

**Orchidland Community Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Approved Minutes
September 17, 2019**

Call to Order: President Steve (Mongo) Lyon presiding; this is the Board of Directors meeting of September 17, 2019 at the Neighborhood Place of Puna in Keaau, the time is 6:45pm.

Roll Call: Steve Lyon, Frederic Wirick, Sky Platt, John Erickson, Steve Baca, Doug Anderson and Paul Imaizumi via conference call.

Guests: Lloyd Sweirenga and Carrie Walter

Off-island Tegen Greene and Jermai Cann

Out on medical and/ or excused leave: Don Stoner.

Motion to approve the Agenda for the BOD meeting of September 17, 2019 as distributed. Seconded, called to vote, 8 in favor, unanimous approval.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the BOD meeting of August 20, 2019 as distributed. Seconded, called to vote, 8 in favor, unanimous approval.

President's welcome announcement to members and general public:

Aloha and welcome to the September 2019 Board of Director's meeting for fiscal year 2019-20. 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 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.

Unpaved road maintenance updates:

Hokori Construction completed maintenance of about 30 miles of unpaved roads this past month. Maintenance included: grading, rolling, compaction and adding materials where needed. Materials used on roadways = 1910 tons (about 95, 20-ton truck loads). In addition, extra materials were used on 37th Ave from Ainaloa to Pohaku drive. This was done to build up materials base on one through-road, so that next maintenance rotation no additional materials should be required, only grading, compacting and opening natural drainages. Total materials used on 37th = 1,447 tons (about 72, 20-ton truck loads).

Asphalt repair and paving updates:

Asphalt repair and paving will begin soon. This asphalt paving includes RMC/ BOD approved repairs on Laniuma and Auli'i. As well as the asphalt paving of upper Laniuma, upper Illima and upper Pohaku Drives when paving funds become available. Other paving projects previously discussed will be postponed until the 1999 Paving Plan is completed.

Speed humps and signage installation:

The initial road signage and striping is scheduled to begin on 40th Ave and Pohaku. "Speed Humps Ahead" signs have been installed at all entry streets into Orchidland Estates. Speed humps will eventually be installed throughout Orchidland Estates to help slow the traffic flow and in-turn create safer roadways and reduce OLCA liability risks.

Road side mowing:

Road side tractor mowing was completed on all Main Access Roads including 40th Ave, Pohaku Drive, Laniuma Drive, Orchidland Drive, Auli'i Drive and Illima. In addition, vegetation was tractor mowed and weed trimmed opening line of sight at all intersections.

New RMC Business:

On September 3, 2019 RMC Road foreman Sky Platt, Road contractor Ben Leslie/ Horkori Construction (contracted by OLCA) and OLCA assistant Carrie Walter met onsite with the Church of Later Day Saints (LDS) facilities manager Daniel Yamamura and LDS contracted Cartwright engineer/ project manager Joe Dabel to discuss the proposed engineering and plans for the LDS Orchidland Church's upper parking lot and repairs. Their meeting went well and the RMC is now ready to go ahead with formal approval of the engineering and proposed project. RMC members please reference the engineering that you have received by email.

The RMC approved the following motion and recommends the motion for BOD approval:

Motion to approve the engineering and plans for the LDS Orchidland Church's upper parking lot renovation and repairs at 16-105 Orchidland Drive as distributed. In addition, to include a "letter of understanding" from the OLCA Board of Directors addressing other issues at this location.

Seconded

Discussion:

1) The engineering and plans for this proposed project were reviewed by the RMC as distributed, and also discussed onsite with the approval of all participating.

2) In addition, drainage issues were addressed regarding the LDS Orchidland Church's lower parking lot. Plus, the subsequent road damage and maintenance caused from flooding, ponding and excessive commercial traffic on this section of lower Orchidland Drive.

3) In addition, there was some discussion about the Hawaii Department of Transportation's (HIDOT) plan to install a roundabout on Hwy 130 at the intersection of Orchidland Drive. Among other issues, this proposed roundabout would encroach on LDS property and would likely obstruct the Church's lower parking lot.

-- It was noted that Orchidland Community Association has requested a traffic light at this location for over a decade to address traffic and pedestrian safety issues. In fact, OLCA is currently in process of writing another formal letter to HIDOT concerning this important issue.

Another meeting with LDS representatives was suggested as soon as possible to address these issues.

More discussion, call motion to vote, all in favor 8, unanimously approved.

Old RMC Business:

A motion was approved by the RMC and BOD last month to draft a formal letter to Hawaii County Road Department and Hawaii State Highway Department and government representatives requesting the installation of a traffic light at the intersection of Hwy 130 and Orchidland Drive. The letter is in process.

Discussion regarding the necessity for a traffic light included the following information:

The intersection at Hwy 130 and Orchidland Drive is becoming more dangerous every day as the population of Puna District continues to increase. This commercial district on lower Orchidland Drive has been the only commercial district between Keaau and Pahoia for decades. There have been many fatalities and injuries over the decades. Commercial traffic includes Orchidland Store, Ohana Fuels, Blane's Drive Inn and the Mormon church. Plus, new construction has begun directly across the street from the Mormon church. In addition, while school is in session, this is a student drop-off and pick-up site in the morning and afternoon.

To improve traffic and pedestrian safety at this location, a traffic light for should be installed by the State of Hawaii and/or commercial district property owners. This “commercial district” located within Orchidland Estates has served the Puna District for over 30 years.

The RMC recently noted that the new commercial shopping center in Pahoia has a new traffic light on the adjacent Hwy. Plus Pahoia received a small roundabout a few years back. The traffic flow in this area is estimated at about 8000 vehicles a day according the State Hwy Dept. Whereas the traffic on Hwy 132 passing Orchidland Drive (the commercial district) is about 18,000 to 20,000 vehicles a day.

Addition RMC updates:

Abandoned Vehicles (AVs) along the right-of-way. At times these vehicles impact the roadway and/ or are road/ roadside hazard.

Reporting protocol for AVs:

-- Immediately report the AV incident to the HPD, non-emergency dispatch number: 808-935-3311. Report: location, time, description of vehicle(s), and any suspicious activity. Get an incident report number from the reporting HPD officer.

-- Please share all the above information with the OLCA Road Maintenance Committee (RMC) by email at OrchidlandCommunityAssociation@gmail.com , call 808-464-5598, or attend the RMC monthly meeting, second Tuesday of each month at the Neighborhood Place of Puna, in Keaau.

The HPD should contact County Vehicle Disposal, that County Department will contact the contracted tow-truck companies to haul the AV. Note, a vehicle “disposal fee” is charged with every vehicle registration to pay for this County/ State service.

-- The key is to report AV incidents immediately – and follow-up with HPD weekly until the AV is hauled.

-- The whole process can take up to two weeks to complete – from reporting the AV incident to the hauling and disposal.

Social and Community Lot Committee Report:

The OLCA First Saturday Market was held on September 7, 2019. The August Market had been cancelled due to severe weather warnings. This monthly market is held at the OLCA Hui Hoaloha located near the intersection of Orchidland Drive and 36th Ave. Please join us next month, First-Saturday October 5, 2019 – we are into the harvest sharing time of year again, please join us for the harvest share and market from 8am to 1pm. Mahalo

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.

There was some discussion regarding the cost and installation of a power pole and light at the OLCA Community lot, Hui Hoaloha. President Lyon had drawn up a site plan and would seek bids.

That concludes the OLCA BOD meeting for September 17, 2019, motion to adjourn, call to vote, 8 in favor -- the time is 7:31pm.

Submitted by:

Frederic Wirick, Secretary

Date