Meeting Minutes

Kekaha Host Community Benefits Fund Meeting No. 57

Kekaha Neighborhood Center, Kekaha, Kauai, HI August 18, 2014

Meeting Time: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

CAC Attendees Present: Chair, Bruce Pleas; Vice-Chair, Tony Ricci; Treasurer; Robert Jackson, Secretary; Evelyn

Olores, Myra Elliott and Big Boy Kupo

Agenda Item	Minutes	Action
I. Call To Order/Roll Call	Meeting Called to order by Chair Bruce Pleas. Evelyn Olores - Roll Call: Present: Bruce Pleas, Tony Ricci, Robert Jackson, Evelyn Olores, Myra Elliott and Big Boy Kupo Absent: Thomas Nizo, and Stan Lazaro (Excused)	Meeting Called to order at 6:07 pm
II. Approval of Agenda	Evelyn Olores moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Tony. No discussion.	Motion to approve Agenda moved by and seconded by All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.
III. Approval of Minutes	Motion to approve minutes dated: 6-25-14; 7-21-14 and 7-28-14 moved by Tony, seconded by Evelyn. No discussion	Motion to approve minutes dated 06/25, 07/21 and 07/28/14 moved by Tony, seconded by Evelyn. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously
IV: Public Testimony	Public testimony will be taken at this time and also anytime during the meeting. Please raise your hand and get mine or someone's attention and we'll let you speak. So would you like to speak now? Ok. We'll move on to the next item. Oh, ok. Come forward. Please state your name.	
Public Testimony Tia Koerte	Aloha, my name is Tia Koerte and I am the new Director at Ke Kula Niihau o Kekaha School. I presented on July 28 th for those of you who weren't here. Basically, when I did the presentation back in July, we were three days before school started. So, we've been in school for two and a half weeks since and just started our third week. When we thought of this proposal for this program, there was a vision to be able to offer a food program to our students in a form of a class because we no longer could purchase lunches from Kekaha School. In doing so, I hired Hokuokalani Char-Ta'ala and offered the class for as long as we could afford him. The success of our program is very much dependent on this grant, in the past two weeks, through our kitchen, what we've seen was an increase in student morale, in staff morale; it's brought the students together. So, on July 28 th I didn't know the extent to which it could affect our students and staff. We've been busy planning menus and making sure we include healthy and more nutritious meals compared to last year and I would just like to say, if our proposal is approved, I assure you, it'll have a big impact on our students and our community here in Kekaha and I brought some teachers, parents and students who would like to share their experience of the past two weeks and how they feel about it. Thank you very much.	
Public Testimony Lu Koerte	Aloha. My name is Lu Koerte and I am a Kumu at Ke Kula Niihau o Kekaha. A teacher and also a Kupuna. I have grandkids that are attending the school. I am in support of Ke Kula Niihau lunch program. I have worked for Ke Kula Niihau School for the last 8 years. I've lived in Kekaha since 1978 and all of my children are born and raised in Kekaha. My mana'o for tonight is to tell you, if the funds were awarded to Ke Kula Niihau, it would great, great kokua to our community and students of Kekaha. I would also like to say, like Tia just said, actually, she's my daughter, I am in support of the position for our Kumu that will run the program. It has been such a great great help to our kitchen, our students and our teachers. We've been eating good for the past two weeks compared to last year. This year we've had more healthy food. Last year after we got cut off from Kekaha School we've had meals like hamburger and cabbage, spam and cabbage, sardines and carrots that I could remember. There was a lot of waste of mea'ai that our kupuna would think, those food that our Keiki don't eat would be a lot of waste if we can provide them with mea'ai that they would eat, it would be awesome to the school and the community and the health of our keki too within the school and the Kekaha community. Most of our	

Public Testimony Lacy Kanahele	kids are from Kekaha. I wanted to also share some of my mana'o of the good things that have been happening so far this year and we're only been in school for only two weeks. We've noticed the connection between the kids, the kumus, they all gathered in the cafeteria. Our theme for our school for this year is, focus on the kupuna's, Mo'olelo o na Kupuna. As Kupuna myself. We are asking for your kokua to support our kula with the kala that we are asking for for our food program. Mahalo. Aloha, my name is Lacy Kanahele. I am a teacher at the school and I am also a parent, aunty, taxi driver, counselor at times and many other things. To be honest, the previous years, with food, buckets daily would be thrown and the kids were bringing things like candy and chips and by the afternoon, trying to teach an afternoon class to a bunch of kids who were either hyped up on sugar or just ate some chips or they're hungry and like blaaa, the teaching difference now, the attention, and everything,
	even that is being affected and not even talking about the wasting of the food has dramatically changed. My daughter, over there, she even went back for seconds for salad. Like, the kumu is exposing them to different things and making them see that it's ok, the kids are preparing it, they're learning to prepare it, they are learning how to do other things and we're hearing from parents about the things their kids are learning in school and they are, like, they ate what? This is impacting broader then just It tastes better and this is only two weeks. I can just imagine in a couple years when we get the garden going and they can spread that and everything. I came to support that and ask you to please help it going. I brought some kids before they gotta go to hula class, they are a little nervous to talk to you guys but none of you guys are gonna bite, so somebody come forward. Thank you.
Public Testimony Students KKNOK School	Hi. I am Tiffany. This is Janeen and this is Giani.
Giani	Hi. I am part of the culinary class. We prepare the lunches for the kids and we now have salads with our meals. Before we use to have just rice with the main meal and we have salad and with our sandwiches, we have lettuce and kale chips instead of potato chips. I feel that I've learned a lot and take it home and cook it for my family.
Janeen	Aloha, my name is Janeen and I am a senior and I have three other siblings who attend this school. I am also in the culinary class too and we learned a lot of things. How to prepare food, how to prep it before we cook it and it's much more healthier now and I am asking for your support for this project. Thank you.
Tiffany	Aloha. I am Tiffany and I am a sophomore at Ke Kula Niihau Kekaha and this past two weeks have been the best two weeks ever. It was healthy and still good, I mean, I went back for salad and I don't eat salad and it was really, really good and it was healthy for me and healthy is not a big word for me and I've been better in school now, I feel ready for my next period and yea, I really thank you for the past two weeks and hope you can help us continue this. Thank you.
Public Testimony Kaimi Strickland	Aloha. I am Kaimi Strickland and I've worked at Ke Kula Niihau o Kekaha for 8 years now. I prepare the breakfast for the kids in the morning. We use to have like sausage and cereal every morning but now I can make some fried rice for them, pancakes and make some oatmeal, keep it healthy now. We need to feed our babies the right way cause I work for the preschool at Ke Kula Niihau so we would like to get your kokua. Mahalo
Public Testimony Hokuokalani Char-Ta'ala	Aloha my name is Hokuokalani Char-Ta'ala. After hearing all of that, I guess I am asking you to help me stay there to help me continue to stay there and teach these kids all of these different things. That made me feel really good about what they said and I hope that I have the opportunity to stay on and introduce them to even more stuff. It's a part of our community how we make things. Thank you.
Public Testimony Keoni Kealoha	Aloha, my name is Keoni Kealoha and I am the Executive Director of Malama Kauai and I wanted to offer some testimony in support of both Ke Kula Niihau o Kekaha and Wai Wai Waiawa Projects before you for consideration. The first one, Ke Kula Niihau. We have been working with Haunani and Tia to help localize the food to actually get some food into the school. They have a food program but one of the biggest things that we want to help them with is getting Federal lunch subsidies. The school qualifies. 92% of their school qualify for free and reduced lunches so right now, they don't have that capacity to get that funding so they are paying for it out pocket and the amount of the subsidies is pretty serious. They'll have 60 or so students including the preschoolers, 92% of that of those students is 50 of them. Free and reduced lunches, each meal for a free lunch, the Federal Government will give you \$3.32 for each student per meal. For reduced lunches, \$2.92. Let's just call it \$3.00. That's \$150 a day, let's see that's \$3.00 per student at 50 students you know that's \$750 a week. That's a lot of money. I think if they, if we were able to help them obtain those subsidies through this grant process, then it would actually help save the school money and it would be able to help them redirect some of the money they

