a court directive or court approval in March/ April 2016

Mrs. Arthurs approached all 3 OLCA financial institutions and was able to force the freeze of two primary accounts, the frozen funds total over \$120,000. OLCA in-turn was forced to run all corporate business from only one account covering all road maintenance, administration, legal costs, and minor community lot improvements. From May 2016 to January 2017 the RMC and BOD had been able to complete all corporate managerial and operational duties without disruption. But now the malicious actions of Mrs. Arthurs with her forced freeze of over \$120,000 of OLCA funds has caused disruption and puts Orchidland resident's safety and welfare at risk.

Since July 1, 2015 (for the past 19 months) 4 of the 5 current RMC members have managed OLCA's extensive road maintenance program of over 40 miles of private roadways serving over 2400 property owners with very good results and growing Community support.

Unpaved side road updates:

It was the intent of the RMC to begin the second rotation of unpaved side road maintenance in January 2017, but this extensive project has been postponed due to the freezing of some OLCA financial accounts.

Signage purchase and installation:

(4) "Road Floods During Rain" signs have been purchased and are scheduled to be installed in February near the intersection of Pohaku and 39th, and also on 40th Ave near the drainage and dip where the new asphalt paving begins. A water depth post has been suggested for this location on 40th Ave as well.

Pothole filling:

Pothole filling remains the top priority even with the scaled-back road maintenance program. A new truckload of cold mix was purchased in preparation for months ahead.

Road side trash removal:

More abandoned vehicles were dumped in Orchidland Estates in January 2017. In addition to the gold Toyota sedan reported last month. One blue Honda sedan and multiple pickup truck sections were dumped on 39th between Orchidland and Auli'i Drives. And one white S-10 Chevy pickup truck was dumped on 37th between Orchidland and Auli'i Drive. All abandoned/ dumped vehicles were reported to the HPD, they notified us that the County would haul these vehicles at no charge.

For general reference: if you locate an abandoned vehicle, please report it to the non-emergency HPD dispatch number (808-935-3311) and report the incident: include location, type of vehicle (color, make and model). And then report the incident to OLCA by phone and/or email.

Old Business:

The letter to the commercial property owners on lower Orchidland Drive calling for a meeting to discuss and the proposed roadway improvements has been postponed, due in part to funding issues.

The OLCA Kubota tractor is being repaired and made ready for auction.

The proposed installation of permanent 25 mph speed humps on Pohaku and 40th Ave. has been postponed, put on hold until OLCA funds are unfrozen. These emergency by-pass roadways of Pohaku Drive and 40th have begun to experience a slightly heavier traffic flow because there is new road construction underway near the intersection of Hwy 130 and Pohaku Drive.

That concludes the RMC report for last month.

The Social/ Community lot Committee report by Jeremai Cann:

The Committee meeting was held on February 1, 2017. Updates from the meeting include:

- Discussion on the upcoming Harvest Sharing/ potluck social event.
- Postponement of a number of BOD approved projects and initiatives for the Community lot. (Please note, all of these postponements are due entirely to the forced freeze of OLCA funds by Barbara Arthurs):

- 1) The purchase of a second 20'x40' pole tent.
- 2) Base course and grading to create a raised platform for tent installations.
- 3) Lot improvements to create both a playing field and community garden.
- 4) Purchase of additional general liability insurance to help establish both monthly Food Basket Distribution and to initiate the Orchidland Community Farmers market.
- 5) Finalize the proposed site plan, and site preparation for onsite restrooms, utilities and Quonset hut pavilion.

Community lot/ Hui Hoaloha updates:

On Saturday February 11, 2017 the seventh consecutive monthly Harvest Sharing/ potluck social event was held at the Community lot/ Hui Hoaloha. It was another great Community gathering combining food, music, and a group discussion on vegetable garden mulch, compost and soil building. Narayan from the Cow Sanctuary led the group discussion and provided a number of compost samples. Discussion followed regarding the Community garden and the monthly planting of trees on the Community lot.

That concludes the Social/ Community lot committee report.

New BOD Business:

Motion to increase the Mandatory Road Maintenance Assessment fee for fiscal year 2017-18.

Motion seconded

Discussion: In accordance with OLCA Bylaws any increase to the MRMA must be approved by the BOD. In order to provide ongoing and continuous road maintenance and improvements for the greater Orchidland Community it is necessary to increase the MRMA. There are over 40 miles of private roadways to maintain and improve within Orchidland Estates, and

unfortunately OLCA does not receive any assistance from the County, State or Federal government.

Historically, just over 60 percent of Orchidland property owners pay their annual MRMA's. With the improved and ongoing road maintenance over the past years those numbers should gradually increase. In addition, last year in June 2016 the BOD approved and will initiate the new collection's policy effective June 30, 2017 – this will also likely increase the percentage of annual MRMA payments.

The Board discussed the possibility of a combined MRMA of \$200, with at least \$50 going towards asphalt paving of Main Access Roadways. The final decision for this increase would be voted on at the next Board meeting in March 2017.

Motion called to vote, 9 in favor, unanimous.

Motion to initiate the list of BOD candidates for the 2017-18 fiscal year, listing seated interim Board members as candidates.

Motion seconded

Discussion: Due to the fact OLCA Membership mail-in ballot elections were disrupted by Barbara Arthurs for fiscal year 2016-17 in June of 2016, the elected interim BOD positions will expire June 30, 2017. These include: President Steve (Mongo) Lyon, Doug Anderson, Chris Coles-Morales, Jeremai Cann, Steve Baca and Paul Imaizumi.

At this time the BOD would like to initiate the BOD candidates list for the fiscal year 2017-18 with your names listed first – acknowledging the fact that you have served as interim OLCA BOD since July 2016. Once elected by the Membership, you will begin your term on July 1, 2017. All Board members were asked individually and accepted the call to candidacy, and will listed in the March 2017 Ballot for the 2017-18 Membership election.

Motion called to vote, 9 in favor, unanimous.

That completes BOD business, it is now time for guest comments, suggestions and/ or questions. If you have not, please sign-in:

Guest Lloyd Swierenga gave an update on reporting bags of litter to the HPD, noted not to open bags to direct HPD to do the investigation, and have them contact responsible parties. To note the date, time and location of incident/ littering, and get the incident report number from the investigating HPD officer. There is a \$1000 fine for littering in Hawaii.

Guests and new Orchidland Estates residents, Donald and Nancy Lee introduced themselves, they had also attended the RMC meeting the week prior. Donald had questions on the MRMA and fee collections.

Guest Virginia Aste, VP of Orchidland Neighbors, a 501c3, representing ON Board members: President Sharon Landry, Treasurer Barbara Arthurs and directors Sherri Carden and Sharon McCartin presented a letter addressed to Steve Lyons dated 2/7/17. Unfortunately, this letter had not been emailed to President Lyon's proper email address. The letter requested use of the OLCA Community lot by ON for Food Basket distribution on February 22nd, tomorrow.

Ms. Aste handed copies of the letter to the seated OLCA Board. Due to the fact that the Board was still in the process of completing the Procedures and Policies for the use of the OLCA Community lot by non-affiliated groups. The Board requested 30 to 60 days to review and

respond to her request. Ms. Aste was notified that the Orchidland Neighbors Board would receive a formal update by email before the next OLCA Board meeting in March 2017.

One final announcement, the next Harvest Sharing Event/ potluck social at the OLCA Community lot is scheduled for March 11th from 1pm to 4pm. All OLCA residents and guests are welcome to attend.

Motion to adjourn, 9 in favor, unanimous, the time was 8:05pm

Submitted by:

Frederic Wirick, Secretary

Date