

Meeting Minutes
 Kekaha Host Community Benefits Fund
Meeting No. 63
 Kekaha Neighborhood Center, Kekaha, Kauai, HI
 April 20, 2015
 Meeting Time: 6:15 pm – 9:00 pm

CAC Attendees Present: Chair, Tony Ricci; Secretary; Evelyn Olores, Treasurer; Robert Jackson, Randy Chinen, Big Boy Kupo and Thomas Nizo. Jolina Felix arrived 6:25 pm Excused Absent: Vice-Chair, Myra Elliott and Stan Lazaro Non-Voting Members Present: Yvonne Hosaka		
Agenda Item	Minutes	Action
I. Call To Order/Roll Call	Meeting Called to order by Chair Tony Ricci. Evelyn Olores - Roll Call: Present: Tony Ricci; Secretary; Evelyn Olores, Treasurer; Robert Jackson, Randy Chinen, Big Boy Kupo and Thomas Nizo. Jolina Felix arrived 6:25 pm Excused Absent: Vice-Chair, Myra Elliott and Stan Lazaro	Meeting Called to order at 6:20 pm
II. Approval of Agenda	Big Boy moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Evelyn. No discussion.	Motion to approve Agenda moved by Randy Chinen and seconded by Big Boy Kupo. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.
III. Approval of Minutes	Motion to approve minutes dated: 3-30-15 moved by Big Boy Kupo, seconded by Evelyn. No discussion	Motion to approve minutes dated 03/30/15 moved by Big Boy Kupo, seconded by Evelyn Olores. No discussion. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.
IV: Financial Report Presented by: Robert Jackson	There hasn't been a change since our last meeting. There is still \$299,481,91 available to grant as of this date.	
Tony Ricci	Ok. Are there any other questions? Ok. Looking for a motion to receive the financial report.	
	Motion to receive financial report moved by Evelyn Olores, seconded by Jolina Felix. No discussion.	Motion to receive moved by Evelyn Olores, seconded by Jolina Felix. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.
V: Public Testimony Tony Ricci	We will move to public testimony. Do we have any public testimony? There be none, we will move forward.	
Tony Ricci	Ok. So let's move on to our New Business. We need a motion to defer this item.	
VI: New Business	a. Discussion and Possible Decision-Queen Liliuokalani Children's Center Project Proposal	
Tony Ricci	I have been informed that they have requested this matter be deferred to the May 18 th CAC Meeting date. I need a motion to defer.	Motion to defer agenda item a. Discussion and Possible Decision-Making, Queen Liliuokalani Children's Center Project Proposal moved by Big Boy Kupo and seconded by Evelyn Olores. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion passed

		unanimously.
Tony Ricci	Ok. We will move to item b under new business. Project report. Solarize Kekaha. You may come forward.	
VI: New Business	b. Discussion and Possible Decision-Making, Project Progress Report, Solarize Kekaha	
Dennis Eguchi	<p>Good evening CAC Board and community members. My name Dennis Eguchi, Kekaha Solarize Project. In following the financial report from our CPA and unfortunately, this report is about 3 weeks old which is when he put this together for us and within the last four days, we literally depleted most of all of our funds. So in doing that, we have thus far completed and paid for 126 systems of 141 so that leaves us 15 more systems that either are in permitting or with Island Wide in construction or waiting for KIUC last final approval to turn on so as of this evening we will be submitting for our last draw of \$78,000 which will cover the last 15 systems. So in the meantime, one particular contractor that promised for every 5 systems bought through him, he would donate 1 back to the community so we are have notified the people and in the process of starting the first 10. We are trying to see if we can actually finish the money from the County first before we progress but because of the way the timetable goes with KIUC, permitting and everything else, we decided to just go ahead and get the paper work going in advance. So, if that happens then what will happen is the project will probably run through almost the end of the year for us. So we are projecting that we should come up with a little bit money, might be extra, not enough for another system but to cover our liability insurance going forward for us. So as of right now, projected, we should do about 181 systems when we are completed, the CAC gave us \$702,000. 181 systems is an average savings of \$150.00 per month puts us over a little over \$300,000.00 a year in savings. So basically, we're close to 200 and 150.00 is \$30,000 a month by a year, 365 so we're just about 320 in return to the community. In other words, that's how much money the community has to put into their pocket to spend. So you guys gave us \$702,000 in 2 years and some months, we'll have all the \$702,000 back into the community hands so I'd like to let you guys know that we are very appreciative and the community is very appreciative that you guys were willing to let us go ahead and do this project and if you talk to anybody that's a recipient, they'll tell you. It's part of their grocery or stuff, you know \$150 extra for the next 20 years so the community is very appreciative.</p>	
Buddy Ayudan	<p>For the record, my name is Buddy Ayudan. At the point where Dennis was speaking about our movement forward with the next amount that we have that was gifted from the one contractor. One contractor gifted that to the recipients that 39 or 40 recipients that we going move forward with but also moving forward with input from the community and from a list and a number of residents in Kekaha, we, at the end of the project that was funded by the County and the gifted and we spoke among ourselves and we intend to move forward in the next phase which will be the 2nd round so we restart and spoke to the community members that are on this list and anxious to move forward so with their explanation from their side just sitting and waiting for the four of us I guess and whoever else going help us secure more funds and move forward on the second round so we have already tried to look at means and try and see if we can get appropriated funds and the whole picture comes around in a end about way if we do go and we get the support from the CAC board and from the community, we know we can get some figures and in return that would be brought back into the Host Community Benefit in Kekaha and we intend to put in for the next phase and I remember at the last meeting we asked if the committee could seek more avenues to increase the funding we get that comes in and Bruce Pleas started by asking the County for a Million Dollars so through I guess working together, maybe we can figure out what could be approached to the County and we kind of threw it in you guys lap at the last meeting an I guess Myra said she went and checked and she remembered something from kinda way back when, when Bruce and Thomas and I guess a bunch of you wrote something up and sent it to the County. But not sure. So, from what we had gather anyway from the community with this numbers that we already sitting on, and they're hoping that we can move forward to the next phase. They're only fashion of relating back was because it benefits the community best was the majority of their answers so that's basically just something that I wanted to relate back from the community. Thank you.</p>	
Dennis Eguchi	<p>So, I wasn't that Buddy was gonna touch on this but um basically we've been trying to see if we can get more funding and we are quite sure that we might be able to get more funding and I guess on the next meeting we'll let you guys know definitely if we can. We in a sense have a small problem is that if we can, we are going to try to see if we can get approximately \$800,000 a year. The money will actually come back to the CAC. So if we decide to do anything, that means we would have to come back to you</p>	