	are spending on the lunches right now to other things more important. Maybe more directly towards education and things like that. I just wanted to point that out. One last thing on the Ke Kula Niihau grant application is the primary focus is to help support the cafeteria and the position because they really only have funding for that position until November when it runs out and they actually don't have funding beyond November to support that position so we are trying to help them figure out what they're going to do but this grant could help them figure it out and give them some time and us to help to find a long term strategy of how they're gonna manage their food program for the kids. And then the other project is the one that Hena guys are working on, the community farming project. We really support this program too because it's the youth of the community, they are excited about coming out, farming, they're doing it, they're already doing it but to have some support from this fund will allow them to grow what they're already doing on their own time and with their own wear with all so if you folks can also support them to fund this project, it's only going to help them to do what they're already doing and help to raise their capacity, help to get better, feed more people, get more kids educated along that property and help to revive that space that space has a history and needs to have more malama aina out there. Mahalo Nui.
Bruce Pleas	I have a question for you. Will the proposed project meet the Federal standards for subsidies as you see the project for the school?
Keoni Kealoha	That's what we're working to do. That's what we would bring to the table would be one of the aspects. We're also going to help them reinvigorate the garden program and also get a taro collection like in the Wailua area. We have 45 banana varieties that are the largest collection of Hawaiian variety on the island, to help them get those with the health concerns of disease of course to make sure it's appropriately done, but to bring them back to the community, bring them back to the school and utilize the school as a center for sharing those kinds of plants, those food plants that are traditionally and culturally appropriate so yea for the lunch subsidy part, and managing the federal grant, that's something that we want to bring. The school right now I don't think has the capacity to do that. They haven't been doing it, they haven't been able to just because of capacity issues. What we were written into the grant was, for those three things. Work with the gardens, to do some training on how to get the parents and the students and teachers and community to learn how to cultivate some of these cultural foods, and then also to obtain the Federal School subsidies and we're matching that internally. We're finding funding to match that.
Myra Elliott	I'm sorry I missed your presentation last week or the week before. To help me understand, What is it that you're doing to try to qualify for these Federal subsidies? Is it the garden, the kitchen? I don't quite get it. I'm sorry.
Keoni Kealoha	No. That's ok. So the Federal school lunch subsidies are provided based on part of your socio-economical standing more on the economic side so Ke Kula Niihau actually qualifies for 92% of their student body would qualify for free and reduced lunches. In order to manage those subsidies, there's a lot of reporting. There's a lot of infrastructure that you have to do. You have to count the students, the menu items themselves have to consist of the very specific nutritional framework. You have to have a certain portion of wheat, vegetables, carbohydrates, meats and dairy. So what we would be doing is helping to work with Hoku to develop a menu that works within the guidelines which would be also localized, fresh as we can get it but if they're able to create that kind of menu and it was served on a regular basis to the students, enabled to do the reporting aspect of that so that the food and nutrition services will be able to see these are how many students are eating lunch, these are lunches, yes they are meeting the nutritional guidelines and all those kind of reporting aspects then they will be able to qualify for those subsidies and the school will be reimbursed in those funds. Right now they just don't have that capacity. One example is Kona Pacific Charter School on Hawaii island. They're doing this for their school. It takes them 20 hours a week to manage the Federal School subsidies. So as you can see, it takes a lot of time in doing it and we're willing to do it out of pocket too with the school because we're hoping, if we can figure out how to get this done then we can also work with the other three Hawaiian Focus Charter Schools and work with them.
Tony Ricci	Yea. My question was going to be, the Kona Pacific Charter School. Have you guys talked to them recently, so are you in communication on their system to adapt with this?
Keoni Kealoha	Yes. I spoke with the Executive Director his name is Chris Hepp I think was his last name. He invited us to come out to the school in September and spend a couple of days at the school shadowing the person who is managing the whole program and see how they are able to do it and so that's something that we obviously want to go on and take advantage of that and bring that knowledge back here and I think because of the specific grant that this is an opportunity to help Kekaha students, the kids, the parents

