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- meeting informally with our assigned district HPD officers to encourage patrols during the sunset hours, peak time for speeders and drinkers at China Walls and Spitting Caves;
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Minutes of Annual Membership Meeting

March 25, 2023

Special thanks to Judy Sykes, for organizing and obtaining refreshments for our annual meeting. Thanks to Starbucks for the donated coffee.

President Jennifer Taylor opened the meeting with a recap of successes that the board has contributed to in the last few years. Helping to limit overflow parking in the neighborhood from Hanauma Bay, working directly with DPP to encourage them to investigate illegal vacation rentals, enforcement of neighborhood architectural guidelines, and working with HPD to reduce homeless camping have all improved because of board advocacy. Council Chair Tommy Waters was scheduled to speak, but had to cancel. Jennifer said that he is directing DTS to come up with a plan to reduce the speeding on our streets. As the first order of business, the members unanimously approved the Minutes of the 2022 Annual Membership Meeting via Zoom.

Secretary's Report. Joan Nakamura reported that, with 95 votes from dues-paying members received, the full slate of officers and directors for 2023 was approved: Jennifer Taylor - President, Joan Nakamura - Vice President and Secretary, Paul White - Treasurer, Directors - Jo Frasier, Mike Hicks and Rann Watumull. As chairs of Architectural Standards Committee, Deeds and Compliance Committee and Outreach/Newsletter Committee, Don Bondarenko, Mike Brashears and Valorie Carpenter are also members of the board for 2023.

Treasurer's Report. Paul White reported that we ended our fiscal 2022-23 year with a balance of \$3668.67. He noted that we spent more than we brought in last year, bringing in \$10,057.36 from 216 memberships, but spending \$13,883.87. Paul explained that insurance constitutes almost 80% of total expenses and newsletters cost about \$900.00 an issue. The Association's account as of February 28 is \$13,208.09, from 104 dues-paying members.

Architectural Standards Report. Don Bondarenko reported that this year has seen less activity than last year with 8 approved remodel / building projects to date compared to 27 last year. Inquiries have been mainly about roof types, ADUs, solar panels, and the 15 foot height limitations. A neighbor questioned why he didn't get a copy of his neighbor's plans that now block his view. Don explained that if someone submits plans that fully comply with the Architectural Standard guidelines, the Committee considers the plans without seeking neighbor comment. It was asked if ADUs are legal if it was built 35 years ago. Don said that the guidelines were written in 1989, so anything built before would probably be grandfathered in.

Outreach and Newsletter. Valorie Carpenter said she expects to distribute 2 newsletters, in addition to the Annual Meeting notice and ballot this year, with an emphasis on community outreach. Kim Soares said she is willing to organize a potluck gathering and the attending residents were in favor of the idea.

Deeds and Compliance. Jennifer spoke for Mike Brashears (not present). She is said that while Mike is very effective, it is important that people attempt to talk to their neighbors first before asking the board for help.

Other issues raised were speeding, especially on Poipu Drive, drinking, late night noise, and emergency calls at China Walls and Spitting Caves. Overparking on Hanapepe Loop and Moloa'a, preventing emergency vehicles from getting through, is also a concern. Suggestion to petition City Council, Mayor and DTS to create no parking zones on one side of Hanapepe closest to China Walls; a neighbor volunteered to get a letter from EMS that attests to the danger that the overparking creates. Neighbors were encouraged to get to know the HPD officers that patrol our neighborhood and to request their help during the peak time (sunset hours) when speeders and drinkers are present. Civil Beat was mentioned as a good way to get attention to neighborhood problems.

COMMUNITY POTLUCK BBQ

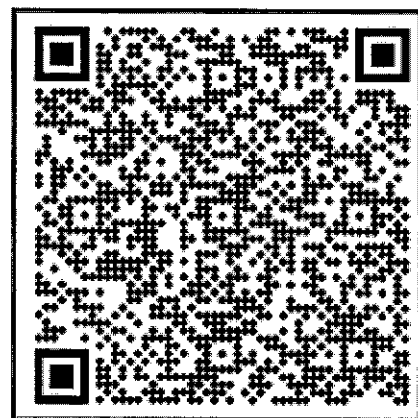
Saturday, May 6th 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Koko Head Elementary School - Cafetorium

Join us for burgers, hot dogs, salmon patties, and good conversation. Please bring a pupu, salad, side dish or dessert to share with your neighbors. Plates, utensils, and napkins will be provided. Feel free to bring lawn games, bocce ball, croquet, corn hole, etc. BYOB (no alcohol). No smoking.

Mahalo nui loa to Hawaii Life for providing the burgers, hot dogs, salmon patties, and paper goods!

