

Fern Acres Community Association Board Meeting Summary

Date: May 16, 2026 Time: 9:05 AM – 11:11 AM

Board Members Present: Patti Pinto, Christi Fields, Mark Laret, Hank Schultz, Julia Mitchell, Laila Moire-Selvage, Richard Walsh, Felix De La Cruz

Board Members Absent: Claudia Ziroli with excuse.

Visitors: Patty Goodwin, Vivian Toellner, Stewart Stodertt, James J. Franco, Christina Bellefeuille, Roy Kalili, Lary Houston, April Chavez, Misty Wellman, George Wellman, Patti Pipes, Dan Carvalho, Mike Egan

Minutes: Julia - Motion to approve March/April minutes; Laila seconded; Patti gave Laila typos to correct. Meeting Notes: April 29, removing associate membership in bylaws proposed, not unanimous (No for Hank); all in favor, unanimous

Nominating Committee (Cristi): Met, everyone who wanted to run, bios of those in running are in the newsletter, meet again, meet again to ask if candidates have an open discussion, June's meeting afterwards. Hank Question: When are the ballots counted? July 18 ballots are counted at the office at 9 am; the counting committee is board members not on the ballot, and anyone can observe.

Roy: Who is on the ballot? Jason Fleck, Laila, Julia; why am I not on the ballot? I was not formally notified and invited to the meeting. Was it based on who was the road chairman and would get the most votes?

Cristi: No, about bylaws and being in good standing, no cooperation with office changes.

Roy: What you mentioned has nothing to do with me. I've cooperated as best I could. I was never told about associate membership or road chairman, had no chance to voice my opinion. Never got texted or called.

Vivian: A person in good standing wouldn't need to require police involvement to return Fern Acres equipment.

Steward: Point of order.

Richard: We asked for the truck and equipment back, card, and paperwork at your spouse's residence. We couldn't get anything back, came to the point we couldn't get FA property back, given date and time to return, asked police again to get truck, mowers, etc back. Huge struggle to get everything back. Victimhood is misplaced.

Julia: Bylaws/policy, do not accept cash payments; consistently, cash has been received since 2022, violating policy/procedures. Many of those were received by Roy.

Roy: I got the equipment returned. I was not informed by anyone, I thought I was the road chairperson's assistant, and I would still be able to utilize those materials. I'm complying. Got my info from Hank, standing road chairman. Cops showed up to my job.

Cristi: Around April 20, an email was sent to you and Maria from Patti. Showed up by noon with half of what Maria had in her possession and returned. Put your soda outside. Cristi and Vivian yes you brought back some requested, still missing passwords and still did not have truck.

Registration and safety expired. Needed to be brought back, "no one could drive a stick," which is not true, gave you an additional 3 days, you were texted, told in person, and then the police were called again. I have called you and Maria several times, we texted and emailed, and no reply. You brought back some things from Maria. Police reports: truck (you) and one for Maria (paypal, email, QuickBooks), very hard to recover, still no PayPal.

Roy: We are individuals, not my responsibility to make her give you guys anything. We have separate positions. You should be dealing with her directly.

Patti: We should not conflate your and Maria's issues, that is correct.

Patty G: Why two mowers at your house? That is not right.

Vivian: A caring road person would have showed up and I have seen him once, Hank shows up, his involvement has been abandoned.

Misty: This started back in Sept/Oct, when there's people saying that there's been missing money and there has been nothing said since.

Felix: It's an investigation, we can't say anything until complete.

Julia: I spoke to QuickBooks for two hours, there were no QuickBooks issues, we got no refunds or corrections; old accounts in there (inflated revenue), they are a MESS! We have entered from December until now with what we have, audit logs of who was working and how many hours, QuickBooks hours equal half the time of what we were paying or less; Until we get accounts reviewed by external Bookkeepers, nothing is sure.

Stewart: Mowers, no we did not have to go to Roy's house; he brought them to the yard, why stored at his house? His son is on the road crew and was one cutting the grass.

Laila: What is his son's name? Stewart didn't know.

Julia: April 2025 to 2026, he was being paid (Roy's son), never hired by the board.

Hank: Took away associate membership because of things Maria did, why is Jason Fleck on the ballot when his wife filed AG complaint report? Double standard.

George: Why was Roy's associate membership removed? I know that a war against Roy began months ago to rail him out. All about a vehicle and where it sat? If you are going to remove him from the election, what was the egregious act that he committed?

Felix: Under investigation,

Cristi: JR was the one who wanted Roy to be an associate member, without full board; JR stepped down.

Dan Cravallo: Who is BD Benjamin Dixon? His complaint. Double standards? Conflict? Nominate myself to be on the ballot. Lack of transparency in 2020? Who was treasure? Joe Utt.

Cristi: Jason was not removed; Ditas was not one who made the complaint to AG, it was a list of 60+ residents. There is an investigation.

Felix: Lots of comments on Facebook against the Board, like George who is on the ballot, "in good standing" is very loose.

James: Signatures that people complained about; in court of law, to be legal, it has to be notarized?

Patti: They remain anonymous. When to AG.

James: Special meetings need notice?

Patti: Two kinds, road issues/7 day meeting notice to handle business. Page 5, Section 7.

Roy: Vivian made about my involvement; I've been meeting with Hank and the Road Crew even after I was removed. I will continue to do this whether I'm in charge or not.

Hank: This is true.

Richard: Motion to accept the nominating committee report. Julia: Second.

Patti: I want to nominate Roy back to the Board.