	guys and go through the numbers but I'm quite sure that if we do this, we going get the community's support. Everybody out there wants something for themselves. Unfortunately, if we ask for this money, we're gonna ask it for the long term. In other words, \$800,000 until we lose the landfill a year. Not \$100,000 or something like that. We're gonna ask for it a year. Our project can only go for one more year. That's it and the reason being is 2016 the status for tax exemptions on the solar stuff will still remain the same but in 2017, the federal government is gonna drop it down by 10% that means we're not gonna be able to get a system for that price and it's gonna benefit the companies that gave us the system so if we try to do something, we can only do it next year and if we cannot, then at least we tried. But if we can get the funds then we will definitely come back to you guys requesting some funding and hopefully, we not going ask for everything but we wanna be able to at least get enough to maybe finish our list at least. But with that being said, our system because it was \$5,000 for 15 panels and it was a special, the contractor that actually offered this actually ended up 285 systems across the island that was associated to Kekaha's project so we didn't only benefit our community, but 285 other people throughout the island so right now, you talk to somebody about solar, they'll say, Oh, Kekaha's project? Can I get that price? And they know already and it's attributed to you guys for letting us do this.
Tony Ricci	I have one question for clarification. So you're having conversations with the County with regards to 2016 trying to get more funding, \$800,000 of funding because I think they approved \$189,000 plus the interest so roughly, \$198,000. So are you trying to work with them to get \$800,000 on top of what they have as pending allocation?
Dennis Eguchi	So what we're gonna try to do is get the county to commit \$800,000 total for the entire time we host the landfill. Basic reason being is that the County has not secured a place for the new landfill yet. They went out and talked about it but they haven't had any support from those communities so far so we've been talking to some of the council people and telling them hey if we have this thing come up, we want you to support us. It kind of looks like we may get this support so we need to sit with the Mayor now and the Mayor say he's not going to veto this or say, let me propose something for you guys. But what we going basically tell them is, we the people of Kekaha have hosted the landfill for 50 years and they gave us how much money, \$800,000 for 50 years ok. Wouldn't it be nice if they gave us enough money for another community to say you know what, for that much money I'll host the landfill during the next round and that's the problem. Who wants the landfill? There's nothing to gain from it. But 50 years for \$800,000? I mean geez boy they took us so cheap that I just don't understand how the community of Kekaha accepted that.
Tony Ricci	Are you guys, do you have an alternate plan just in case the County doesn't come up with that kind of money to go full swing with your project. Are you looking at down scaling or an alternate plan?
Dennis Eguchi	If the County doesn't come up with the money, we don't know where else we could get the money. We talked to the guys at the State and we cannot get anything from the State right now. We might be able to get money from the Federal Government only after the landfill is closed. Then we can get Federal funds so by that time, it's gonna be too late for our project anyway. If we cannot get more funding at all, basically for the community itself, then we not going move forward because there's no funding for us.
Tony Ricci	Well, I wasn't sure if there were any electrical groups that you were trying to get involved with or Nationally, just a suggestion.
Dennis Eguchi	I tried contacting Blue Planet because we worked with them before but the problem is, once the Feds reduce the tax incentive, there's no reason to do solar. That's the problem.
Robert Jackson	Are you guys using one contractor or several?
Dennis Eguchi	No. Several. If we do this again it'll be the same way. Everyone choose their own. You come and you go talk to your own cliental, you solicit your own people like how we did it and basically the recipients should have the right to choose their own.
Big Boy Kupo	But not all of them are giving back to the community a free system right?
Dennis Eguchi	Right. Only one contractor did.
Big Boy Kupo	So why can't homeowners just go with the plan since they giving back?
Dennis Eguchi	We were told at the start of the program that we would be and the County would be liable if we had the money and said, this is the best guy for you, this is who you're gonna get. And by opening up and

	saying, hey you know what, you can get a 5000 system and you choose who you want to use because if something went wrong in the future, they made the decision with them not us.
Tony Ricci	Yea because the contract is with them
Buddy Ayudan	On that portion too Mr. Kupo, what had happen was all the decisions that had come up and put our project together, we kept um real wholesome with the community so the way it was made, it was decided by them so that was the reason, they voted that they wanted to have contractors that they knew or their kids worked with so we left um up to them to decide and the community had vote on all this. If I had my way from the very beginning, I would have gone on how you was speaking because we couldn't.
Tony Ricci	But the County Attorney advised you not to.
Buddy Ayudan	Yea. That was my opinion. I felt, One contractor who could do um all and we would have gotten the best price but we put um out to bid to all the contractors but we kept um wholesome.
Tony Ricci	Well thank you gentlemen.
Dennis Eguchi	One last thing.
Tony Ricci	Ok. Go ahead, please.
Dennis Eguchi	As we get closer trying to secure more funds. We're gonna update you guys and we're actually going to ask you for support because as we get closer and we're gonna have to get the community to support us if we get funds, basically, we'll try to take some of the funds for one year and what's left, we're not gonna take anything else for our project because there's no incentive to. Ok. Any questions?
Tony Ricci	No. Thank you for all the effort and energy you're putting into this.
Buddy Ayudan	Can I just say one more thing. If anyone wants to do a photovoltaic system out of their pocket, right now, we have one contractor that willing to do a 30 panel set up for \$13,800.00 and that is real cheap.
Tony Ricci	7.5 system?
Buddy Ayudan	7.825 system. Let me know if you know of anyone interested. For anybody.
Tony Ricci	Ok. Thank you. Moving on to New Business. C. Project report. Ke Kula Niihau Food Service Project.
VI. New Business	c. Discussion and Possible Decision-Making, Quarterly Progress Report, Ke Kula Niihau O Kekaha Food Service Project.
Tia Koerte Ke Kula Niihau o Kekaha School	Aloha Ka Kou. Tia Koerte and Hoku Char. We have the narrative version of my slide show in front of you. Basically I just went line item by line item on our budget sheet and will be giving an update on that. As far as the work completed up to date, our Food Service Manager, Hoku has continuously provided daily plans, mid-morning snacks and lunches for our students and staff. He has also taught two semester electives on food nutrition, menu planning and food preparation and he had six students per class and a total of 12 for this semester. He's also done weekly K to 12 enrichment classes so it's once a week where all K to 12 students have a 30 minute class. Basically the idea came from Rachel Rays 30 minute meals so the goal for that class is for the students to learn prepare a quick say afternoon snack or a quick meal that they could possibly provide and cook for their family when they go home. He provides the recipe and a quick demonstration on how to prepare that particular dish or dishes and then they get to take it home and actually sample it every Wednesday. He's also helped in the community, not necessarily directly here in Kekaha but for Waimea youth baseball in helping with some food booth preparation work and the Waimea Town Celebration this season. He sat with and met with the Hawaii Child Nutrition program last month, I was unable to attend that meeting but he was there to get the information. He was also an integral part in planning our April school and community education sessions and give away. So just in a nutshell some of the things that Hoku has been involved with over the past few months since the start of the school year. Our kitchen equipment. Yay. We were able to order all of our kitchen equipment and they were

