# Orchidland Community Association Board of Directors Meeting Approved Minutes September 18, 2018

**Call to Order:** President Steve (Mongo) Lyon presiding; this is the Board of Directors meeting of September 18, 2018 at the Neighborhood Place of Puna in Keaau, the time is 6:50pm.

**Roll Call:** Steve Lyon, Tegen Greene, Frederic Wirick, Sky Platt, John Erickson, Jeremai Cann and Doug Anderson by conference call. Don Stoner and James E. Higgins III are out on medical leave.

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 September 18, 2018 as distributed. Seconded, called to vote, 7 in favor, unanimous.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the BOD meeting of August 21, 2018 as distributed. Seconded, called to vote, 7 in favor, unanimous.

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

Aloha and welcome to the September 2018 Board of Director's meeting for fiscal year 2018-19. 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.

## Secretary Wirick, update on the recent August 28, 2018 Court Hearing:

The Plaintiff, Barbara Arthurs, subpoenaed some Corporate documents in her lawsuit against OLCA. As these are internal documents not for public dissemination, we said we would only agree to their release with a Protective Order. Arthurs would not agree to the Protective Order, so we went to Court and on August 28, 2018, the Judge issued the Protective Order.

#### RMC report summarized by RMC Secretary Wirick (full report as distributed):

The recent historic rains and flooding associated with hurricane Lane caused extensive damage to OLCA roads. These flood waters begin at the top of the mountain near Volcano and flow directly through Orchidland Estates at the bottom of the mountain in route to the ocean. Many

of these natural drainages converge near the intersection of Pohaku Drive and 39<sup>th</sup> Ave, some also cross nearby sections of 40<sup>th</sup> Ave and sections of adjacent no outlet/ dead end roads.

In response to the recent flooding and extensive road damage. On August 25, 2018 the following motion was sent by email to the OLCA BOD calling for immediate funding for emergency road repairs to make the damaged roads passable:

Motion to approve up to \$25,000 for emergency road repair and maintenance due to heavy rains and flooding related to the Lane Hurricane storm system.

The motion was seconded and approved by majority vote, 7 responding and in favor.

Emergency repairs where immediately completed at the worst section on Pohaku Drive and 39<sup>th</sup> Ave. Boulders and debris were blocking Pohaku Drive and the heavy flood waters had undermined the corner section of the intersection's concrete slap. Road repair contractors were dispatched by OLCA and were able to make the necessary repairs and reopen the road. It should be noted that both County and Federal government officials from FEMA were initially on the scene surveying the flooding and damage, and watching our road repair crews in action.

Which brings us to a very important point, because Pohaku Drive and 40<sup>th</sup> Ave are deemed "private roads" by the County and State -- OLCA does not receive Federal, State or County funds for our road maintenance, improvements or emergency repairs. Yet, during this recent historic flooding both the County and the Feds (FEMA) were onsite. And in the past when Hwy 130 was blocked (between Pohaku Drive and Keaau) the HPD diverted traffic from Hwy 130 through Orchidland Estates on Pohaku Drive and 40<sup>th</sup> Ave. In addition, some vehicles use these roads as a bypass from Hwy 130 to Hwy 11 on a regular basis, including the general public, hauling companies, HPD, and other County and State vehicles. With this latest flooding and costly repairs, perhaps now is the time for us to re-approach the County, State and Federal government for assistance with road maintenance, improvements and emergency repairs on Pohaku Drive and 40<sup>th</sup>.

In addition to the road repairs at the intersection of Pohaku Drive and 39<sup>th</sup> Ave., emergency repairs were also completed at:

- -- the no outlet/ dead end roads of 39<sup>th</sup> and Mapuana off of Pohaku Drive.
- -- the no outlet/ dead end roads of Napua, Oliana and Pikaki off of 40<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- -- the Main Access Road of 40<sup>th</sup> Ave. between Pohaku and Laniuma Drive. Note, during the worst flooding an SUV was washed off of the concrete section 40<sup>th</sup>. Sky talked with the driver, he was not injured and the vehicle has been recovered.
- -- the no outlet/ dead end road Keala near the intersection of 41st.
- -- the upper half of Auli'i Drive between 41st and 40th.

**Updates on pothole filling:** the road maintenance crews filled the potholes following the recent flooding. 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

and the two parking lots from the Mormon church drain onto lower Orchidland Drive, causing ponding during heavy rains.

