

**Orchidland Community Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Approved Minutes  
January 15, 2019**

**Call to Order:** President Steve (Mongo) Lyon presiding; this is the Board of Directors meeting of January 15, 2019 at the Neighborhood Place of Puna in Keaau, the time is 7:10 pm.

**Roll Call:** Steve Lyon, Tegen Greene, Sky Platt, John Erickson, Doug Anderson and Steve Baca. Frederic Wirick is off island.

Out on medical leave: Don Stoner and James Higgins III.

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 January 15, 2018 as distributed. Seconded, called to vote, 6 in favor, unanimously approved.**

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

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

Aloha and welcome to the January 2019 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 (full report as distributed):**

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

Road maintenance service of the 30 miles of unpaved roads began up on 41<sup>st</sup> Ave working down to 34<sup>th</sup> Ave. Most recently the last through roads including 36<sup>th</sup> and 35<sup>th</sup> Ave from Pohaku Drive to Ainaloa Blvd were completed as well as 34<sup>th</sup> Ave from Orchidland Drive to Ainaloa Blvd. The Hokori Construction is scheduled to complete the last "dead end" roads off of 40<sup>th</sup> Ave and upper Orchidland Drive by the end of next week. The complete report of this service rotation, including tonnage of material used, will be included in next month's RMC report. We will also review the previous costs and recommendations for the upcoming second maintenance rotation of 30 miles of unpaved roads.

**Updates on pothole filling:** As anticipated lower Orchidland Drive, the commercial district, continues to crack and break away in every rain storm. Repairs are being made at least twice a month if not more. 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, including large delivery trucks and school bus traffic, plus 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.

**New Business:**

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

**Motion** to approve up to \$15,000 for pothole filing and/ or road maintenance on paved or chip-sealed roads as needed and/or the installation of a “speed hump(s)” as needed.

**Discussion:** Approval of these funds will allow our OLCA road contractor to move forward with needed repairs and/ or installations when weather, time and materials availability permits.

There are some sections of OLCA roads that require some extra maintenance, for instance on lower Orchidland Drive near the entrance to Blanes Drive-in and the gas station. Also some side edges of the roads, intersections and aprons, and an occasion speed hump installation for traffic safety.

**More Discussion, call motion to vote, 6 in favor, unanimously approved.**

**Additional RMC updates:**

In January 2019, Hokori Construction is scheduled to begin the asphalt road repairs on Laniuma near 38<sup>th</sup> Ave and Auli'i near 38<sup>th</sup> Ave. They will also properly repair the recent dozer damage on 40<sup>th</sup> Ave., bringing it back to original condition. Owners responsible for hiring the excavation contractors will be contacted regarding the cost of these repairs. Hokori Construction will also begin preparation for the asphalt paving of upper Pohaku Drive -- completing that portion of the Paving Plan. A few speed humps were also approved for this new section of asphalt pavement.

**Signage installation and mowing updates:**

No Outlet sign and post installed on upper Orchidland Drive and 41<sup>st</sup> Ave. Dead End and Stop sign installed at the beginning of 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave off of Orchidland Drive.

Tractor mowing completed on the road sides of Orchidland Drive, and 35<sup>th</sup> Ave from Pohaku to Illima, 34<sup>th</sup> from Orchidland to Illima.

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

We addressed this issue extensively at last month's RMC and BOD meetings -- and details are included in last month's Minutes. OLCA anticipates that we will gain support for a traffic light and road reconstruction on this section of lower Orchidland Drive. We just need to get the State, County and commercial owners to step up and take responsibly for this section. Since the schools in Puna District use this location to pick up and drop off of students, they might join us in this campaign. As well as the Mormon church, who would be asked by DOT to close their parking lot closest to the intersection, if a roundabout were to be installed.

**Sale of Kubota tractor:**

It was announced at the November 24<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual Membership meeting that the OLCA Kubota tractor will be put up for sale soon, the minimum bid is \$6000. The sale is to take place at the OLCA Community lot/ gathering place, the Hui Hoaloha, on Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, sealed bids will be accepted from 8am to 1pm. The highest bidder will be announced and must complete the payment for the Kubota tractor by Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup> by the close of regular banking hours. If the highest bidder defaults, the next highest bidder will be contacted and will have 24 hours to complete that transaction, this process will be repeated until sale of the OLCA Kubota tractor is completed.

**Closing notice:** President Lyon had presented a letter to the RMC/ BOD to address road engineering requests from the Mormon church located near the intersection of Hwy 130 and Orchidland Drive. Response to this letter has been delayed because the OLCA BOD had filed a complaint with Hawaii County Public Works Dept. concerning drainage and flooding issues from the Mormon churches two parking lots onto lower Orchidland Drive. A response to the Church letter will be drafted following the report and recommendations from the County Works Dept. President Lyon will follow-up with Public Works.

**Social and Community Lot Committee Report:**

On January 5<sup>th</sup> the OLCA First Saturday Market and Swap meet was held at the Hui Hoaloha located near the intersection of Orchidland Drive and 36<sup>th</sup> Ave. This monthly event was a great success with more vendors and participants than ever before plus a few musicians.

The next OLCA Market is scheduled the first Saturday February 2nd, 8am to 1pm.

For more information on upcoming events please visit [www.Orchidland.org](http://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.

**That concludes the OLCA BOD meeting for January 15, 2019, motion to adjourn, call to vote, 6 in favor -- the time is 7:47pm.**

**Submitted by:**

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**Frederic Wirick, Secretary**

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**Date**