	<p>received and we're very grateful for this and Hoku is very excited as he gets to use all of this top of the line kitchen equipment on a day to day basis. So just a few snapshots here. And even as simple as silverware, we're very happy to have silverware. Our lunch plates, three-compartment lunch plates, pots and pans and Mahalo again.</p> <p>As far as Malama Kaua'i is concerned, they've also been doing work in collaboration with us. They've been making regular fruit donations to our food program, they've facilitated meetings with the Hawaii Child Nutrition Program to explore the option as set in our objectives to receive Federal reimbursements as said again and along with Hoku, planned and facilitated two out of the three school and community education sessions and plant giveaways so the three topics are Ulu, Kalo and Mai'a. We've actually already done Ulu and Kalo so Mai'a is this Saturday at the school. They've also applied for a separate A&A grant to further support our school especially our food program around the USDA guidelines in becoming a school food authority because with the federal guidelines, one thing is to get it, but to manage it would be a 20 hour a week paid position and we don't currently have that capacity at our school. So this A & A grant is going to further help in that aspect specifically for the management of the USDA food program and federal program. They've also been working with various organizations to begin our garden expansion. So they've started soil testing and mapping out the grounds. They asked us for a blueprint and we can't seem to find a blueprint of our school so they've been helping us and making those calls to the various people to create a blueprint for us, mapping out the school area and also where we would want potential gardens around the school.</p> <p>I just wanted to also show you a few pictures of our Ulu and Kalo educational series that were on April 4th, April 11th and like I said, April 25th, this Saturday is the last of our series. Our keiki get to come out and they invite various presenters and they speak on traditional usage of each of these plants and then they get to adopt a plant and take it home and plant in their own yard. On the right here were our Kalo presenters, so not only do they learn about the usage of the plant, we not only invite cultural practitioners who share in their experience and knowledge of these various plants along with food demonstrations as well so here are some photos of Ulu prepared as well as Kalo in different ways.</p> <p>As far as our inventory system and software is concerned, we did do a little bit of exploring in which would be best and we already had a school inventory system and since we had personnel who is trained in using the inventory system, we decided to use that inventory system to manage the more costly items. Our food service program supplies involve purchasing, ink, all that kind of stuff, to print menus, pens, etc.</p> <p>Our food safety certification training, we're currently exploring options for summer training. We decided that it would be hard since Hoku is needed Monday through Friday to prepare our meals, the idea of a summer training came to mind so that not to remote him away from the school for a period of time.</p> <p>Adjustments or proposed adjustments. Kalamai but I do have a proposed adjustment. We were \$659.44 over on our budgeted Kitchen equipment budget which was \$15,000 flat so our grand total was \$15,659.44. \$626.28 of that was tax alone so we really just went over about \$33 for that budget line item. So we wanted to propose that we use \$1000 line item budgeted for the inventory system for this year to transfer \$626.28 to Kitchen equipment to cover that shortage and the remaining \$340.56 to be carried over into year two. I am not sure as to what the process is for us to do that but I just wanted to give you a head's up and I can do whatever we need to do that needs to be done later.</p> <p>So other than that, no real major adjustments or proposals except for that.</p> <p>Our next step. We will continue to work closely with Malama Kaua'i to flush out our food program for year one as well as close out. Approval of menu's. There were templates and samples of approved menus from the Child Nutrition Program that they provided so currently Hoku is working on developing menus to be proposed and approved by them. Also, choosing our reimbursement program. So there's a breakfast program, there is a lunch program as well as fresh fruit and vegetable. So there is three different kinds of programs. So we gotta sit down and talk about what we can handle as an organization and maybe taking it in small steps instead of jumping in head first for all three at one time. We'd like to create a system for successful execution of our program in year two as well as complete the garden design and following that installing the school garden. That's it. Mahalo Nui again to the committee for allowing us this opportunity to expand our food program and kitchen. Are there any questions?</p>
Tony Ricci	Thank you Tia. Are there any questions members?
Tony Ricci	Tia, I have a couple. I just wanted to clarify. You mentioned the A & A grant, ok so in our proposal discussions when all of this was going about for approval, you know the US Government was like a real subsequent factor knowing that was a top priority mainly for your sustainability to make this go in the

	future because without their help, you won't be able to do this and I believe in our discussion we talked about knowing we would have a roughly 20 hour worth of paper work to keep that alive so I'm just worried, how close are you in making this happen because we know, with Malama Pono's help, this discussion with the Big Island group, you know you're thinking by the end of 2015 you'll have kind of in place knowing that funding can be there as you move forward. So is that still in your view? I know you're short staffed.
Tia Koerte	Right. That's definitely still in our view and that was one of the major goals for proposing this and so what Malama Kauai did was in applying for the A & A grant, they can provide a person, a single person staff to do just that with a 20 hour paid position so in the meeting with the Food Nutrition folks, it comes down to the approval of the menu portions, maybe Hoku can speak more about this but basically, it's just following their guidelines very closely and we can within a 30 day turnaround if we really put our boots and gloves on, we can get it.
Tony Ricci	Ok. It's sounding like that's all progressing and that's my main concern heading in that direction and the A & A grant, that's something that looks like you're going to be able to get?
Tia Koerte	Yes and actually, the work we put in for this grant really helped to give a lot of the background and leg work in order to apply for that grant because actually, last year prior to applying for this grant, we thought about applying for the A & A grant, we didn't have much information but now that we've gone a whole year pretty much in doing the work, that's what Malama Kauai was able to use in order to apply for the A & A grant.
Tony Ricci	Ok. Is this A & A grant something that goes yearly to supplement that employee to do that?
Tia Koerte	Yes. It could be however, once the Federal subsidy comes in, that's what will provide funding for that and I know it's still a big need for St. Theresa and Kanaka school and I've been in contact with Mary Jean as well as Auntie Heddy from Kanaka and they're just waiting and have said, Tia just let us know when we can start buying lunches from you and we'll do it. It's definitely a need for Kekaha anyway.
Tony Ricci	Ok. Great. Any further discussions? Ok. Well congratulations. That's really coming forward and I'm sure you're happy and thank you very much and thank you for keeping up with the progress report.
Tia Koerte	Yes we're very happy. Mahalo Nui
Tony Ricci	Ok. Moving to section 7. Unfinished business.
VII. Unfinished Business	a. Discussion and Possible Decision Making, Project Proposal, Wai Wai Waiawa
Tony Ricci	He's not here. Did he know he was on the calendar?
Yvonne Hosaka	Yes. Not sure if when you met with him if he shared anything with you.
Tony Ricci	Well, Ok. I can fill in to the point of what I know. DHHL, a CAC members, you got an email from Yvonne about the meeting and who ever could make it out there. DHHL was going to meet out at the site, Waiawa, to go over basically due to our letter about the long term lease and our concerns involving that and so I was able to make it and went out there and met with Aila who is the assistant director of DHHL and another gentlemen who I can't remember his name right now. So basically, there were talking to them about their needs as far as our concerns, the community's concerns about whether that thing would be if they got money something would get pulled away from them in two to three years so they were all for his project and then keeping the lease thing and then they would work on something. They are doing a whole new system, DHHL, and it's gonna take a little while to implement it but they are going into this longer term lease as far as on paper cause I guess it's come up with several other concerns on properties even though it's always been that year to year agreement thing so they are working on that, they said it may take them about a year to get all of the factors in and that's why they were out there so that shows a lot of support as far as they're concerned because they came here which I was happy to see. I told them that their project is still on our books and it's still viable and basically we had funding for his grant kinda in the hiatus status just to see whether it's a go or no go as things implement but we're giving them time to get it all together and it was very positive, DHHL is all for it and giving him the support and they will work on that but they asked Hena to do was and he is in the process and he needs to write them a letter as far as what they want to do as far as clearing the ravine;

