

**Fern Acres Community Association Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes August 16 2025**

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

Members Absent: Mark Laret. Hank moves that we excuse Mark. Rick seconds. All in favor, Passed.

Visitors: Theo Lupien, Laila Moire-Savage, Patty Goodwin, Patty Pipes, Benjamin Dixon, Mike

CTO: 9:00 Welcomes visitors to the meeting.

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

President's Report: Approval of minutes from June or July meetings: Patti moves to accept as written, Joe seconds. All in favor, Passed.

Welcomes visitors to the meeting. Laila wants to talk about the camera and filming the meetings.. See email early July regarding recommendation for camera. Laila wants to talk about a farm/produce exchange NOT a Farmer's Market... due to permitting issues. We can always barter and trade farm goods.

Patty G. wants to talk about absent Board members without an excuse. What does the Bylaws say about it.

Treasurer's Report: Joe reports balances.. we have 715 overdue Road fees, totaling \$168,545.00 in uncollected MRMA. [Discussion] Lien timing for filing liens- policy is two years. Escrow is the first time we see fees for the chronic non-payers. We have active time payments, and Maria is monitoring those most probable collections and has reduced the numbers significantly.

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- Hank. Roy seconds.
All in favor, Passed.

Road Committee: Met last Wednesday. Roy reports that the trash, compost and abandoned cars in the back was a focus- planning drives for bulk items, green waste, etc. request that Road committee would like to take \$2500.00 from the MRMA budget to start the project up. RE: The accident that happened last Tuesday at Puhala and Hibiscus.. Do we need to install outgoing humps to slow merging traffic? Discussion: How do we fund the new program? Not MRMA, maybe FACA? Puna Makaukau would like to offer financial support to the project- Roy suggests that this is road maintenance materials.. Does this count for a use of MRMA funds? (It is \$1,000.00 per week to rent a chipper)
JR moves that we reserve \$3500.00 in funding through FACA and Puna Makaukau to initially fund the project. Hank seconds. All in favor, Passed.

Road Humps: Accident- High speed, no helmet... Joe talks about a discussion at the Road meeting.. How are we going to enforce road safety. They have created a committee to study the facts and report back with rec's. Patti adds additional information. Look at the info that is out there on how to calm traffic. Hank comments on speed bumps on the side streets. For a number of reasons, that didn't work to slow

traffic 'safely' on those streets. Laila comments that she did a poll on the alt Facebook group. Most people are in favor of the speed humps on Puhala (some were paved over this year..) to discourage speeding. Joe suggested that we have some folks from the Resident Committee to put together some suggestions to present to the Road Committee. Hank further comments on the speed humps- County safety suggested that we place them closer together (Every 900 feet) in order to stop traffic. Roy comments that speeding is a real problem, some roads are worse- Pikake at Puhala... In December Newsletter insert ballot re speed humps. [more discussion] Patti suggests rumble strips to 'remind' drivers to slow down at intersections.. JR closes discussion- comments that we can't actually control bad driving. It merits lots of input and fact finding before we make a decision. (24mph speed humps) Roy moves that we add ballot vote to the December to yay or nay. Joe moves Tabled until until October – Refer to Policy, Roy seconds, All in favor, passed
Resident committee says they will take responsibility to get that to Claudia for Newsletter.

HUB: We got a call from Council Person Matt K. about a grant funding the Hub. Patti circulates the list. The Grant has been submitted.

Laila wants to help get Farm goods exchange started. Maybe Alex will be a part of this too? Patty Pipes. Patti makes a statement about Matt's Bill 38- which allows that owners of a primary property, who are current and paid on time in the Mandatory Road Maintenance Fees are able to qualify for a rebate of up to \$250.00 each calendar year off the top of their taxes. Submit written testimony or testify in person at the council. This month...

Fundraising and Events: 144 bags. Next day- Thursday 21.

Nominating Committee: JR opens nominations for standing committees.

Audit Committee: Joe Utt Chair. Benjamin, Laila and Patty G. all volunteer.

Road Committee: Joe nominated Roy, seconded by Rick. All in favor, Passed.

Nominating Committee: Hank, Cristi Claudia have volunteered.

[Discussion on process]

Policy Committee: Patti, Hank, Joe. Patti Chair.

Audit Committee:

Policy Committee: Patti reports that they have met and reviewed the policies and procedures for the operation of FACA. Board members all have copies of the new policies... [I will add to the bylaws]

Public Safety: Cristi reports they have new members, Don't currently have a County Captain who supervises second Tuesday at 4:30pm. Hank asks about funding to paint the building... Cristi will check. Eight calls in other subdivisions during June/July.

Internet Committee:

FANW: Cristi reports same-o, ATV's. HPD will confiscate the ATV's and send kids home without them.. Flat black Toyota looking at properties, please get plate number. Four properties that Cristi and Brian manage have been vandalized/ checked out.

CERT: The CERT team met on the second Saturday. We did a GMRS radio practice with the team spread out around the area. (Radios from Vibrant Hawaii and Puna Makaukau)

Resident Committee: Purchase and managing a camera and filming our meetings. Laila would get it set up and train us how to use it so that it could be used for meetings. Then where to post the video.... As a Money for purchase from Faca/ Fund raiser? 501c3- Can get free Google Workspace to handle the digital resources. Refer to Policy Roy moves that we pay for the equipment to go live (\$320.00) Patti seconds. All in favor, Passed.

Old Business: The FFA Fair last Saturday was a huge success. They raised about 4500.00 to help pay for their travel to the Nationals where they will represent Hawaii Island. Might do another one on Sept 6.

Annual Picnic went well – tho not as well attended as last year.. LOTS more kids this year, the games were amazing. Live music would be fun. The games run by the Fire department was phenominal!!! Thank you! Joe suggests that we need another drawing table- Use the kids' art to do a mural on FACA.

New Business: Patti reports about a monthly Kupuna Luncheon. Volunteers to do this. Patti meets on the 18th with other groups to set this up. Cristi will help with transportation...

Members' Report: Roy-How do we improve community involvement? Communication, info, feedback etc. Hank- Slow down! Get involved. Get the website managed and monthly citizen poll.

Adjourn: Hank moves to call the meeting to adjourn. Joe seconds Adjourned 10:27am.