

# KAULUNANI URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM

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## **MINUTES**

August 10, 2023, 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM

**Location:** Institute of Pacific Islands Forestry  
(10:00 AM – 3:00 PM)  
60 Nowelo Street Hilo, HI 96720

Hale'ōlelo, University of Hawai'i at Hilo  
(3:30 PM - 4:30 PM)  
113 Nowelo St, Hilo, HI 96720

**Attendees:** Council members - Terri Koike, Noa Lincoln, Matthew Bauer, Matthew Loudermilk, Kevin Sullivan, Axel Defngin, Jesse Mikasobe-Keali'inohomoku, Alex Connelly, Kris Kokame, Katie Friday

Staff - Heather McMillen, Kate Wiechmann, Koki Atcheson

**Apologies:** David Smith, Kialoa Mossman, Desiree Page, Jennifer Maydan, Marie Williams, Danielle Frohlich

**Guests:** Chanel Yee, Emma and Marcie (cousins of Axel's), Kealohanuiopuna Kinney, Aurora Kagawa-Viviani

**10:00 am** Assemble at the Institute of Pacific Islands Forestry. Heather McMillen welcomed Council members and directed attention to the tragic fires and loss in Lāhainā, Kohala, and Kula.

**10:15 am** Opening - Kaulunani Poem & Welcome from Terri-Ann Koike in absence of Chair and Deputy Chair

**10:20 am** Review & approve [minutes](#) from May 11, 2023 meeting

Motion to approve minutes: Kevin Sullivan  
Second: Kris Kokame  
Decision: All in Favor  
**Approved**

**10:30 am** Individual updates from Council Members, staff, and guests.



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**Desirée Page**

*Hawaiian Electric*

**Kevin Sullivan**

*Department of Planning,  
Hawai'i County*

**Marie Williams**

*Department of Planning,  
County of Kaua'i*

**11:10 am** Noa Lincoln presented grants committee notes and recommendation for funding for the 2023 Community Grants round. Council was given the opportunity to offer comments on grantees.

Motion to approve community grants committee recommendation for the following applications at the listed amounts: Noa Lincoln

- Kaulana Kilauea \$6,854
- Koali Niu \$10,000
- Lā Ho'olulu Pae Moku / ReTree Hawai'i \$5,000
- Mahana Gardens \$5,410
- Malama Hamakua Maui \$5,679
- National Tropical Botanical Garden \$18,380
- Waikōloa Dry Forest Initiative \$14,100

Second: Matt Bauer

Decision: All in Favor

Approved

Motion to approve Aloha Tree Alliance's \$20,000 Community Grant application following grant committee's recognition of their understanding that they may not build a permanent structure: Noa Lincoln

Second: Matt Loudermilk

Decision: All in Favor

Approved

**11:40 pm** Heather led a discussion on re-envisioning council committee structure to a project-based approach. Council brainstormed ideas on initial projects, including teach-ins from council members, op-eds, revisions to the Forest Action Plan, nursery expansion and networking, and support for Maui in fire recovery efforts, hiring a consultant to identify gaps in policy for urban tree care.

**12:10 pm** Break for Lunch

**12:40 pm** Reconvene for discussion of State IRA competitive grant process. Koki, Heather, and Noa presented key decisions from committee meetings on the RFP, timeline, and Feedback on the timing, wording, and eligibility of different applicants and project components was provided. Kaulunani staff made plans to incorporate feedback and reconvene with the IRA grants committee and Miranda for final approval.

**2:15 pm** Tree Canopy Viewer Fellows' Presentations

- Chanel Yee presented on Wildfire Risk and Urban Expansion in North Kona and South Kohala

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- Dustin Palos presented on He Ana Nā Kumu Lā'au ma University of Hawai'i Maui College

**3:15 pm** Travel to Hale'ōlelo

**3:30 pm** Introduction to Lito Arkangel. Lito then provided a tour of native and culturally significant plants at Hale'ōlelo and shared the story of the project's origin and future intentions.