	<p>the existing water shed area; and clearing the lands how it once was, basically getting all of the elephant grass and stuff out of there; and they are also going to send in, DHHL is paying for the soil testing which will be starting I want to say July or August. They are going out there to do the soil testing around the existing house and all around that surrounding property and they will be paying for that so that is something that they are moving forward with knowing that he's working on getting the land developed. Again, I reiterated with Aila that the Ag community is in support of this project and that they are willing to come in with equipment to help him but they did not want to go over without something from DHHL so that there are no repercussions or liability on their end so they insured me that they would get him that letter approving the work that he wants done so that would allow people to come in and help him without any liability issues but that was it. I was kinda just listening and talking with them as part of the CAC to say that we got his proposal, we wrote the letter and that we overall think it's a good idea for the west side but he just has to move it on their end. So are there any questions? Ok. So it's still kinda in limbo but it's moving at like Aila said, the bureaucratic red tape pace, but they are moving it all forward do so that's it. I think we should have him, ask him to come in May because by then he should have had his paragraph written to DHHL about what he was presenting as far as clearing the ditch and what not. Ok.</p>
Tony Ricci	Ok. Unfinished business.
VII. Unfinished Business	b. Discussion and Possible Decision-Making, Setting a limit on project proposal.
Tony Ricci	Ok. I wasn't here at last month's meeting, we tabled it correct? Ok. Big Boy would you like to talk about this?
Big Boy Kupo	Yes. I brought up this topic because there were many organizations wanting some kind of grant from CAC so I was thinking, to be fair to so many organizations coming to us and asking us for a grant, I wanted to set a limit if it's sounds feasible with the rest of the members. So that was my concern because who ever came to us for a grant, we would have enough money to assist them. That's about it. That was my reason for that, or a suggestion.
Tony Ricci	Ok. Thank you. I understand where that's coming from as the funds are now, we're looking at \$198,000 for 2016 and as big grants go out, it depletes things really fast. Now this is besides Solarize Kekaha as they are looking at their own supplemental monies coming from the County but if we look at it as a whole right now as we're looking at \$198,000, I understand the concern where as if we're giving out \$60,000, \$70,000 grants, it really limits us to what, how we can spread the wealth as they say so I understand that theory and part of it I'm in agreement with it. I know Thomas must have brought this type of chart way back when we were first getting the funds. How many years ago was this? Three or Four. So have people seen this chart. You should all have a copy of this. And this is just in, ok, hold on one second and I understand where this is going as far as giving different categories. So this is the kind of thing that we do need to kinda think about possibly if are looking at \$200,000, 190's, 180's the biomass is gonna start taking some other stuff so there won't be any green waste down here, it's gonna take away some tonnage and it's a good idea for us to start thinking about how we're gonna keep this money stretching and being able to do multiples with 10 or 15,000 grants rather than these 2 to 3 big ticket items and we're done. So is there discussion on any other ideas? Have you guys thought about this?
Yvonne Hosaka	Myra did email me her thoughts and she wanted me to share with all of you as part of the discussion that she is against setting a limit and that the CAC ultimately has the final decision as to what amounts they would award anyway.
Tony Ricci	Ok. I understand where Myra is coming from at the same time where we want people to come in because we still get to evaluate what their presenting to us and then we can say that's too high and we can help them cut back on it, just like the Waiawa Project. It's a perfect example. It came in higher and we're trying to help him rein in his idea as far as dropping his budget down to where it's more viable to where he can get the help otherwise we would have just shut him down right from the get go. I think his first proposal was \$300,000 or something and he's dropped it down to about \$40,000. I mean, there's no need to, um do we want to make a proposal, I mean, does this make sense, do we have a direction we want to go towards? Keep it status quo knowing that we're using our judgment and that we just kinda, if people come in initially, like we talked about, if they sit here with the first idea and we kinda drop them out of the gate knowing that those numbers are too high kinda saves them from wasting a lot of time. I just hate to see people which I agree with Big Boy where they come in here and they do a lot of paper work and it's an item that would deplete our budget right off the get go of course we're not

