

# **Napili Community Garden Council Meeting**

Saturday January 25th, 2025

**Council Members Present:** Angela, Marie, Pauline, Jamie via phone

**Garden Members Present:** Poppy, Jacquelyn, Nancy, Carlito, Elpidio, Sisca, Diane, Chris

Call to order at 9 am

December Minutes: Angela made a motion to approve. Jamie seconded. All agreed.

Emergency Meeting January 16th Minutes: Angela made a motion to approve. Marie seconded. All agreed.

## **President's Report:**

On January 7th Angela, President and Jamie, VP met with MLP. That meeting was covered in the January 16th Emergency Meeting minutes.

On Thursday, January 9th the council had a workshop to clarify the roles of the Plot Manager, Membership Manager and Secretary. In attendance were Angela, Marie, Pauline, Jamie and Donna via phone. Role descriptions will be updated per the meeting. President, Vice President, Treasurer and Project Manager roles were not discussed at this time.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

None given. Treasurer is off Island.

## **Membership Coordinator Report:**

Marie has not heard from anyone interested in renewing since the January 16th meeting. One person has requested a refund. The reason given was they renewed having been told they would have their plot for the year only to be told on January 16th that they would have to move. They do not want to move and start all over again. In total before the refund is given we have had 7 renewals for a total of \$1,260.

**Plot Manager Report:**

None given.

**Project Manager Report:**

David Utley took the broken rototiller back to Honda. Julie is requesting a refund.

**Election:**

Marie and Julie have emailed the garden with their letter of intent to run for their current positions.

The deadline to submit a letter of intent is 5pm January 31st. At that time Pauline, Secretary will email the election committee and the council the names of the nominations. If there is only one person running for a position the position will be considered filled. If there is more than one person running for a position only those will be put on the ballot.

**Water:**

Julie, Treasurer/Project Manager had been working on the water situation but had to go to the mainland unexpectedly and has not been able to take care of anything. Other garden members have been approached to help but not been available.

Marie made some calls to see if anyone can provide potable water to the garden but could not find anyone who services Maui.

**Old Business:**

A list of questions collected from members attending the emergency meeting was sent to MLP on January 19th. A reply was received on Friday, January 24th. Pauline read out the questions and Angela read out their response. Angela also presented the map they sent us with a proposed new location. Per the current lease they need to give us 120 days notice prior to making us move.

The response to the MLP email was mixed with many feeling like only a couple of questions were answered.

Jamie made a motion to send another email with additional questions. Angela seconded. All agreed.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Marie suggested having MLP come to one of our meetings so we can ask questions in person. This was not supported by the President or VP as a previous motion was made to make sure that all communication with MLP is via email.

Jacquelyn suggested that the original questions be re-sent along with a list of new questions.

Marie made a motion that the garden does not move anywhere. Jamie seconded. Pauline agreed. Angela opposed.

Poppy addressed the council and said they had failed the gardeners in the way the emergency meeting was handled and felt it was completely one sided - only giving members one option which was to move or leave.

Poppy requested that the list of questions and MLP's response be sent out to all members.

A discussion regarding a separate committee who wish to save the garden followed and it was agreed more information will be provided as it becomes available.

Angela said she could not be the leader of the garden if the members want to fight against moving to a new location. As that was what the members wanted to do, she resigned.

Jamie made a motion that she, Jamie step up as President. Pauline seconded. All agreed.

Angela will help Jamie transition. Jamie is overseas until March but will be communicating via phone, text and email.

Ananda Stone, a founding member of NCG who is not currently a member has been working diligently to gather information from a variety of sources including Tamara Paltin, Angus McKelvey, the Mayor's office and others on what is going on with the proposed housing development and how it will affect the garden. She has formed a separate committee that will be known as Save Napili Community Garden.

Jamie made a motion to bring in Ananda's committee to combine with our gardeners to work together to save the garden. Marie seconded. All agreed.

Jamie made a motion to extend the January 31st deadline for 2025 renewals until the garden status is settled. Marie seconded. All agreed.

Angela will let MLP know that she has stepped down and all communication should go to Jamie and copy Pauline.

Chris volunteered to approach the University's agricultural program to see if we can get support.

Jamie made a motion to hire legal assistance using NCG funds if needed. Pauline seconded. All agreed.

The meeting ended at 11 am.

**Next meeting is Saturday, February 22nd at 9 am.**