Please RSVP at Eventbrite: [tinyurl.com/eventbrite5623](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tinyurl-com-eventbrite5623) or scan the QR code below with your Smartphone camera or contact Kim Leslein Soares at 808-781-6600



Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Am I a member of the association even if I have never "signed up" or paid dues?

A. Yes. If you own property in the area designated as Maunalua Triangle/Koko Kai, you are a member and are bound by the Deed Restrictions, Bylaws, and Architectural Guidelines. While dues-paying, voting membership in the Association is voluntary, the Deed Restrictions (DPPs) are actually incorporated in every property deed and are binding on all owners.

Q. When am I obligated to submit plans to the Architectural Standards Committee for review?

A. Any renovation or construction on your property that requires a permit also needs review by the Architectural Standards Committee; the good architects in Honolulu are very aware of the requirements and the Deed Restrictions. We urge homeowners to submit their plans for review early in their design process to avoid rework or construction delays. You will find the Architectural Standards Committee to be helpful and responsive!

Q. As a neighbor, what should I do if I'm concerned about renovation or construction that might affect my privacy or view?

A. We suggest you contact Don Bondarenko, Chair of the Architectural Standards Committee, to find out if the work has been approved. If the renovation or construction is within our Association guidelines and has been approved, your best opportunity is to approach your neighbor and share your concerns directly. If the owner planning the renovation is requesting any variance from the guidelines, the Architectural Standards Committee seeks input from the neighbors likely to be affected and considers the potential impact in their decision on the variance.

Q. Are Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) allowed in our neighborhood?

A. No. In allowing ADUs in Honolulu, the City specified that its new rules did not remove or override any Community Association deed restrictions. The Deed Restrictions, which apply to all of our properties, expressly restrict all owners to one single-family dwelling unit per lot.

Q. Who is responsible for maintaining the road verges between the sidewalks and the streets?

A. The City & County of Honolulu Ordinance 14-20.1 states that adjacent property owners are responsible for maintaining, i.e., keeping clear of weeds, the area between the street curb and their property line, including the sidewalks. This is a great walking neighborhood so it is important to keep our sidewalks clear of weeds and debris so that walkers don't trip and injure themselves.

Q. What can the Association do about illegal vacation rentals?

A. Your volunteer board cannot "enforce" the City's ban on short-term rentals but calling the City hotline at 768-8127 will usually result in a quick response, especially if you can provide the inspectors with links to the ads, photos of different rental cars on the property over the same 30-day period, etc. If residents provide the board with the same evidence (e.g., links to ads for the property, photos of multiple different rental cars in a short period, etc.) we also can write to the owner of the property to remind them that they are violating their deed restrictions as well as the City's regulations. This approach has sometimes proven effective.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact any board member. Our contact information is always included in the Newsletter.

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Maunalua Triangle/Koko Kai Community Association Dues Notice

If you have not already done so, please consider becoming a voting member of our community. Dues are \$100/year. Please make checks payable to MTKK Community Association and mail to PO Box 25103, Honolulu, HI 96825.

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

PROPERTY ADDRESS:

MAILING ADDRESS:

Kokua When Needed

Tired of endless phone calls or internet searches for the right government agency when you have a question or a problem?

Who do I contact about a blocked beach access?
Have a Permitting issue?
Want to identify the owner of a property?
Have an interest in historical maps?

These are just some of the resources included on the new website for our community:

www.kokuaneeded.org

This site offers a wealth of information and guidance for residents in one place in a great user-friendly format. It is worth bookmarking and trying out.

Mahalo to Ann Marie Kirk for creating this website with a grant from the League of Women Voters Honolulu Education Fund.

Crime Mapping 96825

This site maps criminal incidents in Hawaii Kai from information gathered from law enforcement agencies. Click on any specific icon shown on the map to see details:

crimemapping.com/map/location/96825

In the Neighborhood . . .

THE NEWCOMERS CLUB OF HONOLULU

The Newcomers Club of Honolulu is a terrific way for those new to Oahu to get involved and make new friends, and for those who have lived here for a while to help newcomers meet people and learn about everything the island has to offer.

For more information on upcoming events, please visit
www.NewcomersClubOfHonolulu.org

Or contact MTKK resident and Board of Directors member
Valorie Carpenter <vcarpenter@aol.com> or 808-369-7937

Dues Paying Members-2023

To everyone listed below, thank you for your support of the Maunaloa Triangle/Koko Kai
Community Association. Membership dues are \$100 per year.
Please contact jennifertaylor_us@yahoo.com if we have omitted or misspelled your name.

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Dick & Mimi Baker
Joji & Arnie Baptiste
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Jay Bloom
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