	going to agree to that because it doesn't, it shuts everything else down so I would just like to try to see if there's a way for us to catch those people writing the grants that they kind of realize that parameters might be a little more restrictive because the money is getting a little lower than initially. I think we started this year with close to \$400,000 and I think we're going to go into 2016 less than \$300,000. So um, am I reading this right depending what we have to pay out yet. We have Solarize Kekaha.
Yvonne Hosaka	Outstanding right now we have, Waimea High School Project Grad, \$4,200.00; 4 th of July Celebration, \$35,000.00; Solarize Kekaha, I believe their last draw is \$78,000.00; Food Service Program, Ke Kula Niihau o Kekaha, \$60,000; and then a few others that didn't get their last 10%. There hasn't been any activity up until last months' meeting and the draw-downs from Solarize Kekaha. We'll have an updated report at our May meeting.
Tony Ricci	Ok. So from what we show as our balance we still need to minus the most recent awarded proposals. Ok. So Big Boy I understand exactly where you're coming from and I think as a board we have to scrutinize and it is our duty to...
Thomas Nizo	Excuse me, Mr. B has a question.
Tony Ricci	Ok. I'm sorry. Come up
Jose Bulatao Public Testimony	Jose Bulatao, Kekaha resident. I am very appreciative of the attempts to be very proactive in trying to deal with the allocation proposals that are coming before you and in listening to what has transpired this evening, I would encourage you to consider to continue to be as proactive as you have been and to be assertive by asking really the community to support the CAC because it is not the work of the CAC to beat the drums. The CAC members were appointed by the County official. You were given the responsibility to handle the allocation of funding requests and now through the work that has gone throughout the years, we have discovered that people are demanding or requesting for more than what has been allocated. It has been very clear from the time that I was on the CAC and it continues to be so now that the allocations coming from the county to this community is very sparse and very minimal and I think this was a concern from the very beginning that what we were fighting about long ago is the same thing that you're fighting today and I think that it's time for the community to back up the CAC in making the demands as it's been suggested. If you're going to ask for \$800,000.00 for something specific like this solar voltaic project or any other request coming in. You're not asking for money to put into your pockets. You're asking for money for the community and so what you're asking for from the county is justifiable in terms of the number of years the landfill has been placed here for 60 years for that matter and will continue to go for another 10 to 15, 20 years as it may be. Because they put that landfill in the first place without a proper lining to begin with, the adverse effects on our community and our environment is even grater for being stuck in a situation where we had no control over it at that time, we have no control over it now, and the community needs to be supportive of what you're doing. Now I want to get this straight. I'm not saying that this is your job to go beat the drums. What I'm saying is that, and you folks already know it. The political careers are subject to certain requirements as it may be. The mayor cannot run for office after this term; so you're gonna deal with a new mayor, the selection of the 7 council members will depend again on the top 7, so there are iffy situations. You'll be dealing with new personalities and new arrangements but the community and the CAC is still stuck with the awesome responsibility and the request coming for more money is a valid one but again, not the job of the CAC members to handle on its own. I don't think its fair for us to require that of you and I am not doing that. I'm saying that we need to get together to find out what we can do to get more money. Now one of the things and I'll close here. When Robert was making his report, the financial report. I didn't hear and I should have asked the question then. Is that money still earing interest for the community and if it is, than it should be reported separately as such so that we know how much interest is being generated.
Tony Ricci	It is. It is.
Jose Bulatao (Public Testimony)	Ok. But that information wasn't clear today. Ok and if that money that the County is appropriating annually, what ever that amount is, that interest should be counted at that time when that thing is officially in and counting so that there is clear evidence that that money is earning interest for the community and the community realizes this. Thank you very much.

Tony Ricci	Thank you. Ok Please come up. FYI, as soon as Solarize Kekaha brought up the subject of getting more money, I've made a note that as chair of the CAC to go and make an appointment with the Mayor. I believe it is our Kuleana to go out there and support what you're ideas are.
Dennis Eguchi (Public Testimony)	I gotta say, Mr. Bulatao always says it best all the time and I think from day one he's been advocating for more funds from day one. Getting back to this proposal, I don't know about you guys but I kind of like the concept but I don't think it's the right time for us to do it and the reason being is because when I don't have enough money, I know exactly how much to budget because I don't have money. It's when I have a lot of money, that's when I have a problem so I'd like to see this proposal set aside and if we get more funds because if we say sitting on less than \$200,000, you guys not going give one grant to somebody for \$100,000, that's it, plain and simple. But if we get more money and you guys are sitting on \$800,000.00 a year going forward than we have a problem because guys going come in and yeah we get plenty money so you know it's easier to give and that's when I can see something like this can really help us then.
Tony Ricci	Yes
Buddy Ayudan (Public Testimony)	I wish I had seen this earlier. I wanna ask about three things. When you had look at doing this, you probably had do your homework all the way back from day one and when we first started giving out the grants you probably was thinking about it already and um, I neva had time to look at um and I get poor eye sight and I no can read um good, and I curious if we ever gave it a thought and went back to who this funds supposed to go to and according to what I received from the very beginning, it was for the Kekaha residents that had live in Kekaha and had reside in Kekaha for the last 50 something years. And what it was was funds that was given from the County because we host the landfill. When this was to take place um, from now and for as long as we get the landfill and where the funds supposed to be used for, here in Kekaha to benefit the Kekaha residents and like I said going back to the beginning when we first wrote our grant, we stayed in the guidelines, that's why we said only the Kekaha residents or else we would have had to put it out to every single person that is in Kekaha even if you no live here and get one house here and why again, because this is what it was made for, the Kekaha residents to benefit from. Now I understand we like help anybody and everybody, but um kinda going back to Big Boy's limitations on funding, I no like be one bad guy. I in the community and I neva live here all my life but I've been here for a long time already and I going do anything for our community in the best way I can. Um, sticking to the perspective that it was funded for the Kekaha residents, that's why our grant went in and our benefits to the community, \$250,000 each year relief from the ones already that had get a grant from our project and um you know, that's a lot of money and I think, we in the next three years, the funding that they will receive from this benefit, I almost positive all the guys that had work Kekaha Sugar company all their life neva assume that much money and I'm a numbers person, numbers drive me crazy. It has to come out to the penny and I've been working on our funding project for you know from 2013, 2012 but getting back to Mr. Kupo's project limitation. A lot of our funding that has been going out, it's not exactly only for Kekaha residents and from day one you know we kinda discouraged because the funds supposed to be for the residents but we neva stop anybody.
Tony Ricci	Well just one second Buddy. Like when we do our discussion, for example when we do the W Basketball. We're counting the kids from Kekaha only and that's where the budget numbers pretty much come from and I believe we're doing a pretty good job in trying to have them show us that their number count is for the residents and not just for their project. I agree with you but I believe we do try to watch for that.
Buddy Ayudan	I took that all in but what I'm getting back from our residents in Kekaha is, how that going benefit us and I tell them you know they do um around Kekaha or some of them from Kekaha and this and that and that's my simple explanation and I get that all the time and I'm sure you guys get that all the time too.
Tony Ricci	Well next time Buddy, have them come to the meeting so that we can talk with them. If they don't come then it doesn't count. That's it. Everybody can talk behind the door, but they should come it.
Buddy Ayudan	No it counts. It counts. We hear that but what I'm saying is how you going answer that question. Ok. I'm hear. Tell me how the Waiawa project benefits the residents?
Tony Ricci	Yes. You may come up.

