

**Orchidland Community Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Approved Minutes  
February 19, 2019**

**Call to Order:** President Steve (Mongo) Lyon presiding; this is the Board of Directors meeting of February 19, 2019 at the Neighborhood Place of Puna in Keaau, the time is 6:58 pm.

**Roll Call:** Steve Lyon, Doug Anderson, Tegen Greene, Frederic Wirick, Sky Platt, John Erickson and Jeremai Cann,

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 February 19, 2019 as distributed. Seconded, called to vote, 7 in favor, unanimous approval.**

**Motion to approve the Minutes of the BOD meeting of January 15, 2019 as distributed. Seconded, called to vote, 7 in favor, unanimous approval.**

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

Aloha and welcome to the February 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 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.

**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.

**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 responsibility 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 was announced and payment completed, the Kubota tractor/ loader and attachments sold for \$7,700 as is.

**New Business:**

**Motion to approve the Mandatory Road Maintenance Assessment (MRMA) fee for the fiscal year 2019-20 of \$200, of which at least \$50 will go towards the asphalt paving of Main Access Roadways (MAR).**

Motion seconded Discussion: This is the same \$200 MRMA that the BOD recommended and the Membership approved last year. This MRMA allows OLCA to provide ongoing road maintenance: 30 miles of unpaved roads, including road side mowing, opening of natural drainages, grading and adding materials where needed.

This fiscal year 2018-19, two service rotations will be completed on 30 miles of unpaved roads. Three service rotations were originally scheduled, but heavy rains and flooding caused by the Lane storm system in 2018 directed some MRMA funds for emergency repairs, including additional material costs on unpaved roads.

In addition, road maintenance was completed as needed on the approximately 10 miles of asphalt paved and chip-sealed roads -- plus paving funds were raised to complete a section of the Paving Plan. And finally, road signage and other safety measures were addressed to improve road safety and lessen the liability risks to OLCA on its private roads.

**More discussion, call motion to vote, 6 in favor, 1 abstain, motion approved.**

**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.

**Social and Community Lot Committee Report:**

On February 2nd 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, participants and the sale of the Kubota tractor/ loader via sealed bids.

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.

**Final announcement:**

The OLCA Semi-Annual Membership meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, 2019.

Membership potluck and social event 12 noon to 2pm.

Meeting from 2pm to 4pm.

Location: OLCA Community gathering place/ Hui Hoaloha near the intersection of Orchidland Drive and 36<sup>th</sup> Ave.

For more information 808-464-5598

**That concludes the OLCA BOD meeting for February 19, 2019, motion to adjourn, call to vote, \_\_\_\_\_ in favor -- the time is \_\_\_\_\_ .**

**Submitted by:**

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**Frederic Wirick, Secretary**

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**Date**