

MINUTES*

Board of Directors Meeting, February 7, 2007

Call to Order – President Jim Ferguson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the pavilion. Also present were Greybeard, Robert Stearns, Mark Hinshaw, Becca Osborne and Uschi Snover. Members present were Athena Peanut, Jacklyn Symonds, Sherry Elliot, Gary Poretsky and guests, Christina Ingenito and Raniner Hemken.

Agenda – The Agenda was presented by Jim who announced that special guest Puna Councilwoman Emily Naeole would be attending the meeting and only the following agenda items would be discussed: December Minutes, Treasurer's Report and Dog Issue.

Minutes – Greybeard read the January Minutes which were not accepted for the following reasons: Omission of the Motion made to authorize a monthly payment to the webmaster for services; and, that last month's dog discussion was not adequately reported. Upon reading the synopsis of the January meeting again, Gary Poretsky objected to what had been written and what not had been written. Some board members supported him and the President instructed the Scribe to rewrite the minutes.

When asked what he wanted to be said, Gary said "I want the Board to recognize the energy that is on the Board and that if we want to have a decent neighborhood conducive to love and respect based for all life forms and if you don't, you don't have a right being in a position as an elder in that community that is trying to be conducive to that reality. I want the Board to recognize it." The President said he remembered saying that *(it)* Greybeard's opinion of dogs was not the opinion of the Board."

Discussion followed: Questions were raised about perceived inadequacies of the Seaview minutes and the lack of permanent meeting tapes. Greybeard explained that the tape recordings were only used as a mnemonic device and were never intended for transcription or permanent archives. It was his custom to record over old tapes. Several members immediately jumped to the conclusion that last month's meeting tape had been erased. A board member called for the Scribe's resignation but no further action was taken. It was suggested that the Board purchase a digital recorder.

MOTION made by Jim "To authorize up to \$100 for the purchase of a digital recorder."

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. There was some discussion about always keeping verbal records but no official policy was formulated for keeping permanent recordings of board meetings.

Treasurer's Report – Becca presented the Treasurer's report and the Record of Transactions by Account for the month. (Copy attached.) The beginning checkbook balance was \$6,669.58 and the balance at the end of the month of January was \$7,348.58. Maintenance and Transfer fees keep coming in. Copies of the Financial Annual Report for 2006 to be published in this year's newsletter were distributed. (Copy attached.) **MOTION** by Greybeard "To accept the financial reports as presented." **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

A member asked again if the Two Year Financial Reports were current. Jim reported that our accountant, Iris, is doing the taxes and will find a CPA to do the Financial Review that will be ready for the annual general meeting.

Pavilion Report/Keiki Park – Greybeard reported that the pavilion park is running along in its normal austere mode. Raven reported the toilet is working badly and still drips water out which could drain the catchment. Greybeard stated that all the replacement parts are on hand and we are only waiting for a volunteer to come forward and fix it. Gary Poretzky volunteered to fix the toilet.

OLD BUSINESS – Newsletter – All board members committed to having their newsletter articles in to Athena by February 15th, email is preferred. She will edit, format the contents and try to get copies out to board members for review by February 26th. The decision on how to print the newsletter will be discussed at the newsletter committee meeting. Athena asked for photograph submissions on disc and was referred to Ken Young.

Councilwoman Emily Naeole – The Board agreed to hold the March board meeting on the second Wednesday of the month, March 14th, so that Auntie Emily will be able to attend the meeting.

Work Exchange – MOTION by Greybeard “To establish a work exchange program whereby owner members can perform three hours of community service in lieu of each \$25.00 in fees. This program is limited to fees on one lot only per member and is subject to prior application and board approval.”

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT by Jim: “Any person who owns only one lot and wishes to exchange three hours dedicated labor for their \$25 yearly dues needs to submit an application to the Board for approval. Work exchange will also apply to late fees at increments of \$25 for three hours labor. If any member pays or fulfills work exchange obligations on maintenance fees and refuses to clear any late fee balance pending, those fees will remain on the books and be handled accordingly as a debit, subject to further late fees.” The Friendly Amendment was accepted by original Mover.

DISCUSSION: Jim will prepare a work exchange application on his computer. The Board will approve applications and, in conjunction with Greybeard who will serve as coordinator, will assign and oversee tasks. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Front Park Cinder Area – A board member brought up the recently cindered excavation area with regard to the rocks, the subsequent compression by heavy vehicles, including a search and rescue helicopter and fire engines, and asked if the ground could be prepared and the purchased grass seed sown before the AGM. The area had been harrowed before by Robert and Greybeard but more work needs to be done before Elton can mow the slope area. Robert and Greybeard are on it. The grass seed is at Becca’s house.

Shade Cloth – Mark would like to purchase about thirty yards of the shade cloth that was donated for the garden project by a member. Becca has the receipt and she will gather necessary information to respond to this request. *Tabled.*

Postal Boxes – We have no more mailboxes available. Charles Collins is looking for a mailbox but has not responded to message that a box now requires a \$100 deposit.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m. Submitted by Greybeard, Scribe
Attachments (2): February Treasurer’s Report; and, Financial Report 2007 *Denotes Minutes accepted as revised.