

## **Napili Community Garden**

### **March 30, 2013, Meeting Minutes**

Meeting started at approximately 8:20 a.m. Present from the Garden Council, as well as other garden members included: Josie , John Lewis, Dwayne Watson, Brenda Gourley, Steve Duckworth, and Keith Plumlee. Ananda, Freddie and Charlie joined meeting later.

- We talked first about the positions on the Garden Council and how best to proceed with nominations or elections. Josie shared that Anita has given notice to give up the Treasurer position and we are still in need of a Secretary. Brenda volunteered to serve as Secretary until such time as a nomination and/or election is conducted. Anita will turn over all records in mid-April and we will look for a Treasurer. John Lewis indicated that he is currently the Vice Chairperson and can continue to fill that role if necessary.
- It was suggested that we have a standing meeting at the garden at 8:00 a.m. on the last Saturday of each month. Most in attendance felt that was a good idea, but it also might be nice to have a garden member meeting in the evening on occasion, perhaps a “Full Moon Meeting” with a potluck or something along those lines.
- There was some discussion about the Rules and Bylaws of Maui Land & Pine as they pertain to the garden. Josie indicated that we will try to locate those.
- We talked about reinforcing the shed (in Eddie’s area) with some palm fronds so that we can meet there in the case of rain. This led to a lengthy discussion about “Eddie’s area”.
  - Josie shared that Eddie is in Haiku and he has picked up some of his things. Eddie has apparently indicated that he would like to still be involved in the garden in some capacity, but he would like to make money at it.
  - There is a memorandum of understanding that Eddie has, and several people indicated that they would like to see what the garden will allow Eddie to do to make money. Josie will try and make contact and invite Eddie to the next meeting, so we have a better idea of what he wants to do and what to do with that area.
  - There is some concern about the ponds and whether or not they present a safety hazard, particularly for children. It was pointed out that Eddie’s area is currently the highest risk area in the garden. Some would like to keep the tilapia ponds; others don’t think it is a good idea. We also discussed the possibility of fencing the area and again, what safety and liability issues might go along with that. Still open for further discussion.
  - There is also a stainless steel sink by the shed. Eddie hasn’t been at the garden for nearly a year and it will be important to determine what is his and what he plans on removing. Were the items purchased with his money or garden money? This may make a difference.

- We moved on to a discussion about water and water lines. Dwayne is monitoring the water pressure on a regular basis. There is now a relief valve at the bottom of the hill, and a pressure regulator has been installed. Dwayne has been cleaning the filters and taking care of the water lines. It was suggested that putting a screen 50 yards or so up might help, but it would need to be cleaned regularly too.
- We talked about the rogue water system and whether or not it is part of the leak. The budget is quite limited until the final water bill is paid. We don't know if we have any money to purchase anything to work on water lines or anything else. It was also unclear about the water we pay for and how much it is (we think \$0.40 per thousand gallons). We may not have to pay for water outside the meter, but we may pay for maintenance of some of the lines up the hill.
- Dwayne will continue to coordinate the water committee. He did say that he believed Charlie had access to a backhoe now and that might be of use if we need to dig a trench. Charlie had not yet arrived at the meeting, but Dwayne will touch base with him if that need arises.
- Steve told us that there were some items that may be donated to the garden, but we needed gas money to pick them/it up. Brenda shared that Larry travels all over the island for work. If he is notified he can pick things up if he happens to be in Kula or wherever the items are, and he does have a full size pickup truck. Gas money would not be necessary as he is there anyway.
- Steve also asked about the possibility of donations for a water tank, perhaps \$10.00 a person. There was some discussion about whether we should have a water tank, how much it would be and if the membership would donate. The cost would be approximately \$500 to \$600 completed. Steve indicated the ring could be donated, but it is in Hana. Brenda shared that it is hard to tell if the membership would donate enough until we try it, whether for this project or any other. There are probably people who would not be able to donate anything, but there are others that may be able to donate a little more.
- We talked about communication with garden members. Ananda volunteered a cork board for the shed so that notices can be posted and a list of priority projects for people that want to do community service. Josie will update Brenda with the plot assignments so that the log book can be completed for people to log their hours. They can also send their hours directly to Brenda, who will update the logs once a month.
- Ananda will administer a Facebook page for the garden. Josie will ask Linda to put a link from the website to Facebook.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m.