

Volcano Cymbidium Acres
Road Maintenance Corporation
Annual General Meeting
Saturday, October 24, 2009

Prior to the general meeting, Mauna Loa Estates resident Sharon Pfaff gave a presentation. She is interested in organizing a runners' race event in Volcano to replace the recently discontinued Kilauea Wilderness Run that was in the national park. Sharon has extensive experience in putting on major races in both East and West Hawaii. She is a park ranger. She is well into the planning stages of a running event that would start and end at Cooper Center. She attended the VCARMC meeting to promote her project and seek Cymbidium Acres input. The discontinued Wilderness Run was the only run in the U.S. that goes through a rainforest. She would like to continue this distinction. After exploring by car most roads in Volcano, Sharon has become interested in having Cymbidium Acres be part of the race route. She cited the width and good condition of the roads and the rainforest environment. Saturday, August 21, 2010 is the proposed date. There would be a 5K and a half marathon. The route would be up Wright Road, into the Oloa Forest trail network and on Roads D and E and Laukapu in Cymbidium Acres. The race activity would last for about 5 or 6 hours with residential vehicular access in and out on a one-lane basis. Sharon would have the event insured by The American Runners Association. Participants would sign a liability waiver. These two conditions would absolve Cymbidium Acres owners from liability. Any and all rubbish would be picked up by race volunteers. Sharon hopes to have the race become an annual, national event, eventually to include a full marathon.

In order to move along with her plan, Sharon needs a response from Cymbidium Acres owners quickly, preferably "yesterday". She would like to start advertising the event soon.

The response – Meeting attendees were by and large in favor of the plan. People were pleased at the prospect of such a well-established community tradition being allowed to continue. Also cited were the financial benefits for Volcano businesses such as vacation rentals, restaurants, art galleries and general stores. Chief concerns were liability and rubbish. Despite previously-mentioned comprehensive insurance, lingering concerns were expressed about liability ultimately coming back to Cymbidium Acres owners. As was pointed out, owners would indeed be free from liability. Owners, however, could still conceivably be involved in a court case if a worst-case scenario played out. We would win a liability case but we would still have to go through it. When asked about television cameras, Sharon said there wouldn't be any, at least not for the first couple of years.

In the course of seeking community opinion, the question was raised as to exactly what legal standing the Board of Directors and the owners have in determining whether the race is in Cymbidium Acres or not. The VCARMC Bylaws do make reference to authority to determine use of the roads.

In conclusion, President McKenney and the Board of Directors voted to endorse the race's use of Cymbidium Acres roads on the condition that the president will look more closely at the

pertinent bylaws. Of all meeting attendees there were approximately 20 "yes" votes, Zero "no" votes and no abstentions.

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Board members present – Nat Baker, Robin Coonen, Adrian Hindin, Mary Lee Knapstad, Mike McKenney, Diane Ware. A quorum was reached..

Treasurer's Report – Funds in the American Savings account are \$21,050.36. We've so far had a 67% response with assessments, a normal amount for this time of year. It is expected that we'll reach somewhere in the 80s percentage after reminder notices go out in November.

Road Maintenance – All agreed-upon roadwork has been completed by Triple K Trucking (formerly Island Roads) and has been paid for. So we are up to date and square with them. Triple T continues to do regularly-scheduled roadside spraying and as-needed pothole filling

Speedbumps – The Board of Directors' decision to put in selectively-placed speedbumps was discussed. The Board's intent is to slow drivers down. Owner Bea Arnapole is adamantly against them, as she dislikes driving over them. Her husband's fishing boat trailer has a double axle which needs all wheels to be on the road surface at all times. Nat Baker said that will be possible with the type of speedbumps we want to put in. To support her position, Bea brought in literature citing emergency vehicle access and property values as issues that could be affected by the presence of speedbumps. As an alternative to speedbumps, Bea suggested the neighbors could talk to each other and ask each other to slow down. It was pointed out that there are "one-time" speeders who don't normally drive through Cymbidium Acres, and that neighbors talking to each other won't adequately address the problem. Residents aren't willing to spend time "playing policeman". Those who speed include residents, B & B guests, building crews and random individuals. Nat Baker says people from the ranch on Road A routinely go 40 or 50 mph past his house on Ke Koanui. Robin Coonen spoke against speeding from a pedestrian's perspective. Many residents would like the speeding to stop, and speedbumps would accomplish that. Bea feels that speedbumps are too big of an issue for the Board of Directors to unilaterally decide on doing. She offered to send out an impartial survey to all property owners about speedbumps. Citing the bylaws, President McKenney says the Board of Directors has the authority to vote to put in speedbumps. However, due to the strong objection raised, he agreed that a survey of owners is appropriate.

As a compromise, President McKenney offered to have three speedbumps on Laukapu and to not put any on Ke Koanui. This could be somewhat of a trial to see if drivers end up slowing down. Possibly there could be a future option to put some on Ke Koanui. It was recommended that B & B owners include a speed limit reminder in their guest confirmations.

The cost of six speedbumps put in by Triple T Trucking would be \$6,000. Presumably three speedbumps would cost \$3,000. This includes warning signs before each speedbump and painted yellow stripes.

A vote was taken on speedbumps: 3 against and 12 for. The Board will defer speedbumps pending response of the survey.

Road name changes – Owner Sharon Moraes took on the long-awaited project of giving Roads A, C and E Hawaiian names. The County moved very quickly to officially have the roads get new Hawaiian names. The Board had planned to put the name changes to a vote before the owners. However, our application was processed and approved before we could send out the vote. All owners on A, C and E received official notice of the name change. The County has also notified most pertinent agencies of the change. This would include the post office, the Police and Fire Departments, voter registration and others. Owners have concerns, nonetheless, about exactly what agencies may have extra requirements and costs associated with a name change. President McKenney will find out from the County Planning Department exactly what sorts of agencies might charge fees associated with name change. Also, he'll see if Triple T can do the new name signs and put the the old letter names on the signs as well.

Next Road Maintenance Project – Options are to fogseal all roads or resurface (chipseal) Ke Koanui. According to Kaiopua of Triple T Trucking, fogsealing all roads is recommended. It would cost about \$12,000 and would prolong the life of the roads Ke Koanui was last chipsealed 10 years ago.

The Board voted to discuss and hopefully decide on the next road maintenance project at the next quarterly meeting in January.

Bea Arnapole knows of another roadwork company that services Fern Acres' roads. She will find out more about the quality of their work and their prices. Triple T Trucking has been generally quite satisfactory to work with. It's good though to be aware of other available roadwork companies.

Meeting adjourned.