who need to make sure that their kids are gonna not only have the option for learning in the Hawaiian Charter School but they're also being fed and so he's providing open books and share all of his information and the school is now, not just providing lunch for its students, but it's also providing it for Headstart, Early Headstart and the Kunana Leo o Kona and also in the summertime they've provided food service for some of the summer programs that the County puts on. So they are able to as kind of what's said in the grant, move beyond just the students and help other people in the community if then are preschools, schools or other people who may qualify for some of those things that are in the community here and I don't know if Heddy guys are applying for this particular grant or not but we've spoken with Heddy, with the folks from the other two charter schools and they are open to working together to say, once we get this set up here at Ke Kula Nihau, can we extend this over to the Kanaka School because the Kanaka School also qualifies for 98% Federal School lunches. They're not getting them right now because they didn't have the capacity to manage them. So, it has a potential to go beyond just this school itself. Myra Elliott You're Malama Kaua'i? You said you were going to do it out of pocket but here it says there is \$7,500.00? Keoni Kealoha We're matching that with \$7,500.00 from our own funding from other sources. I honestly think we're going to be spending a lot more time than we're asking to be compensated but this is directly in line wit what we believe in and with what we want to see happen. We're about local food, and from both the producer and from the consumer side. We've been operating the Kauai produce network since 2010. We've installed over 17 gardens in schools on Kauai since that time and we're continuing to do so and fu s, this is like a natural extension. It's great to have a garden but when you don't even have a lunch program at your school that is consistent, that's gonna really aff
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a dairy product is how can we do taro, how can we do ulu, how can we do mai'a'a, how can we do uala how can we bring those item, but the thing that's also different about the charter schools is that charter schools are able to source food locally with more flexibility than the DOE public schools. DOE public schools have a different level that they have to adhere to just because there are 260 different schools in that system and they are managed by something called the Food Authority and they set the policy. It's little bit more restrictive. So we're hoping to be able to meet some of those guidelines but with foods that are culturally appropriate and hopefully from that area.
Big Boy Kupo And my other question, Tia, if you would answer me. Why did Kekaha School stop making meals for Ke Kula Niihau?
Ok. That wasn't a decision that Kekaha School wanted to make. Unfortunately, blue collared folks in Honolulu that are in the DOE. So DOE and charter schools are counter parts so we both answer to the BOE, Board of Education so the DOE decided just before last school year that they were going to have budget cuts and the first place they cut was in the kitchen area so Kekaha School lost two employees in the kitchen which meant that they no longer had the capacity to prepare an extra 50 to 60 meals which was what we were ordering per day. Anthony, who is there was really sad since Ke Kula has, was over at the armory where we currently are now, they did the food from back then so it was just before last school year that the Department of Education said they're gonna cut in the kitchens so that's why they had to let a few people go.
Big Boy Kupo Ok. Just so that we all know. You folks kitchen is a certified kitchen right?
Tia Koerte Yes
Big Boy Kupo And this position you folks mentioned earlier that is only good until November. What's gonna happen after that?

Big Boy Kupo	And what about these Federal Funds you guys asking also. How soon will you guys know if you guys going have that grant from the Federal?
Tia Koerte	It's a long process so we need the time basically and for Malama Kauai to come in and help us. And he's totally true about us not having the capacity you know we're a 14 member staff right and that includes 1 principal, myself. I don't have a vice principal or anything, Hoku is by himself in the kitchen and at this point, his primary role is to prepare the lunches for us. At this point, we don't even have the time to sit down together because we have a strict 4 hour, you know, I can only afford him for 4 hours a day at this point and we're doing a lot of stuff after hours and I'm calling him in the evenings and saying hey, what's our menu for next week so this grant would really help us to bring on a partner with Malama Kauai where they can help us do a lot of the back end of the work to help us because we don't have the capacity to do that at this point.
Big Boy Kupo	One more question. I haven't been here at the previous meetings, but I wanted to know how soon do you guys expect to have this request of this CAC grant.
Tia Koerte	As soon as we possibly can and anything would help at this point.
Keoni Kealoha	Is it ok to offer a comment on the questions? The Kona Pacific Charter School, when they found out they were losing their provider, someone who was managing everything for them, they were able to get the Federal subsidies at the school within 30 days so it's not that the, I think the Federal Government or that whole process, I think we can get it, what we need to do is learn how to do it and because have already done it in a charter school environment that's why we're going to go over and take a look and bring back that knowledge to Kauai. So, it can be a short window, but again, there could be a lot of things that I don't even know about at this point that they do, but they are willing to share all of that information.
Bruce Pleas	Ok. That's some good information cause if they could do it in 30 days, I think when you go over there you really need to concentrate on that portion. I can see now from what I've heard that it seems like there's a lot of back end work, the paper work to keep the Federal going so that's the information I would really quantify why we would put money out for a position. It's not like someone is working and doing this and that. This is the stuff that for myself, I need to know why. Just to cook and everything is great but whenever you start getting into meeting the requirements, and hopefully you'll be able to verify this, when you go to Kona, you said 20 hours and make sure that's correct. That takes a lot of time and that's what makes the wheels roll on Federal Grants and subsidies. And also, do you have a breadfruit tree on the school?
Tia Koerte	We have a few but right now we don't have a real connection with the fruit trees and the classroom just yet so we want to be able to bridge that and incorporate the curriculum eventually so that our students are out there.
Bruce Pleas	Oh. I just wanted to know because I mine is kinda loaded with breadfruit. Good for breakfast for the next while. Makes really good macaroni salad without the macaroni.
Evelyn Olores	My question is, further detailed cost for your kitchen equipment. I understand that your services now and I just want to know if more kitchen equipment is needed, you know pots, pans, you know serving spoons and those kinds of things and I would like to know what that breakdown would be because I think it's important, if you're doing it now, how much more is it going to be? So I think we should have a detail on that too.
Keoni Kealoha	Ok. I would be happy to provide this committee with a written breakdown of those things. The poi mill that we were looking at it's a poi mill, it's can also process other things. It can process grains, it can process fish, it can process fruits, so this would be something that could be utilized by the school for processing taro that they bring in, or creating poi on campus and things like that but it could also be used by the community for some of the same things like a birthday party and things like that. That unit, depending on how big the mouth pieces are on it, the feeder can be anywhere from \$5,000 to \$10,000 dollars, but it will pay for itself as it continues to be used. So that's probably the chunk of what that \$15,000 is but then there are also things like the chaffing dishes, the trays and these are things that can also be used by the community, not just the school for folks that are doing celebrations. And I know that we are asking for some salary positions, like for Hoku, but I think the idea of being able to support other events for the community, maybe there's a potential for the school to generate maybe a small revenue for some of these small things for the use of the time which could go back to help fund the future of that position so we're kind of looking for something right now because there's an imminent timeframe with this position and the funding, but we're looking at ways that the school and building