Julia/Cristi: We have not heard back from the lawyer. He is not an associate member. Asked as of yesterday, Thursday, if he should be allowed on Board. Roy took cash payments for years, not a member in good standing. The board has failed this community with checks and procedures. We have identified many many occurring issues that should not have happened because of bias. No liens have been placed before 2022, no follow-up on anything. Revenue has decreased year over year. 25 feet paved this year. \$600k of road paving in 2022 and decreasing since. Going on Bank of Hawaii statements since 2022 today, we have been losing money.

Hank: One of the things you're faulting Roy for is collecting money. Why were you (Julia) accepting money and membership dues?

Julia: I accepted two payments until we got Vivian in the office.

Richard: It is unacceptable to accept cash. Loose traceability. Risk removal.

James: I paid cash.

Hank: We don't accept cash anymore, in bylaws, no traceability.

Roy: Yes, I have accepted cash payments. But I was taught on accounting side, put in copy machine, money is scanned on the computer.

Vivian: Copying money is illegal.

Patti: No more discussion.

Nomination Report: All in favor? All said yes, but Hank is a No.

Treasurer Report (Julia): Reconciled All up with Bank until April: MRMA: \$297,039 - ~265,000 rightly after bills and estimating roughly \$20k in Paypal but not sure because no access, FACA: 2,290, Money Market: \$30,507.51, Petty Cash: \$1,653.55; Corrected balance between Dec. 2025 - April 2026

Cristi: Motion to approve, Richard seconded, Discussion.

Felix: Big discrepancy on Payroll

Maria: Payroll was not on the previous reports.

Hank: FACA account, started in Jan 2026. \$3,894? FACA/Money Market on the same page.

Vote: All in favor, Felix abstained.

Road Committee: Met Wednesday, 3/4 Road members appeared so had quorum, Hope to have mowers repaired, using tractor and deck mower to mow in the meantime. Stop signs are being replaced throughout the subdivision, all up by the end of this week; Dodge and Chevy need repairs, Richard made appointments to do work, Dodge, brake job; Chevy not sure yet. Need to empty the tire bin, Larry Houstin to get them hauled and will need a second load. Areas for asphalt identified where road workers do the most filling, depends on bids and budget how much we need to pave. 52 poles. We did 1.3 miles/30 poles for \$235k. Scale back having the first blocks of the first 3 streets done, a little over a mile. Painting of pole numbers in roads, every 10 poles, 4 main streets, plus Antherium; volunteers to paint, need paint estimate, would be done after paving. Motion to accept this concept, painting the pole numbers in the middle of the road every 10 poles. Laila seconded.

Ask the board to keep the HFN gas card to keep it in the safe to give to guys to pick it up until we have an office manager to pick it up earlier. Gas card log, yes. Purchased, receipt. Roy: Sometimes if the machine doesn't give you a receipt, you can take a photo of the pump; Richard will give a little receipt vs paper receipt to the crew. Patti approved.

Road Committee Membership: missing members, put your name in to the office to be vetted, and will be voted on in the next Road Meeting; Vivan: Payment plans, be this year, current on your payment plan.

James: talking to Roy, doing things right, according to county codes, safe for members, cause problems, distraction?

Hank: 24X24" not decided on how they are oriented, mainly for emergency vehicles coming in. Helco: no metal, but could spraypaint, not hinder climbing on the poles. House numbers now required and given, whether permitted or not.

Roy: The planning department said yes as long. Complaint so then shut down.

Felix: We would be held liable; we cannot do it officially.

Patti: revisit pole painting, work happens before the next meeting. Good idea. Come back to the board on how we will identify every pole.

Hank: Withdraw motion until a later date. Roy: I can call them. Felix: Can also get in touch.

Michael: numbers on poles, keep them uniform, black square spray before yellow paint (white poles and black poles), same height (black and yellow)

Hank: Helco needs to tell us the color; various colors mean certain things (orange = pole damaged). Don't have balance, have bids out to 5 companies, from what I've seen we don't have enough money to do what we want to do.

Laila: Motion to accept road meeting report by Hank, Laila seconded; all in favor.

Policy Committee: Bylaws revisions are on the ballot; we have 185 members, can still pay up until July 10. Fine to have observers, but please be quiet. July 18, 9am. Vote by July 10.

Volunteer Fire Team: Put your address on your house.

Neighborhood Watch: Last Tuesday of the Month; Crame stats: 2 incidents, keep looking out; call nonemergency line about firearms/shooting so police can triangulate them.

CERT: We had a meeting on May 9, Leimomi, water purification in an emergency; bleach; Aquatabs (\$30/100 tablets); Gravity feed, check valve at bottom of tank/gravity feed 24 hrs. <https://www.aquatabs.us/product/aquatabs-397mg-tablets-x100/>

Food Pantry: KauKau for Keiki - 300 bags, Wednesday in June/July - Joe, needs volunteers; 50k kids in Hawai'i; contact Vivian; next week is food basket. Kokua Harvest.

Internet Committee: Website accessible again; GoDaddy and unused email is costing us \$576/year. Look at nonprofit rates for them (Google Workspace is free for nonprofits) and move to SquareSpace in the future; create emails for Board Members. Send login GoDaddy to Julia/Vivian.

Old Business: Done.

Upcoming Events:

- **Annual Meeting + Picnic scheduled for Sunday, July 19, 2026.** Claudia and Patti are not able to organize this year as they have done for the past 25+ years, so we need other board and community members to step up to help with planning and set up.

- **Picnic meeting planning:** June 10 at 6pm

- **Movie/Dinner:** June 4 - group of parents to get off the street to organically play natural play with bikes, trikes and scooters; Insurance and liability; Waivers with home owners policy.

Julia: Getting Alliant reinstated, we were in collections. Reinstated it.

Dan: If you need help with this policy, please let me know.

Roy: Time to come get the dirt in the back, items in the office? To be scheduled.

Adjourn: Patti motioned, Cristi seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 11:11 AM