

**Orchidland Community Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Approved Minutes
November 20, 2018**

Call to Order: President Steve (Mongo) Lyon presiding; this is the Board of Directors meeting of November 20, 2018 at the Neighborhood Place of Puna in Keaau, the time is 6:46pm.

Roll Call: Steve Lyon, Doug Anderson, Tegen Greene, Frederic Wirick, John Erickson, Jeremai Cann.

Out on medical leave: Don Stoner, James E Higgins III and Sky Platt.

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 November 20, 2018 as distributed. Seconded, called to vote, 5 in favor, 1 abstention.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the BOD meeting of October 16, 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 November 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 RMC Vice Chair John Erickson and Secretary Wirick (full report as distributed):

Updates on road maintenance completed over the past two months:

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, Laniuma and Pohaku Drives.

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 Aulī'i Drive (40th to 41st Ave.) and 40th Ave (Orchidland to Pohaku Drives).

* This month road maintenance was completed on upper Pohaku Drive, 39th Ave from Pohaku to Laniuma, 37th Ave from Pohaku to Orchidland Drive, the cross street of Kehoulani from 37th to 39th Ave., 36th Ave from Pohaku to Orchidland Drive, and 35th Ave from Pohaku to Laniuma Drive.

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 were sent earlier this year to commercial property owners on lower Orchidland Drive and a complaint filed with the County Works Department concerning the road flooding and ponding issue. We anticipate a workable solution in the future, in order to avoid the closure of this section of roadway.

Update on Hwy 130 and the dangerous intersection at Orchidland Drive:

First a brief history, about 30 years ago the State/ County approved the first Wiki Wiki gas station on lower Orchidland Drive, contingent on the property owners providing an asphalt paved road from Hwy 130 to the station. At that time a traffic light was discussed for this up and coming dangerous commercial intersection.

Earlier this year a traffic light was installed at Hwy 130 and Pohaku/ Shower Drive. This intersection experiences about 25,000 vehicles (inbound/ outbound) daily, and apparently was the second most dangerous and deadly intersection on State Hwy 130.

As a result of the traffic light installation at Pohaku/ Shower, the State/ County has lifted the building restriction for some new commercial development on lower Orchidland Drive. The OLCA RMC anticipated that a traffic light would be installed at this dangerous commercial intersection – since both the State/ County are now giving a “green-light” for more commercial development on lower Orchidland Drive.

In an OLCA road survey last year it was determined that over 1000 vehicles exit and enter Hwy 130 daily to and from this Orchidland commercial district. Plus, every school day numerous full-sized school buses load and unload children near this dangerous intersection. And in addition, tandem trailer fuel-trucks hauling regularly deliver to the gas station.

To make matters worse, OLCA has been the only responsible party for decades providing regular and ongoing road repair and maintenance to this short section of commercial road on lower Orchidland Drive. Major flooding and ponding from the improperly designed Mormon church parking lots, combined with the high volume of commercial traffic over the decades has

caused the road to fail and it is now in the dire need of total reconstruction. OLCA filed a formal complaint with County public works dept regarding this flooding, ponding and road damage.

In late October 2018, OLCA President Lyon and RMC/ BOD Secretary Wirick attended a public meeting orchestrated by DOT (Dept of Transportation) held at the Keaau Community Center. OLCA reps anticipated a definite installation date for the new traffic light, at an approximate cost of \$2.5 million dollars, and had anticipated the State working with the County and commercial property owners would come up with a plan to reconstruct and maintain lower Orchidland Drive.

Instead DOT attempted to sell us a grandiose plan that included 3 roundabouts, smaller than the one installed in Pahoia, at \$5 million dollars each x 3 = \$15 million. Plus, a traffic light at Kaloli Drive for \$2.5 million dollars and a permanent contra-flow system \$2.5 million dollars. Estimated combined total for the entire project = \$20 million dollars. The kicker, DOT doesn't have the funding and likely won't get it. Apparently, the only exception is the installation of the traffic light at Kaloli and permanent contra-flow = \$5 million dollars, suggested installation date by August 2019.

A number of questions remain unanswered for OLCA:

1) Why is the traffic light at Orchidland Drive being pushed back while Kaloli Drive is being pushed forward? Orchidland Drive has had a commercial district for over 30 years, plus numerous school buses, regular fuel truck deliveries and over a 1000 vehicles exiting and reentering Hwy 130 daily going to and from the Orchidland commercial district.

2) Since the traffic flow by Orchidland Drive (about 20,000 vehicles inbound/outbound daily) is similar to that at Pohaku/ Shower (about 25,000 vehicles inbound/ outbound daily) where a traffic light was installed, why doesn't Orchidland get a traffic light?

The only roundabout is installed in Pahoia (about 8000 vehicles inbound/ outbound daily). Plus, a roundabout (\$5 million dollars), double the cost of a traffic light (\$2.5 million dollars)? In addition, a small roundabout would have to be torn out when Hwy 130 goes from 2 to 4 lanes.