	capacity with the kitchen will actually help to offset the cost of operating and salary and things like that in the future.	
Hokuokalani Char-Ta'ala	To answer your question about what we're using now. We're using aluminum foil pans and they are getting old and we have to buy some but that is how we're cooking everything now. Just aluminum pans, plastic forks and spoons that we throw away or we wash.	
Bruce Pleas	Yea. I would like to see the aluminum foil pans replaced. They lead to manic depressive and Alzheimer's indirectly at this point, so.	
Tony Ricci	I have a question. Now silverware, there should be real silverware. Plates, you looking at plastic plates and not throwaway plates? And what's your dishwashing capacity? What's the plan? Are you doing the three bin sink thing where you go hot, dishwater, rinse?	
Hokuokalani Char-Ta'ala	Right now we have a three bin sink. I don't know if anything was put into the budget with this grant for a dishwasher? For now it's a three bin sink.	
Tony Ricci	Yea, well a dishwasher is not just equipment. I don't know if you have the infrastructure for the plumbing and the water. Of course a dishwasher is not cheap. So the plan is to go with dishes and silverware that can be washed?	
Bruce Pleas	Ok. That's it for public testimony which I think covered a little bit of number 5 in our new business so we'll have a lot less questions for you. At this point we will move to New Business. Discussion and also Decision-Making on all proposed projects for final review dates and possible recommendation of award amounts. Before we start, I'd like to ask Yvonne if we have motion options to make this simpler. If we make a motion to receive, we receive it and it doesn't go any farther forward. A motion to accept, a motion to deny.	
Yvonne Hosaka	I think the intent for tonight's meeting was based on the presentations that were made on these proposals were to deliberate based on the presentations. I would, I think it would be best to move forward by motion for final review and possible recommendation to the Mayor. I don't think you could make a motion to receive as you are already in receipt of the proposals, you will be basically discussing them based on the presentations, deciding what projects you feel have validity and will benefit the goals of the HCB fund for final review and possible recommendation. You could also discuss the funding portion, based on what was presented without having to make a final decision but try to come to some consensus in moving forward for final review and then those, the budget portions can be further discussed when and if they are moved forward. You all should have a copy of the latest detailed sheet which shows all of the proposals, the amounts of their proposals and what the balance is in the HCB fund. There is \$162,000.00 short so if the CAC members feel that all of the projects should move forward, the next step will be to decide where budget amounts will have to be trimmed for what projects or all.	
Bruce Pleas	Ok. So, That didn't answer my question.	
Tony Ricci	I wasn't here last funding cycle, etc. Is my understanding right or wrong? If we move one of these proposals forward that we feel is valid and we're interested and you have the consensus of the board then the discussion will be about their budget once we say who it's gonna be like you know if we decide a couple of these yes and we're meeting next month and we're talking to them, then are we, that's when we talk in depth about budget and specific details correct?	
Yvonne Hosaka	Yes. Ok. Maybe what you should do is decide which one's you all feel should not move forward then motion those that you would like to move forward to the next CAC Agenda.	
Bruce Pleas	Ok. So what I see, we have, one motion to set a final date and then that's when we go through the nuts and bolts, the second motion to deny application and have it either resubmitted, see that's what I was trying to get at, is what's our second one if we have, since we have limited funding, I tell you right now, there's a couple that I don't want to move forward with so what is the process, motion needed to not move forward with a proposal.	
Yvonne Hosaka	In the first cycle, I didn't see any of those grants that were denied being resubmitted so you would all have to decide, is it going to move forward, or it's not going to move forward and maybe give a synopsis of the reasons that one could work on and re apply at the next funding cycle, but don't put yourselves in a position where you would have them resubmit and then have to decide on how these funds would be kept on reserve.	
Beth Tokioka	You might want to even just go down the list and take a vote on which one and then the motion would be, if someone would move to approve or not to approve and you could just vote it up or down.	

Bruce Pleas	Ok. Motion to not approve would be the wording I was looking for is wording so it's simple.
Beth Tokioka	Or it could moved to further consider or moved to not further reconsider, one or the other because then you're gonna have the decision of whatever's left, how much their asking for and do you have the money to cover all of them and then you play with it a little bit.
Myra Elliott	And also, there's nothing that says they can't resubmit another time.
Beth Tokioka	Exactly. It's kind of prioritizing at this point. Either some will have to be really scaled down or you could just choose your top priorities and the rest could be resubmit later.
Bruce Pleas	Ok. So basically, what I'm looking at are motions for final review date will be ones that we feel comfortable with and we want to move forward and the other for not to approve where that would be it. They could reapply. The other would be to bring them back to review at lesser amounts.
Tony Ricci	Wait a minute. Excuse me. If any of them come back, we still have to review their budgets and questions and the last minute nuts and bolts like you brought up. So I think there are only two options, either we're moving them forward to get this finalized to get them in the right path, or not move forward for this funding cycle.
Evelyn Olores	You know, there were a lot of questions that we asked for them to come back to us you know and for me, unless those questions are clear to my knowledge, I am not ready to approve or disapprove on any of these proposals.
Tony Ricci	Yep that's why I noticed that Ms Buza Sims isn't here and I know we had some questions with the preschool equipment things.
Yvonne Hosaka	So, again, it's based on their presentation that you will move it forward and then they will all come back with their follow up on the questions you posed.
Beth Tokioka	I guess, like you mentioned, if anybody has a strong feeling that something should not be considered this round, you can bring it up, discuss it take a vote and the majority rules.
Bruce Pleas	Ok. So the process on this is we're going to go down, 1 through 6, we'll start at the first one, which is St. Theresa School, Pre School Equipment project and what I'm going to do is open it up for discussion and I'll be the first one to discuss then I'm gonna hand it off to the next person so that we have each different person to start the next one so we don't have one person leading the charger through them. So the first one is St. Theresa Pre School Equipment project. I see we have no one here, so myself, I am looking to do a review and possible decision on that for the \$5,000 and that's my discussion on the floor and we'll go around the room and then we'll vote on it. I feel comfortable with it and I'm willing to go for an under \$5,000 grant and the only two pieces of information I requested was the scholarship fund and a copy of the borrowing forms and a history of Kekaha residents that had requested to borrow.
Tony Ricci	What it is, is, if they had playground equipment, balls, nets, whatever, if you want to borrow them, you fill out the form at the principal's office and then you take them and bring them back over the weekend or whatever so that was our question with this playground equipment. If it would be usable by other residents of Kekaha and that's when they said they had these requisition forms.
Bruce Pleas	So, basically, I would like to see copies of these requisition forms. History of residents using them and see if it would apply to the new equipment so, at this point, I am ready to go forward with that and I'm gonna turn it over to Robert.
Big Boy Kupo	One question. I just read some note from the County saying that we are not responsible, or ownership of the equipment so I don't see how we going vote for this grant if we cannot have anything to do with the equipment.
Tony Ricci	This grant would be as it stands. We're not taking possession of this at all. This is part of their grant. So, it's not like them buying a backhoe with a large chunk of money that we don't know what to do with if their project fails. This is their equipment; it's their playground equipment, so it belongs to St. Theresa. It's not part of the CAC at all and we won't be asking for this back and I think that's where the confusion came with the Rainbow crew mainly that it was a two year program and we were asking that once it's done that they return the equipment. That's when the glitch came into play. So this is a grant that we're not asking for the equipment back. We're not applying that it comes back and that where I think it became a problem. Correct?
Bruce Pleas	Yes and the suggestion was, if the equipment must be purchased in order for the project to be successful the CAC could consider the following options. Allow the grantee to keep the equipment, which is what for St. Theresa's that we were looking at. Allow the grantee to keep the equipment and

