

**Orchidland Community Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Approved Minutes
October 16, 2018**

Call to Order: President Steve (Mongo) Lyon presiding; this is the Board of Directors meeting of October 16, 2018 at the Neighborhood Place of Puna in Keaau, the time is 7:22pm. This meeting delayed due to technical difficulties.

Roll Call: Steve Lyon, Tegen Greene, Frederic Wirick, Sky Platt, Steve Baca and Doug Anderson by conference call. Don Stoner and James E. Higgins III are on medical leave and Jeremai Cann is off island. 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 October 16, 2018 as distributed.
Seconded, called to vote, 6 in favor, unanimous.**

**Motion to approve the Minutes of the BOD meeting of September 18, 2018 as distributed.
Seconded, called to vote, 6 in favor, unanimous.**

President's welcome announcement to members and general public:

Aloha and welcome to the October 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.

RMC report summarized by Steve Baca (full report as distributed):

Recap of last month, since many OLCA roads suffered damages. 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 39th Ave, some also cross nearby sections of 40th 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 were immediately completed at the worst section on Pohaku Drive and 39th Ave. Boulders and debris were blocking Pohaku Drive and the heavy flood waters had undermined the corner section of the intersection's concrete slab. 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 40th 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 40th 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 40th.

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

- the no outlet/ dead end roads of 39th and Mapuana off of Pohaku Drive.
- the no outlet/ dead end roads of Napua, Oliana and Pikaki off of 40th Ave.
- the Main Access Road of 40th Ave. between Pohaku and Laniuma Drive. Note, during the worst flooding an SUV was washed off of the concrete section 40th. 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 over the past month: road repair and maintenance continues on unpaved roads. The first full-maintenance and service rotation addressing all 30 miles of unpaved roads began a few weeks ago. This maintenance includes the mowing of road sides, opening of natural drainages, adding materials where needed, grading, rolling and compaction. In addition, extra funds have been approved to replace fill materials that were washed away in the recent flooding.

***Update on the possibility of recovering some of the emergency repair costs due to the historic flooding following the Lane storm system:**

On October 5, 2018, the frontpage of the Hawaii Tribune Herald read: "Feds nix aid request." This news article specifically referenced those who requested federal aid for private homes that were damaged by flooding during the Lane storm system. Since our roads are considered "private roads," we will likely fall in the same category. We have also contacted the County and State, they claim there is no funding available since our roads are private.

***Updates on pothole filling:** 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 36th Ave experience ponding during heavy rains, the worst sections between 34th and 35th Ave, this ponding coupled with residential traffic flow, creates more potholes and needed repairs in this section.

On September 18th, the following RMC project recommendations for fiscal year 2018-19 were approved by the BOD:

- 1) A full rotation of unpaved road maintenance about 30 miles: including all through streets, 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 38th Ave and Auli'i near 38th. 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.

On September 18th the following motion was approved by the BOD in order to begin the road maintenance for fiscal year 2018-19:

-- 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 34th to 41st 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.

***Updates on road maintenance completed over the past month:**

Road maintenance service of the 30 miles of unpaved roads began on 41st Ave between Orchidland and Auli'i Drive. The intersecting road of Keala was also serviced. In addition, upper Auli'i from 41st Ave to 40th Ave, and 40th Ave from Auli'i to Orchidland Drive. Maintenance work has also been completed on 40th Ave between Orchidland and Laniuma Drive.

These were the roads that suffered some of the worst damage from the recent flooding (during the Lane storm system). Most of the additional funds for fill materials (base course and other viable materials) have been utilized for the repair and maintenance of upper Auli'i Drive (40th to 41st Ave.) and 40th Ave (Orchidland to Pohaku Drives).

***New Business:**

Announcement, the RMC nominated and elected John Erickson as the RMC vice-chair.

He has agreed to work directly with RMC foreman Sky Platt for this fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. John has agreed to lead RMC meetings, read RMC agendas and reports.

The following motion was approved by the RMC and is recommended for BOD approval.

Motion to approve up to \$15,000 for additional fill materials for the repair, maintenance and service of unpaved roads.

Seconded

Discussion: More fill materials (base course and other viable materials) are needed for the repair, maintenance and service of unpaved roads. This is an added cost to repair the roads that

were damaged and materials washed away during the recent Lane hurricane storm system and historic flooding.

More Discussion, motion called to vote, 6 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.

That concludes the RMC report.

Social and Community Lot Committee Report:

As noted last month, the Hui Hoaloha committee visited other association markets in Puna and discovered that many were also scheduled as second Saturday events. The decision was made to reschedule the Orchidland Community Association's Farmers Market for the first-Saturday of the month and to invite other vendors to join in the event.

On October 6th, the OLCA Farmers Market was held at the Hui Hoaloha (community gathering place) located near Orchidland Drive and 36th Ave. More vendors and guests attended than ever before, the market featured food, produce and plants from family famers, a swap meet, plus music by Mongo & Dave. Mahalo for your participation and support.

Next OLCA Farmers Market is scheduled Saturday November 3rd.

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.

The following motion was suggested by the Hui Hoaloha committee for Board approval:

A motion to approve up to \$500 for the purchase of 6 more tables and chairs for the events held at the OLCA Hui Hoaloha (community gathering place).

Seconded

Discussion: the extra tables and chairs are needed to accommodate the additional members and guests attending the monthly social events as well as the semi-annual membership events at the Hui Hoaloha.

More discussion, call to vote, 6 in favor, unanimous.

That concludes the OLCA business for this evening.

Final announcement:

The November 2018 Semi-Annual OLCA Membership Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 24th from 2pm to 4pm. An OLCA Membership potluck and social event is scheduled before the meeting from 12 noon to 2pm. For more information regarding the Membership potluck please call Edie Valentine at 808-464-5598.

That concludes the OLCA BOD meeting for October 16, 2018, motion to adjourn, call to vote, 6 in favor -- the time is 8:16pm.

**Motion to be added to the October 16, 2018 BOD Minutes,
vote taken via email in accordance with State law.**

-- **Motion** to approve the OLCA Board of Directors insurance for 2018-19. The cost for renewal is similar to last year, \$14,130.

Motion seconded by Sky Platt

Discussion: the high cost of the BOD insurance is due in part to the ongoing frivolous and malicious lawsuit by Ms. Arthurs, now over 3 years-old.

Call to vote, all in favor, 7 participated, 7 in favor, motion approved.

Submitted by:

Frederic Wirick, Secretary

Date