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

Additional pothole repairs, some sections of lower Auli'i from Hwy 130 to 36<sup>th</sup> Ave experience ponding during heavy rains, the worst sections between 34<sup>th</sup> and 35<sup>th</sup> Ave, this ponding coupled with residential traffic flow, creates more potholes and needed repairs in this section.

#### **Updates on upcoming RMC projects in fiscal year 2018-19:**

With the recent historic rains and flooding many of our unpaved roads are in immediate need of repair, maintenance, natural drainages opened and materials added. Emergency road repairs have been completed and all roads are accessible BUT and it is a big but some are in very rough condition and require materials as soon as possible. Our road contractor reports and I have received requests from residents that we move forward immediately with our full rotation of unpaved road repair and maintenance.

The recommended course of action for the next fiscal year is as follows, upon approval of the RMC and BOD:

- 1) A full rotation of unpaved road maintenance about 30 miles: including all through streets from 34<sup>th</sup> to 41<sup>st</sup> Ave, plus cross streets and dead-end road where maintenance is needed. Service to include: mowing of road sides, grading, adding materials where needed, compaction and opening of natural drainages.
- 2) Road-edge maintenance on paved roads, removing over grown vegetation, creating roadside drainage plus the opening natural drainages where needed.
- 3) Preparation and the asphalt paving of the unpaved section of upper Pohaku Drive. In addition, asphalt repairs of two section of damaged pavement, Laniuma near 38<sup>th</sup> Ave and Auli'i near 38<sup>th</sup>. Plus preventative crack sealing asphalted roadway on Main Access Roads (MARs) where needed.
- 4) In addition, regular and ongoing maintenance including road side mowing, pothole filling and sign installation and maintenance as scheduled.

#### The RMC approved and recommends the two following motions to the BOD:

-- **Motion** to approve the preceding list of OLCA road maintenance and road improvement projects for fiscal year 2018-19.

Seconded, called to vote, 7 in favor, unanimous.

# -- Motion to approve up to \$85,000 for the full rotation of unpaved road maintenance about 30 miles.

#### Seconded

**Discussion:** the 30 miles of unpaved road maintenance includes all through streets from 34<sup>th</sup> to 41<sup>st</sup> Ave, plus cross streets and dead-end road where maintenance is needed. Service to include: mowing of road sides, grading, adding materials where needed, compaction and opening of natural drainages.

**Important note,** the recent flooding associated with hurricane Lane washed away base course and gravel fill material on some unpaved roads. The cost of \$85,000 includes an additional \$15,000 for materials that need to be replaced after the flooding.

**Additional information,** some residents have asked why OLCA doesn't asphalt pave or chip seal our roads to prevent this base course and/ or gravel wash out during heavy rains and flooding. The short answer is that OLCA does not have the funding to asphalt pave or chip seal our 30 miles of unpaved roads. Following are the estimated costs as of 2016-17.

- -- One mile of asphalt paved roadway at 20' wide and 2" of depth, with 4" of crowned and compacted  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " base course = approximately \$400,000
- -- One mile of chip-seal roadway at 20' wide, with 4" of crowned and compacted 1 %" base course = approximately \$69,000.

More discussion, call motion to vote, 7 in favor, unanimous.

#### **Additional RMC updates:**

The abandoned vehicles (AVs) in Orchidland Estates are finally being hauled away after about 4 months of waiting. We are now hopeful everything is back on track for the future.

Over the past 3-years the OLCA RMC has reported abandoned vehicles (AV) to the HPD, incident reports were filed, County salvage then contacted hauling sub-contractors and AV's were hauled off within weeks.

## Additional updates from the RMC:

The OLCA Kubota tractor will be serviced then put up for sale, sale date to be announced.

#### Social and Community Lot Committee Report by Jeremai Cann:

The second Saturday Orchidland Community Association's Harvest Share and Market was held on September 8<sup>th</sup> at the Hui Hoaloha, the community gathering place, located near Orchidalnd Drive and 36<sup>th</sup> Ave. It featured food, produce and plants from family famers, plus a special presentation by Merlin Foreman on the many uses of kalo/ taro. Mahalo for your contribution, participation and support.

Next month, this event will be moved to the first Saturday of each month.

For more information on upcoming events please visit <a href="www.Orchidland.org">www.Orchidland.org</a>, 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.

That concludes the OLCA BOD meeting for September 18, 2018, motion to adjourn, call to vote, 7 in favor, unanimous -- the time is 7:29pm.

Submitted by:	
Frederic Wirick, Secretary	_
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