	ask them to make the equipment available to other community members and groups, which is why I was asking for their forms on how they did it previously and the other one we can do is request that the grantee donate the equipment to a Kekaha based non-profit entity which I believe St. Theresa is.	
Big Boy Kupo	I have another question pertaining to St. Theresa. I'd like to have you refresh my memory Bruce but in the past, we said that St. Theresa is a community school here in Kekaha but the kids, they come from other places so how come we supporting St. Theresa when we strictly having this committee for Kekaha only so please refresh my memory on this.	
Bruce Pleas	Ok. I believe our discussion over the last five years have been that, I think it started with Kekaha Pop Warner and the football and baseball teams. The discussion was that they did have people from Waimea and other areas but the organization was based in Kekaha and under that talks we had about that, St. Theresa does have maybe a majority, probably a high minority of Kekaha residents so there is a large base of Kekaha residents that use the area so, it is a school, it does have people from far over but it falls under at least in my idea that same as Kekaha Pop Warner is if we cut everybody off and keep it only for Kekaha, we could, that would be the school, the elementary school, we couldn't touch them because there is one kid from Niihau or three from Waimea so I believe what we've been looking at is the nucleus is based in Kekaha and we are going to help other kids but the main emphasis is here so that is why we've been helping.	
Big Boy Kupo	Ok. Thank you	
Bruce Pleas	Ok. Is there anybody else? If there isn't any more discussion, I'd be looking for a motion.	
Tony Ricci	I make the motion that we approve to move St. Theresa's Pre School Equipment Project Proposal forward for further discussion, final review and decision-making. Seconded by Big Boy.	Motion to approve to move St. Theresa Pre-School Equipment Project Proposal for final review, further discussion and decisionmaking made by Tony Ricci, Seconded by Big Boy. No further discussion. All in Favor. Motion passed unanimously.
Bruce Pleas	Ok. We will set that date later after we've gone through all of them. Next is, St. Theresa Fresh Water Project Proposal and I'll open up for discussion and Robert can start if he has anything to say.	
Robert Jackson	I guess on that one, I'm not really clear on the specifics. I wasn't here during that presentation. I'm kind of leaning towards not approving that based on the amount of funds that have already been given to the school and it will look like we are favoring one organization as opposed to spreading it out over the community. I would have to hear more for me to go forward with that project.	
Evelyn Olores	You know, we've given St. Theresa a lot of money already and I know for a fact, their PV Project and one of those things that we wanted them to do was to give scholarships to the school kids and this month I know that this school year they are giving out for this school year, they are giving out 32 students with half a scholarship per month so looking at whatever they have, you know, giving them the playground equipment which they really don't have and my question to them was, not only equipment from K to 3 or K to 4, but you know, equipment for the upper grades too and their answer to me was just balls and footballs, basketballs you know but, I still want to bring this proposal forward, but make sure that looking at playground equipment that the whole school, I know for a fact that the other kids don't have that equipment for the K to 3 but I'm looking at a putting a yes on the agenda but still questioning them on making sure the rest of the school kids at St. Theresa's have playground equipment.	
Tony Ricci	Are you, I guess on the agenda for the water or the playground equipmer	nt?
Bruce Pleas	This is the Water Proposal.	
Evelyn Olores	Oh, I'm sorry. Two words, I'm not for the Water Proposal. Sorry.	

