

**Fern Acres Community Association Board of Directors**  
**Meeting Minutes May 17 2025**

**Members Present:** JR Paikuli, Hank Schultz, Roy Kalili, Patti Pinto, Cristi Fields, Joe Utt, Rick Kaluli, Claudia Ziroli.

**Members Absent:** Mark Laret; excused.

**Visitors:** Elisa Paikuli, Patty Goodwin, Jim Vigorito, Laila Maire-Savage, Benjamin Dixon, Theo Lupien,

**CTO:** 9:00

**Minutes:** Patti proposed for acceptance, seconded by Joe. All in favor, Passed.

**President's Report:** Welcomes visitors to the meeting. A note from Maria.. RE: Hoarding broken down vehicles... Sometimes block the road easement. Patti responds that we have a process- Roy answers that FANW will take care of it,. report to police etc. Roy often runs into issues when he speaks with folks about their cars in the road, or mass car hoarding.

Hank responds that according to the bylaws, Roy has a right (following due process) to remove encroaching vehicles. They can be charged for having a car removed. Roy would like to see a more proactive way to prevent the cars being dragged to the cross street to be burned. Patti says the County has provisions for illegal junk yards. Hank speaks about the cost for removing junk cars- currently \$100. Is it cost effective for us to pick them up ourselves and get them to the wrecker? Roy says that any way we can help our community to get rid of these large items like cars and appliances at a reasonable cost. Joe asks when is the next appliance drop off. Benjamin asks about Roy's experience 'out there' when dealing with folks who are not happy. Roy tries to be as pono as he can. He works with them as well as he is able. Laila suggests that we should try to get the 'good information' and clear communication out there- use our social media in a centralized way; a communication plan. [Maybe a P.I.O?] Roy has concerns about what folks feel like they can say on media, calling him etc. doing more damage with negative, incorrect, inflammatory talk on social media. He's in the office Monday thru Thursday- come talk to him in person. JR sums up the discussion and moves towards a possible solution. Roy says it takes \$250. To have a car towed...

Benjamin thinks we should be more transparent in how money is spent available to the public. He wants to see the spreadsheet and audit information. [Heated discussion follows] Patty G. tries to explain that Ben is able to make an appointment and see his own personal account by appointment at any time. JR closes the discussion on budget...

Back to the car issue.. Joe says that based on Roy's estimate on car removal cost- Joe makes a motion that we assess car owners the cost. [Hank reads the clause in the Bylaws pertinent to the discussion ] All in favor, carried.

Cristi says we have discussed this last year- we have a policy of notification at 30,60,90 days. Back to the motion on the table.

Maria says there is some confusion about the Bylaws and what they mean; as they apply to the Community Association... Roy suggests that they call the office, or call JR for explanation. Joe has spoken with Maria to direct everything to the Board [JR]. JR states that there is a difference between understanding the Bylaws versus *not liking what the Bylaws say*. [Hank reads again from the Bylaws..] we have clear violation remedy information in the Bylaws.

**Treasurer's Report:** Joe reports

BoH MRMA Checking	302,629.50
BoH FACA Checking 7989	27,137.14
BoH MRMA MM 0798	30,510.91

Motion to accept Treasurer's report- subject to audit- Patti. Hank seconds.  
All in favor, Passed.,

**Road Committee:** Met last Wednesday. Paving is done for the year. Including the HUB as well. JR clarifies that the costs for paving the HUB was paid for by grant monies, and other means. NO MONEY came from the Road budget.

**HUB:** Emergency Plan, Hub Summit Monday and Tuesday next week.

**Fundraising and Events:** 411 people were served this month. The bags arrived at 8:30 in the morning! 20 volunteers this month. New traffic flow with the paving.

**Nominating Committee:** Cristi, Hank and Roy are up for election. Submitted to Claudia for publication in the Summer Newsletter. We have five candidates for the three open positions.

**Audit Committee:**

**Policy Committee:** Patti reports that they are 'resting on their laurels.' Policy work in committee was massive. It is pau.

**Public Safety:** Brian reports we have three new firefighters, they had the first 'wet drill' and all went really well. HFD Captain wants them to keep recruiting. Wildfire on April 27 with 21 acres involved. We had four volunteer companies that responded to our fire, and four career companies responded too. The take away/ Call 911 early in the event! JR shares that we are going to buy a different valve for our system. Brian reports that there were several days of follow up with flare ups.

Cynthia shares the damage to her property from the fire. She says no one was in court on Thursday when the hearing for the fire was held. The fire burned right up to her house, as well as her storage container truck. She had real concerns about the safety of the firefighters since she had gas storage for her generator. She thanks the volunteers who responded to the fire. She is VERY upset that no one made a claim for the fire, and that the person responsible got a misdemeanor charge. Very small fine- Folks will have to get a lawyer to deal with their cases. The judge said that there are new charges of Arson in the first degree.- pending. Patti says, "Recovery takes a long time. The fire may be past, but it takes a long time to recover from the fire." CASE Number: 25-038-314 attached to the original case number: 3DCC-25-0000-193 Friday, June June 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am possibly room 2B.

Roy would like to hear from those affected so they can help them with donations and assistance. It was an accident- a mistake. We have to learn from our mistakes in order to get better. This fire built community- we took care of our own. We are community. We are Ahupu`aa.

Patty G. asks if it is possible to go on a property without owner's consent in the case of a fire. Brian answers, yes- but it is not without liability. Cristi says they are not able to self-dispatch. They must be activated by a 911 call to HFD and then be deployed. Hank asks why Fire dept thinks that folks don't call 911?

**Internet Committee:**

**FANW:** Cristi reports that Julie asks that everyone keep an eye out. Matt will be at the next meeting- Last Tuesday. AED?

**CERT:** The CERT team met on the second Saturday. We are working with a 'Stakeholders' group to craft our Community Emergency Action Plan. We would like to have the process completed in 2025. We plan on having an information table at this year's annual picnic to get input and collect data. Building resilient communities...

**Old Business:** [Amendment from the June meeting- Christie wants to make an amendment to the, uh, to the minutes that there was discussion about helping Roy and his crew, uh, do the, uh, envelopes and folding of the, uh, newsletters and ballots and things like that. (From transcript)]

**New Business:** Sunday July 13 for the Annual Picnic. Meeting after this meeting.

**Member's Report:** Hank: No open burning! Thanks for the great sign, Cristi! JR: Mahalo to our amazing community. Claudia: Newsletter articles are DUE!!!!

**Adjourn:** Patti moves to call the meeting to adjourn. Joe seconds Adjourned 10:08am.