

**Fern Acres Community Association
Board of Directors
Minutes: February 20, 2021**

Members Present: Sara Kritikos, Hank Schultz, Scott Snair, Patti Pinto, Robert Cravalho, Claudia Zirolì.

Members Absent: Larry Roy, Diane Joiner, Tomek Bilan.

Visitors: Phil Galon, Erin Taylor, Kevin Gould.

Call to Order: 910am

Review of Minutes: Minutes are reviewed, Patti moves to approve minutes as written. Hank seconds. All in favor, Passed.

President's Report: Sara reports that Ua is working on our web site to create a calendar that can be added to by Board members to access and update.

We have new FANW signs. The Road Team will begin to install on existing traffic poles where needed.

In efforts to streamline the mailing process for winter and summer newsletter and billing, Ua has been investigating postage services, such as stamps.com to determine if there is a cost/effort savings. She is looking into a tri-folder for the newsletter. There was a question about switching over to e-mail for the newsletter- discussion followed. Lack of connectivity and balloting, billing are the big problems with going to an e format at this time. We could try a sample run for the summer newsletter.

****ACTION:** Claudia- Add another request to add/update e-mail in summer newsletter.

MaryMay- Add request for email to billing form for summer nl.

Treasurer's Report: Sara read the report in Diane's absence. Sara was concerned about the security patrol balance- and whether it is current, will check. Hank would like to make a correction in our assets listing of the budget. FACA does not have the 1997 Ford Ranger, which was donated by Frank Commendador. This info needs to be updated. He'll talk to MM. Patti moves that we accept the treasurer's report as written, Bob seconds. All in favor, Passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: ASSETS:

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
MRMA – Checking – BoH	430,205.47
FACA – BoH – Checking	37,871.18
Petty Purchases	4,025.10
FACA – BoH- Biz Checking Fire/Coqui	1,097.07
MRMA – BoH – Biz Money Market	<u>30,485.51</u>
TOTAL Checking/Savings	503,684.33

Road Committee Report: Hank reports that the team met last week. There is a new member, Patti Pipes. They decided not to drill any more dry wells at this time. The intersection at Puhala and Plumeria is sinking. A lava tube is undermining the road bed. They looked at the void with a camera, but couldn't see well. Monday they will have an excavator to dig up the intersection and they will do whatever remediation is required. It may take a few days depending on what they find and the weather. They will have flaggers out to control traffic beginning around 9:00am.

The flail mower has been doing a good job of cutting back the brush on the road sides- back to 8' or so. It makes the roadside topography clearer and safer to maintain.

No news from the paving contractors.. Have contacted 4 companies regarding bids.

Deck mower is on island- over at Kawaihae and waiting delivery time.

Glen White has been elected to the Road Committee Board serving for the next two years.

Ua has contacted a few electricians to get pricing to run the 200amp service to the Fire Station. The monthly electric bill will be shared by FACA and MRMA.

Fire Department Report: No report

Fern Acres Neighborhood Watch: Meeting Tuesday, Feb.25, 6:15pm.

Fern Acres CERT: Still not meeting- Covid.

Budget Committee: No meeting.

Policy Committee: No meeting.

Internet Committee: Sara would like to note that as Board members, our speech on social media is under scrutiny- we represent the community and should be akamai about content and tone.

Fundraising and Grants Committee: Claudia report that we have not heard anything from Matt Kealii Klienfelder regarding our small educational grant. She'll check on that.. Meanwhile we have made the cut for consideration for the large Puna Community Foundation grant we have applied for.

Old Business: Scott would like to discuss increasing our FACA membership dues. He has a document showing fee collection amounts since 2010. We have some cash reserves, but it is insufficient for running FACA at this time. Bob insists that this is an issue for the Treasurer to pursue... Patti suggests that $\$25,000.00$ divided by 460 = $\$45.00$ per year as the cost for running FACA. Discussion follows around covering service versus expanding services. Scott feels that we should immediately deal with the budget shortfall. Phil suggests that we might charge a $\$5.00$ per family donation for the annual meeting to offset costs. Scott is concerned that it excludes families who can't afford it.

Visitor Erin suggested that we might have a donation dunk tank as a fund raiser. Really fun and good for \$\$\$. What if we expanded the Annual Meeting to a two-day event with family activities, chili cook off, plant sale/seed exchange, games etc. Food liability a problem? Erin also suggests that many people do not know that there is a FACA membership... Maybe we need a membership drive, with a banner at the front. Collect dues at the first bus stop etc. 2-year payment = discount?

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New Business: We have a volunteer group who would like to start a food distribution site at the Community Center on Fridays. More info to come.

Claudia suggests that we should have fruit and produce stands at one or two of the bus stops. Erin has volunteered that she and Kevin will build a couple.

We are also learning about the Keiki and Kupuna Kommittee to involve kids in community-based activities, gardening, collection cans etc, to meet at FACA. A presentation will be made at the next meeting.

MM- what is happening with the collection agency?

Adjourn: 10:32 am. Hank moves that we adjourn, Scott seconds. All in favor, passed.