

Waiehu Kou Phase III Association, Inc.

Aloha Members,

SUBJECT: Association Update

We have all seen many changes this year, 2020. This letter aims to share information related to past Waiehu Kou Phase III Association, Inc. (WK3) led projects, current status and things to come.

In 2018 to 2019, WK3 led the Resilient Hawaiian Community Initiative that included a series of huakai (field trips), focus group discussions, and subject area analysis that focused on adaptation of our homestead community to ongoing effects of climate change that includes flooding, soil erosion and wildfires. Potential impacts were considered, and solutions proposed for ongoing mitigation. The full report and related links to YouTube videos that were produced as part of the process can be found at our updated webpage at: waiehukouphase3.org.

In 2020, WK3 activity included on-going maintenance of our common areas. Furthermore a 100-foot-wide firebreak was created between existing homestead properties and the Waiehu golf course boundary. The cleared areas have been repurposed as a communal garden area that produces fruits and vegetables for subsistence purposes. Produce is often shared with neighbors thereby increasing a better sense of community.

Regarding association dues since COVID 19 impacted our community in March of 2020, we have seen a slight decrease in collection of dues. WK3 has 115 households. Historically about 40 households have had delinquent dues. As of February 2020, twenty-four (24) of the 40 households have a deficiency over \$1,000. That means, at \$30 per month, 24 households have not paid dues for over 2 years. 9 household owe dues between \$500 and \$1,000 and the remaining 7 households owe dues less than \$500. Since COVID in March 2020, we have experienced another 20 households not able to pay dues which has led the Board to allow for monies in our reserve account to be used to cover expenses. Currently, more than half the membership (60 households) is not paying dues.

As a result, we have had to adjust our budget for 2021. Please see revised budget enclosed in this mailing. If we are not able to recover from the loss of revenue, we may have to reduce services.

Please be advised that the WK3 board is in the process of working on applying for COVID relief funds from DHHL that is being provided for from the Native Hawaiian Rehabilitation Fund. Applications are due December 2020. Furthermore, DHHL is also offering up to \$100,000 in resources to pursue regional plan priority project initiatives that were identified back in 2010. For WK3, one of the priority projects identified is a feasibility study for our proposed 3-acre community garden located within the remnant Macadamia nut orchard behind the WK3 pump station. Uses include the existing imu, propagation of fruits and vegetables, aquaculture, green waste / mulch pile, etc... Additional improvements would include irrigation and fencing along with security measures to prevent theft and trespassing.

Finally, we have not had our annual WK3 association meeting this year. Our president has been sending out via email request for members to fill out surveys and to step up to the plate and serve on our Board of Directors. We do need fresh minds and bodies to help with association business. We hope to hear from you folks soon. Peace be with us all.