Tony Ricci	I do have a comment on the Water Project. We went over in a pretty deep discussion when they gave their presentation and Mr. Taeza is pretty thorough, but I really don't think the Water Project is a viable, safe thing to do without a lot of testing which I think will cost as much as their proposed project so I would like to not push this forward but I would like to make a suggestion on record to St. Theresa that if this PV system is working like we brought up at their proposal I can see them doing a future grant to expand the PV system which will offset their water bill and try to let them work that water bill somewhere like that. The testing alone is as much as this water system is and there are just too many unknown variables being that close to the old mill that I don't think it can ever work with a well safely with kids around.	
Big Boy Kupo	Bruce. I agree with Robert. I think that we should keep in mind, St. Theresa proposal and move on to the other grant applications here.	
Myra Elliott	I would like to move that we not approve this application and not move forward with it.	
Tony Ricci	I Second that.	
Bruce Pleas	Discussion. I had intended to agree. I don't think at this time we have enough funds to go forward with this and there's a lot of concerns as to location and I think the PV is a viable one to go to increase it up and maybe there's a more viable way to go, if this town, whatever, can get it together and bring back the old irrigation water, safe water for us to use in our yards would be much more better way to go for this community to have free irrigation water instead of County water to use. Anymore discussion.	
Myra Elliott	I'm in agreement with everyone's comments that's been said, I'm concerned about the quality and they're going to use PV for the pump which is minor but it could maybe go towards more scholarships, I know they said \$900 to \$1200 was their bill for water but that is why I disapproved it and in all fairness, St. Theresa has been getting a lot of the monies.	
Big Boy Kupo	Just to make it clear. We voting on only two words, approve or not approve?	
Bruce Pleas	Yes. This one, the motion is to not approve. Disapprove, not approve, same thing. Ok.	
Big Boy Kupo	Ok. Was there a second?	
Bruce Pleas	Yes.	
Big Boy Kupo	Ok. I ready for a vote.	
Bruce Pleas	Ok. All in favor of not approving the St. Theresa Fresh Water Project Proposal. Ok. It has been not approved.	Motion to not approve St. Theresa School Fresh Water Project Proposal moved by Myra Elliott, seconded by Tony Ricci, discussion, motion passed unanimously
Bruce Pleas	Ok. Next on the agenda is the Kauai Nui Kuapapa Project. Evelyn, you may start that one if you would like to. This is the signage project. Interactive signs	
Evelyn Olores	Ok. One of the questions that came up was, how many signs will be in Kekaha? Kekaha being from the boat harbor to the end of the town. But really, my big question about this proposal is how are they gonna, how is all of this going to be delivered to the people in Kekaha because all they said is they wanted the people of Kekaha to know the real names of the beaches they have here and over here, we know inta's over here and we know Davidsons' over there and this signage system, they looking at for every part of the island there's different names, Hawaiian names and this project would be a total of making of Hawaiian names in the system and I didn't know that we lived in the Puna, or Kona district and the Kona district I think it starts all the way from tree tunnel to Polihale and I didn't know that and how many people know that and how many people in Kekaha in fact I heard this for the first time that night that Keao presented you know and he talked about this man from Niihau coming from Kauai and bringing all these people and living in the mountains and he mentioned the name William Kuolo and William Kuolo was my tutu man and I wanted to tell him that and I was really, he really was somebody that I looked up at when I was growing up because my tutu man worked for Robinson. He was	

	Robinson's right hand man you know and from the mountains they ended up living in Kapalawai you know. Now the Hawaiians live there and he was the gardener, he was the right hand man, he rode the horses until he was 99 years old and you know at that time we use to have this TB, tuberculosis truck that people use to go on that truck to make sure that you don't have TB you know and they forced him to go on that truck because he was still riding around Waimea town on his horse you know that man as far as I believe, he was never sick in his life, he was the oldest man that went into the TB truck without no signs of TB or anything you know, but I ended up, I lived with him until he was 104 years old and the only time he went to the doctor because we lived in a plantation house you know and we lived in a house where he never lost his dignity, let me put it that way, you know even at 104 years old. He use to take a bath by himself and he's in the bathtub you know for one hour and my mom use to say, go see tutu man, maybe he had drown or something and he would scold us and we tell him get out of the way, you know in Hawaiian he said, Helemakaihei, you know, get out of the bath and he's hiding his thing you know but the good thing about him that I remember was all he ate was a big bowl of poi on the table and if he didn't have fish, he had his salt and he just had poi and salt and his drink was what we call pokiwae, you know it's just from water with one big cracker just as big as the bowl and that was his meal for the day and he would come home at night and just with his bowl poi. But he died at 104 years old only because he fell down off the steps, he dislocated his hip you not gonna do one surgery on one 104 year old man. You know, we took him to the doctor, the doctor said, I can push his, his a hip back and all he did was pull the hip, put um back in the socket and he gave his last breath and that's how he died you know but the was never sick you know but the signage that Keao talked about you know, it was not only
Tony Ricci	I'll make a motion to disapprove the Kaua'I Nui Kuapapa Project if no one else is going to further discuss. I think it's a good idea overall, I love the guys knowledge, I loved his presentation but I don't think it fits our criteria for Kekaha and that it's island-wide and that's it, otherwise, I'd love to sit and talk story with this guy all day. His knowledge is amazing but it doesn't fit our criteria so I'd like to make a motion to not approve this proposal project.
Evelyn Olores	I second.
Bruce Pleas	Ok. We have a second. Discussion? A, I have a tendency to agree but I think myself, there's a, I'd be willing to put a little bit of money out if it was revamped so that the Kanaka names of the ocean were available to the fishermen and the youth users and our youth that are down there, but along with rescue tubes. The yellow rescue tubes, because if you notice at polihale, you notice around the island, there's rescue tubes and here's a beach area that has fishermen around the rocks all the times and we have no rescue tubes handy in case someone does fall off into the water but I will um, this will be on the record so they can review it with the reasons why this did not move forward because the interactive signs are great but the kids will destroy it but to have all the way down here and have each place designated as olomanu, the names all the way down here. I mean, I could listen to him when he cam here, I closed my eyes and I was just living what he was speaking but what got my attention was this area right here where the canoes came in but canoes has to have nice beaches and also what most people don't realize is down by the, where the Kekaha Manager's house along the beach, that whole area, that use to be Fishpond. Heiau down there, fishpond in a town and that would be nice to be designated so that may be something that could be worked into this, so I think that might be a project later on down the road and I will be supporting the not approval.
Beth Tokioka	I'm sorry. Just on rescue tubes cause I think that's beyond what Keao and his group does but I'd be happy to le the Kauai Lifeguard Association know that you're interested in rescue tubes out here and maybe I can have them call you and see where they might be appropriate. I don't think they would ask you for money from these funds. I think it's a matter of identifying where they're needed so let me do that on the rescue tubes.