Jose Bulatao (Public Testimony)	<p>I'll try to make this as brief as possible. When you compare apples to oranges, you think of difficulty because although they're both fruits, they have different flavors and they're used in different ways ok. So getting to Buddy's question, Take a bullying project that a school may want to have some funding so that the children in the school may realize how terrible bullying is. Do you think that program should only be for the Kekaha students at the school or will the Kekaha students gain a big benefit along with everybody else because we funded something that had a value for all. Now if the Kekaha students benefit along with someone that came from Pakala, Hanapepe or where ever else and they got the essence of it, is it not beneficial? So if you're gonna say that this is something that only Kekaha residents will benefit from, I think that it's cruel hearted to say that that's the only way that this funding can be disbursed.</p>
Tony Ricci	<p>Thank you. I'll answer your question Buddy if you want to come back up here.</p>
Buddy Ayudan	<p>My question was Waiawa Project.</p>
Tony Ricci	<p>Yes. Well, all of these projects like he said have apples and oranges and we have to weight them out and that's why we're here and that's why we're sitting here right now because we get to weigh them out. They're proposal, if you read his proposal was basically because his project is geared for the youth of Kekaha and other kids eventually can use that educational platform. But his whole idea when he presented this was to get our schools, our schools are local, the kids are close, this is their field trip. This is something they can organize to go out there several times during the month or twice a month, whatever they work out. Again. We look at the parameter as the guideline just like you're project, you have your scope, you know the details of it, we just see the outline and agree with what you're trying to do and agree and say, here, run with it. So, my whole thing from the beginning and I think I can even quote it is I would love my granddaughter to have the opportunity to be exposed to the culture that he can give. On the plans, on the growing, on that whole Hawaiian culture that could be in our own back yard so he's proposal is basically like he had said, to help provide the food to the local schools. This is where they want to have school kids come out and help and learn what this stuff is all about. It's not just a farm that he's gonna go out to sell at a farmer's market. Eventually he will get to that point. That's on him. We're just here to help him get a foot on the ground like you got your foot in the ground with your project and now you're trying to keep this thing expanding and going just like every project. As far as it whether benefits Kekaha? To me I look at it as a huge benefit to Kekaha. That can be a cultural destination to Kekaha. My whole theory is, get the people over the bridge. We gotta get people over the bridge. That's everything I do with the race track; everything I do like dealing with like what Thomas does, we gotta get the people over here to spend the money in Kekaha weather is stays here in Kekaha or Waimea, it doesn't matter, it gets to the point where we're a really tight community. We just need the flow here and he can end up benefiting Kekaha with a cultural destination that becomes a tourist thing viable for stores over here that now maybe could be leased out. We gotta look into the future. His project is really a small thing but I can see potential growth to help us in the long run and that's how I look at most things that we're trying to look at. Not the short term, just like your project, hopefully we can beat the drum and get more money anybody gets solar in Kekaha and from this example maybe Waimea can fall into place with some way. Everything is apples and oranges. It's never the same one thing so we gotta look at things sometimes outside of the box and look down the road. Where is it 10 years from now, 20 years. No body looked down the road 50 years ago when the dump went in. No one looked down the road 30 years ago when the dump kept growing. And then after Iniki, no one paid attention when the dump really became a dump. So this is part of it. It's hard to do, but this is what we're trying to do. And to me, that's why his project is still viable because there's potential there and I think part of Big Boys whole thing is we don't want to shoot anybody down, like Myra and everything else. We don't want to shoot anybody down until their proposal comes through and we see if it's viable. I mean I think if we didn't do it that way, Solarize Kekaha would have got shot down from the beginning because nobody knew how to implement that so I mean, the County helped you, you learned and this is where the course of the two years of headaches, it finally got together and we said yes it's doable otherwise we would have given up right from the beginning you know so that's my take on it, but that's it. Does that kind of answer where my train of thought is. And then Thomas has something to add.</p>
Buddy Ayudan (Public Testimony)	<p>I guess that's your personal opinion yea.</p>

Tony Ricci	It is and I'm saying that here.
Thomas Nizo	<p>Yes. So I understand where you coming from. I understand where Uncle Big Boy is coming from. I made this chart model the first time I came on this CAC board and taking Mr. B's time and effort and Auntie Evelyn guys you know, they all sat here way before I came along. As far as having this budget planned out, just a note, if you look at that RFP, the administration part, you can take that out because the county funds that part. If you add up all of those numbers, the granting piece is \$193,500. They County gives us approximately 198,000 every year so I'm just saying, for me, budget is everything. I don't care if we're doing it when we're fat or doing it when we're skinny, budget is a budget. Being proactive and having somebody see oh if I go after a certain category and it's, you know we've granted \$6,000 out of that category and my grant is asking for \$2,000, then I'll put in that leg work and go do it because I know there's money there for me to go after in that category. For me, that's how I think at work. It's all about budget and categorizing work and how that gets done. As far as Uncle Buddy's thing about Kekaha residents. I think it comes down to, how do you define a Kekaha resident? Is that Kekaha resident a tax paying person? Is that your definition of a Kekaha resident because if that's what it is then we shouldn't be funding the, not only Waiawa. We shouldn't be funding the kids, we shouldn't be funding anything youth because they're not tax paying residents. So you need to clarify or you need to tell us what is a Kekaha resident because if that's what it's classified as then all of the things that we've funded to date, some of those things like the Kekaha 4th of July, not everybody that attends that is paying taxes so if that's what is defining a Kekaha resident, then this whole thing needs to be re-thought. You know what I mean? What is the definition of a Kekaha resident? In my definition, and it's my personal opinion and that's the reason I'm sitting here, it's all of those things on those categories from youth to the elderly to people actually actively be paying taxes, anything, and everybody that lives in Kekaha should have an opportunity at this money. Not only the homeowner, not only the person who pays taxes in Kekaha and that's just my own personal opinion. The CAC board can strike that and say hey, only the people who pay taxes or home owners can benefit from this money and if that's how the vote goes, then so be it but the real thing is who is the Kekaha resident if that's the definition that we're looking for so we gotta see who that is. If we only take in \$198 and give out \$193, then we should be good not trying to go over that whole thing if we get, you know go beat the drum and get the \$800,000, then that's cool too, change the numbers and allocations and categories but keep a budget because we just rolling through these things and then you get to a point where you say, Oh, and people might get discouraged, I don't know. The reason why I made this model was because it came up the first time when I got on this board was there was one project that you had to have 100% buy in. That's how people thought the CAC was going through that we would get behind one project and that was what we were going to do. There was no way that you were going to get 100% buy in in any of the projects that were listed on this 25 survey that Mr. B guys did which were extensive going house to house getting all this survey done and how much their percentage of return was which was very high. So I tried to categorize it based on those results to make it easier but even from the get go when we were fat, we didn't adopt a budget and I don't know why, but that's the way the CAC went. And so now we're here again into a place where do we balance the budget. This is how much the reality is, this is how much we're getting. The reality is you budget out the thing, you can change the numbers, I'm just saying. If you run with the numbers, it's 193,500 we're gonna grant out every year, getting about \$198,000 every year and if you get a plus up that's cool, you just change the numbers but the budget should kinda stay the same. That's just my personal opinion and how I operate at work both places and I just don't want to get to a point where we're trying to really make a decision, that can be a proactive stance where people say ok we, you know that CAC's done all of the human services granting, we won't try for that category or they'll change their write up to meet something else for that grant. It's just better than saying, oh we don't have money and people not coming at all and not participating in the process because, and I'm not saying that the project that Solarize Kekaha did is an excellent project but they might get discouraged saying, Oh, we probably not going fund the next phase, which I'd like to see happen. It might discourage other people from coming out. I don't know.</p>
Tony Ricci	That's exactly what I'm talking about. I don't wanna get to the point where people spend all their time writing a grant and the money's not there. Somehow this helps, I mean, this is a lot to take in and for us to figure out but you know I'd hate for someone to come in here because I know how much time it takes for someone to come to the workshops, to work with you to do all this stuff, you guys all know how much time it takes to write all of these things out and then to kinda find out here at the presentation, and well not only, some are obvious because they don't even fall into the Kekaha world, some come out

