

Friends of the Volcano School of Arts & Sciences
Minutes
September 13, 2018 5:00 PM
Keakealani Campus
APPROVED

Directors Present: Mara Saltzman, Kalima Kinney, Ian Cole, Lorna Larsen-Jeyte

Directors Absent: Jeffrey Mermel, Melissa Fletcher, David Goodman, Amalie Dorn

Members/Guests Present: Zendo Kern, Lynn Melena, Ted Persig

Call to Order: Ian Cole called meeting to order at 5:05 PM.

Welcome/Introductions: Introductions shared to from Zendo Kern. There is not a quorum tonight.

Minutes from August 2018: hold vote until quorum in October 2018.

News/ Announcements: Harvest festival sold out. Final numbers not in: approximately \$10,000 brought in. Raffle increased this year; raffle made \$3,000.

Financials: Treasurer is absent.

Planning & Building: Meeting with Engineer Partners, Seth Warner, and school representatives covered using money prudently, getting kitchen installed, moving portable to Keakealani, and to do 2 segments of K-5 building (involving site prep, septic, utilities). Engineers are calculating cost to do these tasks. We will need septic and not bathrooms. As soon as we get cost estimates in next 2 weeks, then school representatives will meet with Tamar from PGA on funding opportunities.

Step one is the Use Permit: site is zoned residential so it requires Special Use Permit to bring it into compliance. Use Permit was sent in with traffic management plan, EA, drawings. Now going in front of Planning Commission in Hilo on October 4 at 9:00 am meeting. The final decision will come from that meeting. To get it approved, it is recommended to bring conceptual drawings, people to support, letters from people. There are 7 members on Planning Commission so 4 yes votes are needed. Zendo Kern will go up to the front to discuss and answer questions. Public testimony will be requested with 3 minute limit. Currently, there are is no opposition to the building project. Neighbors were notified already notified with 2 notices of date and time of meeting. Zendo will have opportunity to request postponement if some of the commissioners are absent. Appeals process is available if the Use Permit is declined. The decision might come back with conditions, which Zendo will look over with the school leadership

and adjustments may need to be made based on conditions. Traffic is likely the biggest issue and it has already been addressed.

After Special Use Permit is issued, plans will need to go through Planning Department for approval. The question of how long the Planning Approval Department approval process will take was discussed. The whole master plan or the phases individually may be submitted. Zendo Kern will check into whether it is better to submit in phases or to submit the whole site plan.

Committee Reports:

Other committees are not represented tonight.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned 5:45 PM

Next Meeting: 2nd Thursday of each month at 5:00 PM. Check school master calendar because it overlaps with school fall break.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by
Mara Saltzman, Secretary

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