Bruce Pleas	And if they can't get a hold of me, I will myself get a hold of Randy and see if we can put the name of that beach and stencil them.	
Beth Tokioka	Ok.	
Bruce Pleas	Ok. So that was kind of a bangled discussion. Are we ready for a vote. All in favor to not approve the Kauai Nui Kuapapa project. 5 and 1 abstain which goes with the majority.	Tony Ricci moved to not approve Kauai Nui Kuapapa Project proposal. Seconded by Evelyn Olores. Discussion and (5) in favor, (1) abstain, motion passed.
Bruce Pleas	Ok. Next is the Waimea Baptist Church – Radio Station Project Proposal. We will go around the line. Big Boy, you can comment first and if not, we'll go to Tony.	
Big Boy Kupo	My comment is I'd like to disapprove his one.	
Tony Ricci	Um. The Waimea Baptist Church project. My feeling is to disapprove the Radio Station project. I love the idea in what they are trying to do but the whole thing doesn't even reach us overall. I think they would have to come back with a whole set up that will actually feed the whole Kekaha and not this three mile limit that barely makes it to Kekaha which didn't make sense to me but unfortunately, I think it can be something that would be for the west side in general, but since it's Kekaha funding and it really doesn't even reach us, I see no point.	
Bruce Pleas	Ok. Any other discussion?	
Tony Ricci	I'd like to make a motion to disapprove this project.	
Big Boy Kupo	Second	
Bruce Pleas	Any further discussion? All in favor, raise your hand. Ok. It has been disapproved.	Tony Ricci moved to disapprove Waimea Baptist Church Radio Station Project Proposal. Seconded by Big Boy Kupo. All in favor. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.
Bruce Pleas	Ok. We will now move forward to Ke Kula Niihau Food Service Project. Tony. We'll start with you.	
Tony Ricci Myra Elliott	I like the idea of this whole project. I actually love the idea that Keoni is going to be behind this project. I've done research on you Keoni. I like the idea of what they're trying to do. I think it's something that they can get the Federal Funding for and that this is just a kick start and then they'd be on their way for the next decades to come. So I think it's a positive thing so I would like to further discuss the nuts and bolts like you brought up Bruce on the project itself on the next meeting if it does go forward, but I want to move it forward. Thank you. I am for this project as well as I think it will help another school here in Kekaha.	
-	Thank you. I am for this project as well as I think it will help another school here in Kekaha.	
Bruce Pleas	Yes. I'd like to have you back for review. Please review all of the minutes and talk to Yvonne about all of the questions of what was covered. I always err to the side of caution and buy more expensive equipment that is safer for kids because aluminum and the low-grade stuff just doesn't last and it's not good. It's better to buy good cookie sheets, I've had the same cookie sheets for 15 years and it's still good. The kids just have to realize that these things cost money and they have to take care of them, don't bang them around. Silverware is wonderful, but silver is so expensive but silver is such a good metal for your body and it's really necessary to keep you healthy instead of plastic forks and spoons. And also, I would support, at least in the range of what you have in your proposal but if you come up with other stuff you need like I said before, for me, these projects are fluid. Look at what you need. Research what equipment you need. Get the prices on them and bring all that back for the review. We may have to go through it a couple times, but and also too, um any information you can bring back from the Kona days I mean if we can put money into this and get it done in 30 days, that's really good cause	

	November is less than 30 days away even if it doesn't seem like it. Time travels fast. So, I'm in support of this and looking to work this out.	
Robert Jackson	I just have one question. Are we funding the whole amount this round. I see it's a two year plan.	
Bruce Pleas	I think that's what we'll be working out when they come back for review. We'll get more information on that after they return from Kona.	
Evelyn Olores	I see no reason why we should approve of this proposal with the idea of breaking down cost of equipment and supplies that you use in the kitchen and even if you use the best equipment you know, I think we should go that route, make sure that, because the kitchen is there, I've seen it you know and it's been sitting there to long and with all of this, I think you should come back to us and look at the best supplies Hoku that you can find whether it be your pots, pans, and chaffing dishes. Even to a point where you're gonna use platters for the kids and let them wash dishes I mean the three compartment sink is all you need. You don't' need a dishwasher. You know, I know they go home, they no wash dishes. They just take their plate and throw um in the sink. I know, I have my grandkids at my house and grandma is like one automatic dishwasher over there. You know, no put that kind of things with the idea that I'm hoping that you would expand with Aunty Heddy at the Kanaka School so maybe if we put these two schools together, we can look at giving you the money because we're talking about our kids in Kekaha whether they come from Niihau or Kekaha or you know because, I know, like St. Theresa, the kids come as far as Lihue because mom and dad works in the base so come back with all this breakdown with food cost and stuff like that and see how we can expand this and then you can qualify for DOE and even maybe Federal support you know with your program and with Malama Kauai coming in, I think we can really make this program go but all this gotta come back with all this information that we asking.	
Tony Ricci	Ok. Just as a comment as we do vote to approve this, When you were to come back, I'd like to see, say your 50 percent, \$750 Federal subsidized I think that's part of the food budget part on how that would be used and what your projected food cost would be and how you would do it. I'm really into healthy. I think Myra and I both saw deep fryer, I know you need a deep fryer but it's kind of like, wait a minute. But I'd like to see, I'm pretty sure you guys will get the Federal subsidy, I know you guys can pull that off, so I'd like to just see what your plan is, not set in stone, but the whole picture of your, where you'll think you'll be after visiting Kona. So let's vote on this first before I say the next words. I make a motion to move Ke Kula Niihau Food Service Project Proposal Tony Ricci moved to move forward Ke Kula Niihau Food Service Project. Seconded by Myra Elliott. No further discussion. All in favor.	
Tony Ricci	Keoni, when are you guys going to Kona? Motion passed unanimously	
Keoni Kealoha	It'll be in September, next month. I'm not exactly sure what date. It depends on their best availability. I can get in touch with them in the next couple days and let you all know.	
Tony Ricci	Ok. I would like if you can, find out when, hopefully early September so you can get back to Yvonne so we can have a meeting soon after that because it would kind of be counter-intuitive to do it before you get there and if you're getting there at the end of the month and we have a meeting before, it wouldn't be like put you on the agenda because you wouldn't be able to answer but we need to move because November is the school deadline as far as budget.	
Bruce Pleas	Our next meeting is the third Monday of September so it would be great if it worked into that then we'd schedule in for that date and go forward.	
Keoni Kealoha	I'd be happy to get back with Yvonne and let her know. Thank you	
Bruce Pleas	Ok. Next one is Waiawa Project.	
Tony Ricci	Ok. I love this kids energy, Treston, that's his name right? I love this project. I love what they're doing out there. I love where they've gone out there. I've already told him that I would talk to Stephanie Iona and Matt over at Dow. Dow is all for it. We're gonna hook up with the kid, I mean, They're gonna go	