	from left field but some are just too high or just too this or just not going to be feasible. That's why I kinda like this idea and it kinda gives them a basis to see where we're at and at the same time we don't want to discourage them from writing a grant just again, this catch 22 thing but um, somewhere down the road, I'd like for us to think about this system as a guideline because we do need something.
Yvonne Hosaka	Tony real quick. Just because the definition of Kekaha resident came up and in question. I wanted to read to you all what our application states as far as one of the requirements. The overview of KHCB is this and is what was passed by all of the CAC members on January 20 th , 2014as one of the requirements on the application. It says, the purpose of this community proposal review process which is the RFP, is to seek proposals from community groups and nonprofit organizations that seek to address needs or concerns of the Kekaha Community, proposals may be submitted for the following categories which are community improvement, economic revitalization, environmental sustaining programs, health and wellness, cultural and art, etc. In addition it further says, all programs and services must be targeted for and are restricted to the Kekaha Community, it doesn't say resident.
Tony Ricci	Thank you
Dennis Eguchi (Public Testimony)	Ok. So, um looking at the chart. If you add up all of the percentages, what does the percentage come out to? 27%, um
Thomas Nizo	You have to take out the 9%
Dennis Eguchi (Public Testimony)	So basically 91%?
Thomas Nizo	The allocation from administration has to be taken out.
Dennis Eguchi (Public Testimony)	No I thought that she gets her money from the County not from us.
Tony Ricci	Yes. That's why he is saying that you have to minus the 9%
Thomas Nizo	That's why you have to take it out of that because when I first came up with that, we weren't sure how that person was going to get funded.
Dennis Eguchi (Public Testimony)	Ok so basically, I like the concept yea, but is you add up all the percentages and you guys intent is to divide um up into categories, you have 1,2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 categories and you guys apparently don't wanna deny anybody. So what happens if you have 7 guys that show up, 2 in each category.
Tony Ricci	And that's what Thomas brought up. Most things kinda fall in a couple categories if you really want to
Dennis Eguchi (Public Testimony)	Well if coming to the meeting and coming to the seminar and I sit down to look at a grant I can see what not being touched at all and say I'm gonna write one for that instead cause I going get trouble with the rest but basically what I'm getting at is if you guys are gonna do this and the concern is that you make sure there is money for the next year, why don't you put a cap at the total amount that you're gonna give each year in other words, if you have \$200,000 and you only want to give \$120,000 this year and carry over \$80,000 so that the next money comes and it can go back up. Maybe we do something like that but if we follow this model and we get 14 guys covering 2 each in each category and they're all good amounts how do you restrict a guide to the point where you say oh shucks all good, we limited everybody, but we used up everything anyway.
Tony Ricci	Well that's how the grants program is. First in, first come and this is part of the process.
Dennis Eguchi (Public Testimony)	Well it's something to think about and I think most organizations run in Kekaha, most of them all say, you know we're not gonna use all of this and we going carry over some seed money and maybe you guys gotta think about how much is seed money?
Tony Ricci	Ok. Thank you. Ok. Any other discussion from the members? Yes. Big Boy.
Big Boy Kupo	Yes. I do. Thank you Yvonne for making that clear because when I first got on this committee, that was my first intentions of being on this committee because it was for the community, not the residents and

	<p>that's my whole concept in being on this committee. For the community. Now when the solarize guys, when you folks did the planning for seniority in residence, that was good because my thing is, you no can have somebody just moving to Kekaha and saying, I'm a Kekaha resident. So that was good if you going by who live here the longest. But my whole thing is for the community not just for the residents. For Kekaha community and I pretty sure that we've been making good decisions with different organizations that concern Kekaha and I understand where you guys coming from but thanks to some of us members, we've been diligent to try and keep um within Kekaha limits. I no like even bother about Waimea. This whole concept is about Kekaha community and I want to emphasize that. Last month I went to one council meeting and they brought up this subject about hiring consultants. Maybe you guys seen um on TV or not and I said to the council, why you guys always hiring consultants? With all the engineers we have in the department, all the engineers that the County has, the County is still hiring consultants and I brought up this straight to all of them. If they can hire consultants, why don't they hire our committee to make that kind decisions and give us the million dollars that the consultant always getting. Why not give that million dollars to us. I had bring that up in front of them and I'm glad Dennis when bring that up because I hope you guys pursue that and I want to be there when you guys ask them that. This is just last month and I brought it up to the County about giving us one million dollars to do good planning for our community instead of hiring all these consultants like the county is doing. This is where I'm coming from and I'm glad some of you folks see it in my same direction. This is how I feel personal and my feelings are strictly for Kekaha Community. Some people may not like my concept but this whole purpose was to have the landfill because we the host, Kekaha is the host and it should be for Kekaha Community. That's all I have to say.</p>
Tony Ricci	<p>Thank you Big Boy. Ok. I think we're all kinda in agreement mentally where we're trying to do and I think we all do a pretty good job when evaluating what we're trying to do but it would be nice and maybe something to think about an idea so there is a cap and we always know we're going into the next year. Guys, I can tell you right now that money can stop at any time and there is nothing that we would be able to do about it. Do not kid yourselves. Unless you're willing to spend 1 to 2 million dollars out of your own pocket for some serious litigation, that money would and could be turned off so maybe we should look into an X amount knowing that we can help set up something or a project that's viable to help them the next year if we're cut off. You always gotta think of the worst case scenario, it's our job to look at this as our own business and what we gotta do. Sir.</p>
Patrick Pereira (Public Testimony)	<p>Pat Pereira, resident Kekaha, Community member. I think the idea is great Thomas. Remember when we was all grumbling and I told you and the County Attorney to meet and come up with some solution and I think its great. Now for instance, this solarize Kekaha, we get 500 something other homes that we gotta finish according to the rules and the braddas, the uncles neva make the rules, the Kekaha community made the rules. Now you all know, fo finish that we neva going finish that in one year. Might take us two or three years but not going take us two or three years fo finish um if we only getting dished out 70,000 dollars. You guys understand that. \$70,000, you divide that by 5, as how many homes you going do in one year. So do we finish our project or don't we? Do we get the money? We going. We going there. We already had talk to several council members already. We feel we get the vote. We going talk to the Mayor so the Mayor don't veto any of that. Now when the money come to the CAC, what you going tell us? This is all categorized, you only going get \$120,000, you gotta spread the wealth. You understand Tony? We gotta finish this project because that's what the people like.</p>
Tony Ricci	<p>I understand. Hold on a second.</p>
Patrick Pereira (Public Testimony)	<p>And number 2, you listen, my turn now. Number 2, Kekaha residents, the first time we had how many people Mr. B, 200 in and out discussing what we like. One swimming pool came up very high. One swimming pool you need 4 or 5 million dollars. No mind me talking loud. It's just the passion you know what I mean. We cannot get one swimming pool because we gotta take care that \$5000 dollar guy; we gotta take care that \$70,000 guy, we need to understand and we need to look at how the community is pulling and I tell you right now, community members cannot wait until we get our second draw on our applications you know so is it gonna be feasible for us to continue or not because me myself, I kinda a impatient guy and if I cannot get at least \$500,000, why should we continue.</p>
Tony Ricci	<p>And that's exactly it. Right now we wouldn't even have \$500,000 unless</p>
Patrick Pereira (Public Testimony)	<p>Well we going out fo get um.</p>

