

**Fern Acres Community Association Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes October 21, 2023**

Members Present: JR Paikuli, Patty Goodwin, Hank Schultz, Roy Kalili, Claudia Zirolì.

Members Absent: Patti Pinto, Rick Kalauli.

Visitors: Joe Utt.

CTO: 9:00 am

Minutes: JR

JR asks for a motion to approve September minutes. Proposed for acceptance by Patty. Hank seconds. All in favor, Passed.

JR announces that Seth has resigned. Hank nominates Ben Vallejo to fill the position vacated by Bill Joyner. All in favor, Passed unan.

Bill did not sit on any committee, so Ben will, at this time just serve on the Road Committee.

JR is discussing his opinions about the Audit Committee. He suggests that we create a Finance Committee, which under their purview- oversees the Audit (in-house audit committee).

JR wants the Treasurer (Patty G.) would be the Chair of said committee. [Discussion] JR withdraws discussion at this time pending more consideration of the situation.

Treasurer's Report: Patty presents the financial report for September as follows:

BoH FACA Checking 7989	47,265.56
BoH MRMA Checking 7997	228,252.65
BoH MRMA MM 0798	30, 501.25
TOTAL	\$306,019.46

PayPal issue: After so many attempts- PayPal keeps telling us it'll be up in 72 hours- it never is. Patty spoke to them about the problem- PayPal rep told her that our documents are not on file, including articles, DCCA Breg member in good standing, tax ID numbers etc, WHY?

Patty and Seth checked with GoDaddy to see if the problem is with them, No.

Patty investigated 'STRIPE' – used by Amazon and other large corporations. Stripe provides a link for payment- bypassing the need for us to insert the payment code into our web structure. JR asks about the cost- 2.99% PayPal,

Stripe 2.99 + per transaction. Basically identical. Turns out that PayPal has the same for same price.

[Discussion] Ben asks about timing.. Patty wants the link to go out with Winter billing.

Patty would like to request that she can take action to pursue this option for payment. Hank seconds. All in favor, Passed.

Patty will work on this as well as working on updating the web site ASAP.

Patty spoke with the Auditors. They thanked us for working with them, and will be sending us the full report.

Ben asked about the process for purchasing a truck? They are off market in the time it takes to respond.
*By the Board already approving the purchase amount in prior meeting, we have already given Roy approval for purchase of the truck.

Patty says that the transfer spoken about in earlier Board meeting.. Will be taken care of ASAP.

President's Report: JR mentions that Seth has resigned from his position on the Board. (2026)

Road Committee: Roy reports they met last Wednesday- primarily discussing the dump truck purchase. Dump/flatbed option looks interesting... (rather than traditional dump truck)

May be more versatile for projected needs. Discussed road fees for 2024. They are not going to raise the road fees until next year. Hank responds that it appears that there will be an ample carryover.. They may adjust line items as the year progresses as need dictates. They got a bid for speed bumps- but, felt it was too high. We may do them ourselves- Spacing them about 900' apart along Puhala to slow down the traffic. Ben asks if we are planning to pay off the tractor this year? Continued discussion and decision will be made in Road Committee..

Fire Department: Meeting time and training remains the same..

HUB: We made \$465.00 at the last sale. We have purchased an LED projector, sound system and dvd player.

Fundraising and Events: 120 bags went out this past Thursday. Seems like the new process for pick up is working well! JR would like to make a motion that in the future, when Food Basket needs supplies. Patty G, seconds. All in favor, Passed. (Puna Makaukau as a 501c3 organization for Fern Acres Community Association, will happily cover costs for Food Basket.)

Nominating Committee: (Hank, Patty, Rick.)

Audit Committee: (see above)

Policy Committee:

Internet Committee:

FANW: No report

CERT: Training and certification was held September 30, October 1. Hank and I were re-certified. We may have several new members from the area.

Old Business:

New Business: Winter Newsletter: PLEASE have articles etc. in to me by MID DECEMBER.

Member's Report: Patty asks about producing the FACA budget for 2024.

Adjourn: Hank moves to call the meeting to adjourn. Roy seconds. All in favor, Passed. 10:07am.