

FERN FOREST COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
BOARD Meeting Minutes Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Present Members:** Mike Muench, Kathy Frontino, Bill Watkins, Abe Cappelle and Ken (Imi) Gryde  
**absent- (work related)**

**Meeting Started: 10:10 and Bill stated we have a quorum.**

**Kathy Frontino- read the July 1, 2017 minutes-Board accepted the minutes- All in favor.**

**Mike Muench read the financial summary- We billed \$320,000.00 as of 7/13/17 collected around \$250,000.00 – 80%. We still should be able to collect another \$34,800.00. Road expenses were down compared to last year due to the fact we are waiting for the tractor still. Motioned to accept the minutes- All in favor.**

**Bill Watkins read the road report for Imi- We spent the entire \$15,000-carry over from last month, on the roads. The end of Kaleponi was cleaned up and properly blocked with cement barricade's. We got our tractor at the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month and started mowing on the main pavement road-opening up areas on pavement that puddle up. We are planning to put 80-120 hours on it per month.**

**Jamie Switzer mention that he liked the new speed bump and sign on Kahaulea-done by Aloha Paving. The price was slight more, but people on Kahaulea have signed a new petition for another one. Coast was \$2,500.00 compared to allocation of \$1,500.00.**

**We'll hire a new worker to try to clean off older stop signs, and if he can't clean them we will replace them with county stop sign surplus in Hilo. This worker is just on a trial basis right now.**

**We thank Lily Pinto & Bryan for cleaning our sign off with the graffiti. They spent a lot of time on it. We also want to that the volunteers (Doreen is one of them) who have been cleaning rubbish off the roads.**

**Alex will continue to fill in the potholes.**

**# 11 (17-8-11) Bill Watkins allocated us to \$5,000.00 for a worker on the road easements, 1 man weed whacking around the stop signs, cutting back the Himalayan Raspberry, cutting back some Ulehe', and mowing with our tractor. Board accepted- All in favor.**

**Ron Costa of Neighborhood Watch- (NHW) reported that he and his wife did an inventory on all the stop signs and street signs. And he wants the FFCA to allocate funds for (new) signs to be put up (Stop & Street). He also reminded us to put up address signs our driveways for the police, ambulance and fire safety.**

**They are going thru the 5 phases-( Phase 1) getting rid of the abandoned cars on the easement-they ticketed 50 vehicles, and 34 of those were picked up by police or removed by the owners since May. 1 stolen car was recovered. (Phase 11)- Picking up all the large white goods which included washers, dryers & refrigerator's. The organization of those volunteers is going on now, with the location of these items. (Phase 111) -Pick up of scrap metal, parts of cars left behind. These items are being identified and located. This phase will require some funding for tipping fees. (Phase IV) Tire pick-up so**

far there's been 30-40 spotted on the easements, and that need to be addressed. (Kike Kaha) will be our contact from the County.

(Phase V)- Picking up trash. NHW will get volunteers to address this with the community around April.

So once again NHW is asking the board to mention in the newsletter to remind residents to put up a regulation address sign along with the street name for emergencies. They are also waiting from the County for more safety vests and supplies.

# 12 (17-8-12) Bill Watkins allocated some funds up to \$5,000.00 for stop signs w/street names and from now on get the reflective types for safety issues. We are figuring around \$450.00 for each sign from bottom to top, including the rock formation piping a signage, and labor. Board voted-all in favor.

Our new tractor has arrived and is here on the premises for you to check out. We've had a few A.A. meetings here in the pavilion @10: a.m. on Mondays, and we got a new ECO weed whacker for clearing around the stop signs.

Donna DeLorm thanked the board for all their hard work and volunteered house. There are people out there who recognize what these volunteers are doing for the community.

# 13 (17-8-13) Bill Watkins is allocation up to another \$25,000.00 for legal fees and court cost for the end of the year. Board voted- all in favor.

Meeting adjourned: 11:27 a.m.

Officers present: Ken Ishii, S. Tavares