Bruce Pleas	out there and bring the dozers and they're gonna do whatever they need to do to get this done. They love the idea. I haven't told him that yet. Is he here? You're here. Oh. Come up to the microphone. Ok. You're the only presentation that when I went home, I told my whole family about. I was all pumped on what you're doing. For being your age and what you're doing, I am really impressed. I have talked to Dow and Matt and Stephanie Iona are all for it so we're gonna set up a meeting, whether you get money from us or not, to go down there and they're gonna bring the dozers, Jerry Lewis will bring equipment down there and you want acreage plowed out, they're gonna plow it out. They're gonna hook you up. I think it's a great thing that you're trying to do in trying to implement coring their school together and the other schools here and working with St. Theresa getting all the kids out there. I mean, you blew me away with your energy. I'm really impressed with how old you are and what you're trying to do and doing it from the heart and you're not looking at economic dollar signs, you're just doing it for love and so for me, I'd like to bring him forward again. I love the idea that you looked at a budget, you refined it, you chopped it by a ton, brought it in to the 40's and I'd love to try to work with you in getting things whether it's incremental throughout the years or whatever, but I love his project. So. My only concern is we need to have some sort of paperwork on land tenure from whom ever, is it DHHL. We need something from them that's gonna be committed and I think if you need to rely on, well have them talk to Tony, to me, the community and I think that may be the biggest stumbling block I see in mind is if you don't have land tenure. Because if it's just year to year, it's a little hard, you know but for what you're doing in there, I could drop some of the CAC money for that. The other concept I'd like for you to think about is your payback to the community was through the schools and providing food. You
Treston	months and my mountain apple goes, I have 300 pounds in three days and I have nowhere to take them. I use to go down in Waimea, they use to have the farmers market which is where the shrimp place is when Cookie use to run that but this would be a payback and there are empty spaces, Kekaha store empty. I don't know if you can work it into your project but something to think about. I myself would actually be willing to propose some of the HCB funds to be used to rent the place if you guys would be willing to up the place and provide a place that's open quite a bit for local produce and the payback would be, you just have to keep your books. But also too, review the Kekaha Community Garden, Diane Shoemaker and what she presented for her quarterly reports that showed so many pounds of food went to Nana's house, etc. so you need to come up with a form that would be something simple so that when you provide so much taro you can show this is what I gave and this is where it went so we have some idea of verification because I think you'll be moving forward to review. So these are just things to think about. You don't have to do a co-op, I'm just throwing this out there. Maybe you'll come up with a better idea. I completely support you guys, break everything down as to cost, get the land tenure and we can start working on this whether we approve it or don't just come by and grab me, I still want to go by there and check it out, but I am all for it. I think it's a great idea.
Myra Elliott	I have a simple question. I'm sorry I missed your presentation. Who is your 501c fiscal sponsor?
Treston	Waimea Businessmen Association – Thomas Nizo
Myra Elliott	Ok. Thank you.
Treston	About the land tenure, I've been in contact with Kaleo Manual, the Planning Director from DHHL and we're having a meeting in October with Hawaiian Homes and I'm sharing with them that this is what we're working towards and the 2012 Kauai Island plan for DHHL, they labeled that valley under special districts and it was specifically for cultural restoration and taro cultivation in that valley in Waiawa and it also says that EPA funds are available and they would actually go ahead and ask AMFAC to pay for that if we decided to do a remediation project there and I think there would be more mana behind the project if we were funded by this and then Hawaiian Homes would look at that and say wow the community is behind it, we're supporting the schools and then maybe we'll be able to get the funds from EPA for the poison house and maybe the funds from the grant money wouldn't have to go towards soil samples. So that meeting is scheduled for October.

Bruce Pleas	And how long is your land tenure good for until this point.			
Treston	If we go ahead and propose a project, that project we can hopefully work something out, that's what my whole vision is for that meeting.			
Bruce Pleas	So until when?			
Treston	It's still in the revocable stages, so January 2015 as of right now.			
Bruce Pleas	Get us a date as to where you're at at this point.			
Tony Ricci	Keoni is familiar with your project.			
Treston	Yes. We put together the powerpoint presentation.			
Tony Ricci	You guys are great. I love you guys. Ok. You need to hook up with him. Does it help if any of us is there at that meeting? Maybe Keoni can help with a little guidance. You're in the right path. I truly think that it would be a great thing for Kekaha. There could be some gardens, good for tourism, it can be a whole deal. It can be a real deal and I really like what you're doing.			
Bruce Pleas	Make sure Yvonne knows where the meeting is and we'll designate one to two people to attend that meeting.			
Tony Ricci	I'd like to make a motion to move this project forward.			
Big Boy Kupo	Second		Tony Ricci moved to move Waiwai Waiawa Project proposal forward. 4 in favor and 1 against, 1 bye. No further discussion. Motion passed.	
Bruce Pleas	Ok. Were finished with new business. Next item is future agenda items. Yvonne, we are looking at a meeting next month.			
Yvonne Hosaka	Yes. Our next scheduled meeting is for the 3 rd Monday of each month so for September, it is on 09/15/14. I will find out what proposals will be able to attend the 09/15/14 meeting. We also have other regular business that we can start to add back onto our agenda. We have a progress report due from Kekaha Solarize and for the record, St. Theresa School did receive the notes for follow up on their projects which will be now just for the preschool and the scholarship program.			
VI. Future Agenda Items	Ok. So future agenda items, we'll have these proposed projects, St. Theresa Playground equipment, Ke Kula Niihau, if the trip to Kona is before the 15 th , Waiawa and St. Theresa School Scholarship program. So if any CAC member has any agenda items, please get them to Yvonne before September 7 th .			
Yvonne Hosaka	Can I ask that they be submitted to me before the 4 th of September? Thank you.			
Bruce Pleas	Ok.			
VII. Final Roll Call	Evelyn Olores. Reports 6 members present. Moved to a	djourn	Evelyn moved to adjourn. Seconded by Robert Jackson. All in Favor.	
7:47 pm	Meeting adjourned			
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Yvonne Hosaka, CAC Facilitator Evelyn Olores, Secretary		Secretary		
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