

Minutes  
Board Meeting of the Napili Community Garden  
December 21, 2013 – 9:00 a.m.

Meeting called to order at 9:15 a.m. Present were Josie, Taressa, Steve, Brenda, Dave and Jamie.

Taressa chaired the meeting.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

To cultivate a community rooted in sustainability by providing a place for cooperative organic gardening.

**BUSINESS**

Some of the business to discuss included a master calendar of Board and General Meetings, along with Projects such as Food Bank, Work Lists, etc.

- We talked a little about the neighborhoods and contacts for each group and how we envision it working.
- Tentative calendar for 2014 for the Board and General Meetings is as follows:

<b>Board Meetings</b>	<b>General Meetings</b>
Jan. 11	Jan. 25
Feb. 8	Feb. 22
March 8	March 22
April 12	April 26
May 10	May 24
June 14	June 28
July 12	July 26
August 9	August 23
Sept. 13	Sept. 27
Oct. 11	Oct. 25
Nov. 8	Nov 22
Dec. 13	Dec. 27

- We discussed the berm closest to the gate and the difficulty seeing around it. We decided it might be best to knock the top off of the berm so people can see better if a car or bike is coming down the road.
- The parking area was discussed a bit. It is best that it stays where it is because there is a danger of damaging the water pipes if we try to drive over them to another area to park.

- Taressa shared that our main lease is in effect. Ulupono has been eliminated as the middle man. Tri Isle and ML&P do show the garden as having five acres and the paperwork has been updated.
- The drainage area was discussed. Once it is officially marked out and they begin the drainage channel, the garden may want to erect some sort of berm along the drainage area so it is not quite so unsightly.

The remainder of this particular Board Meeting was devoted to discussing the compost that was delivered by Eko Compost. Steve shared that Eko Compost contains a by product of sludge from sewage treatment plants. It seems that is now technically legal and referred to as a bio solid, rather than hazardous waste. Per Steve, who is very knowledgeable about organic compost, this compost may contain everything poured down a drain or down a toilet. A point was made that if you want organic soil, you have to control it all yourself.

When Jamie contacted Eko Compost, she was told it is the “premium” compost and although not certified organic, it was represented as “everything in it is organic.” It was recommended by several commercial gardens and also by Wes, so it was ordered.

We talked about what to do. The general consensus is that we don’t want sewage sludge in our compost. Steve shared some printed information that he had and we talked about what to do. We talked about what type of research needs to be done immediately, do we want it tested, do we cover it up, take it away, sell it, what is the best course of action? We don’t want to alarm people before we have our facts, but we don’t want people using the compost if there is sewage sludge in it either.

It was decided to put up a warning sign on the compost indicating it might not meet the garden’s criteria for organic. Jamie will contact Eko Compost right away to find out if sewage sludge is in fact in our load of compost.

It was suggested that we contact Haile Maile and see what they use, if anything, for their compost.

Perhaps we can sell or trade the compost to landscapers if it turns out it contains sewage sludge.

Another Board Meeting was planned for next Saturday, December 28, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. to further discuss the compost issue.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:07 a.m.