Tony Ricci	Exactly, unless speaking for myself and I know the other members can come up and say how they feel, but if you guys are out there banging the drum, getting that money and say, here's the other \$800,000, here's the other \$500,000, that money if brought up, is that separate from the \$198,000 that we're getting or is that \$800,000 as a total
Patrick Pereira	Well, when we go, we going find that out to answer that question.
Tony Ricci	Exactly. I have no problem saying we have the \$198,000 is here, you guys came up with another \$700,000 that's a total of \$900,000 they're giving us or whatever, that's solarize money. I don't think we'll have a problem, does anyone have anything to say in what they're trying to do. I think that we are all in agreement Pat that if they come up with a million dollars, that \$198 initial, that \$800,000 go towards your project. I don't think any of us have that problem. Ok.
Patrick Pereira	Ok because um
Tony Ricci	Well, let's bring this up for discussion. Does anybody here have anything to say? Or misunderstand what they're banging the drum for? So I'd put that to a vote right now so that anything over this \$198,000 that you guys can bang out of these guys is your project money. I mean we just don't want to limit that all projects shut down because we're at zero.
Patrick Pereira	No we understand that and I'm sure you don't want to shut down our project that's why
Tony Ricci	No.
Yvonne Hosaka	Excuse me Tony. Just a note, the amount showing for 2016 is pending.
Tony Ricci	Yes. I understand.
Yvonne Hosaka	I just don't want you to go to an official vote and we are not sure even how much we will get in 2016.
Tony Ricci	I just meant getting a point across and we're behind you in understanding that if you can get that out of them that's your blood money.
Patrick Pereira (Public Testimony)	Well I'd like to thank the CAC for putting up with a loud voice.
Big Boy Kupo	Tony. I'd like to make a comment. You know Pat, we understand what you guys doing and I'm glad that you folks here a lot of feedback from the community but my beef is, how come the community not here when we get our meetings. The same old people speaking for the community or the residents. You folks get a lot of feedback, how come you no tell them to come to the meetings? We need the numbers?
Patrick Pereira	Well is this meeting being publicized?
Yvonne Hosaka	Yes.
Patrick Pereira	Yea. Well you guys gotta go out and beat the bushes. When we had our project we went house to house with flyers, all kind. We went with loud speakers Dennis and I. The cops chase us, but we didn't care.
Big Boy Kupo	What I'm trying to say, if you guys speaking for the community and residents, why don't when you talk to them tell them to come to the meetings?
Yvonne Hosaka	We don't have an allocated fund for advertising and publicity so the best I can do is send out the notice and it's at their discretion to advertise it for free or not.
Tony Ricci	I think what we're trying to reiterate here is what I asked Buddy was that when you're talking to people and they're giving you these concerns, it's one thing to hear it from you guys, but we need to hear it from them themselves. Word of mouth is word of mouth. Come in here and say that you're for or against a project. This way if they're complaining or giving praise, you could say, hey, we're going to be at this meeting, why don't you come? You guys know it. If they're complaining to you about something about what we're trying to do or want us to do, we gotta hear it from them directly. You know how that

	works.
Buddy Ayudan (Public Testimony)	I understand and I hear Big Boy because from the very beginning when we had come, we came out of the woodwork but I have found a few different answers and believe it or not, what you see here is what you get. I'm serious. Not everybody is as passionate as us.
Tony Ricci	Exactly
Buddy Ayudan (Public Testimony)	And no matter what community we go but for some mere reason, I'm like big boy. I no can figure out why no body like come.
Tony Ricci	Well this is why you got \$780,000 my friend. Because you had the passion and you came. That's it. That's how it works.
Buddy Ayudan (Public Testimony)	Yea and for the 4 bradas and for all the members on the CAC board, even the previous members, we do this because we still get some heart in the community and we do this for nothing. But Big Boy, this is what we do.
Tony Ricci	Ok. Thank you gentlemen. Yes sir.
Dennis Eguchi (Public Testimony)	So, I gotta be honest with you guys. From the day that we started the project, Mr. Bulatao kept us honest for the entire process. Literally. He kept on advocating for clarity and transparency and everything we did and I gotta be honest with you. He kinda gave us a bad time. But without someone like this in the community, there wouldn't be any clarity and transparency. Ok so I gotta be honest, as long as Mr. B is at any one meeting and it's not transparent and clear, it's not gonna fly so if anything else, he advocates for a big bunch of people in the community and that's speaking honestly because without him criticizing and telling us this or whatever it was right, if we didn't have someone like that in the community, than we wouldn't have been able to have done it but we did it. So even if we don't have the entire community here all the time, Mr. B, if he's here, I'm happy.
Tony Ricci	Thank you. Ok. Any other discussion. Ok. Next Announcements.
IX. Announcements	Community Grant Workshop Dates: Monday, April 27, 2015 6:30 pm, and May 8, 2015 6:30 pm
Tony Ricci	Let's try to get the word out. Here at Kekaha Neighborhood Center. Ok. Ms. Secretary. Final Roll Call please.
Evelyn Olores	Mr. Chair. We have 7 members present. I move to adjourn meeting.
IX. Final Roll Call	Evelyn Olores. Mr. Chair. We have 7 members present. I move to adjourn meeting.
	Evelyn moved to adjourn. Seconded by Thomas Nizo. All in Favor.
7:57 pm	Meeting adjourned

Drafted by: _____

Yvonne Hosaka, CAC Facilitator

Submitted by: _____

Evelyn Olores, Secretary

Reviewed and Approved by: _____

Tony Ricci, Chair

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() Approved with amendments

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