Plus, the proposed roundabout at Orchidland Drive would force the Mormon Church to permanently block access to one of their two parking lots. In addition, according to President Lyon the extra expense of the proposed roundabout (\$5 million, instead of \$2.5 million dollars for a traffic light) would likely be displaced onto commercial owners on lower Orchidland Drive.

Proposed solutions:

1) For the OLCA RMC/ BOD and lower Orchidland commercial property owners to come together and file a formal complaint/ petition with the State/ County road departments demanding a traffic light be installed at this dangerous intersection of Hwy 130 and Orchidland Drive.

DOT's current plan for 2019 is to bypass the dangerous intersection at Orchidland Drive and instead spend \$2.5 million (the cost of traffic light) for a permanent contra-flow system on Hwy 130 from Kaloli to Pokaku/ Shower Drives. DOT claims that "road safety" is the main concern. Yet DOT's scheduled contra-flow system does not promote road safety, in fact, it potentially could lead to more head-on collisions for those unaware or unfamiliar with the system.

If DOT truly intends to improve "road safety" on Hwy 130 a traffic light at Orchidland Drive should become their top priority in 2019.

2) In conjunction with our cooperative demand for the traffic light at Hwy 130 and Orchidland Drive, improving road safety -- now is also the time for the State/ County and commercial owners on lower Orchidland Drive to work together and take responsibility for this short section of commercial road.

For decades OLCA has been the only responsible party for repairs and maintenance along this heavily traveled commercial section road. This section of road has deteriorated to a point that it needs total reconstruction, especially to handle the increasing numbers of vehicles and growing commercial district. As noted in the OLCA letter to the commercial property owners, if and when the road becomes a serious liability risk -- it will be shut down to all traffic to avoid potential accidents. This is an undue burden placed upon OLCA.

The solution is simple, for the State, County and commercial property owners take over this short section of commercial road in Orchidland Estates, to reconstruct it and maintain it for the future. This commercial district is the only one between Keaau and Pahoia, and serves Puna District residents. First, the State/ County are responsible because they approve the "special use permits" for commercial use on agriculturally zoned land. Second, the commercial owners are responsible because they profit from this location within Orchidland Estates.

Additional RMC updates:

About a week ago there was road damage reported on 40th Ave. just downhill from the intersection with Pohaku Drive. A dozer grubbing and excavating a property was responsible for the damage. An incident report was completed by the HPD, and the property owner acknowledged on the OLCA Facebook page that he would pay for repairs.

Specifications for asphalt repair and scope of work are being drawn up to address future repairs. The RMC will get a bid from Hokori Construction for permanent asphalt repairs to be completed at the damage site when they deploy their asphalt paving equipment in the next month.

New Business:

The RMC approved and recommends the following Policy and Procedure for the repair process when a road way is damaged in Orchidland Estates due to the actions of a property owner or their licensed or unlicensed contractors:

- 1) a member of the Road Maintenance Committee (RMC) will document the damage and will have the HPD file an incident report for the record.
- 2) The RMC contacts OLCA's licensed road contractor, who surveys the damage and provides the RMC with a bid to repair the road way to its original condition. Road repair specs and scope of work to be provided by OLCA. The RMC reviews the bid and presents it to the Board of Directors (BOD) at the monthly meeting.
- 3) The BOD reviews and approves the bid for repairs. The contractor is scheduled and the responsible property owner is billed for the completed repair.
- 4) Property owners or their contractors are not allowed to undertake any road repairs without written consent of the BOD.
- 5) Failure to pay the road repair bill will result in, but not limited to, filing a lien on the property and/or filling an action for collections. The final bill will include all costs and legal fees.

Additional updates from the RMC:

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

Any additional updates:

It is our hope and plan to bring together representative from the State/ County and commercial property owners regarding lower Orchidland Drive. Considering both the new traffic light installation and road reconstruction.

Guest input: Two representatives from the DOT attended and supplied the RMC with their plans for 3 roundabouts (\$5 million dollars each) at Maku'u, Ainaloa and Orchidland Drive. One traffic light at Kaloli Drive (\$2.5 million dollars) and a permanent contra-flow from Kaloli to Pohaku/ Shower (\$2.5 million dollars). Apparently only the contra-flow is on their books for 2019. Also they noted that the expansion from 2 to 4 lanes has been put on hold, and that the roundabout proposed for Orchidland Drive would require that the Mormon Church permanently close off their parking lot entrance closest to the intersection.

Social and Community Lot Committee Report:

November 3rd, the OLCA First Saturday Market and Swap meet was held at the Hui Hoaloha located near the intersection of Orchidland Drive and 36th Ave. This monthly event was a great success with more vendors and participants than ever before plus musicians.

The next OLCA Market is scheduled the first Saturday December 1st, 8am to 1pm.

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.

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 November 20, 2018, motion to adjourn, call to vote, 6 favor -- the time is 7:54pm.

Submitted by:

Frederic Wirick, Secretary

Date