# **Kala Pointer**

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### From the Desk of KPOA President

Mark Lannon, Board President

Be on the lookout for the Kala Point Survey in your email inbox this month. There are a few subjects on which we would like your input on this year:



Sunset Glory: photo by Suzanne Eggleston

**Demographics:** information to help us better understand who our membership includes

**Communication**: how members prefer to obtain Kala Point information (bulletin boards, *Kala Pointer*, etc.)

**Pickleball:** how much interest is there in our community for pickleball, and how do members feel about converting some tennis courts into pickle ball courts? (After all, pickleball is Washington state's sport!)

**Community activities:** information about interests, and comments to help committees plan for and execute activities

**Volunteer opportunities:** there are a lot of ways to serve in our community, and we welcome your comments and suggestions.

When you receive the survey, please take a few minutes to give us your thoughts. Your feedback helps the Board and Kala Point committees serve you better. •

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Clouds over the Olympics: photo by Dick Nockleby

### February Board Meeting Summary

### Dan Nordlund, Board Secretary

The February KPOA Board Meeting was held February 15 at 3 p.m. It was a hybrid meeting held in person at the Clubhouse and over Zoom. Board Members in attendance: M. Lannon, president; J. Reeves, vice president; D. Nordlund, secretary; and P. Miles, S. Stanton, K. Skolrud (CFO), D. Moses, and K. Titus (via phone), directors. Also attending were Keith Larson, general manager; Felice Thompson, administrative assistant II; other self-identified Zoom attendees; and a couple of residents at the Clubhouse. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order. The February 2023 agenda and the minutes of the January 10, 2023, Board meeting were approved. It was announced that the deadline for articles for the March *Kala Pointer* was February 19.

From the consent calendar, the Board voted to approve Janice Weller to the Elections Committee, and Dan Kimball to both the Architectural and Strategic Planning Committees.

#### **General Manager's Report**

- Due to the continuing issue of non-recyclable materials being left in or around the bins and to increase overall security around the Administration Building, a wireless, solar-powered, six-camera security system has been installed; activity at the recycle bins is being recorded.
- Kala Point received two alternate proposals to buy out the lease agreement on the cell tower by the Administration Building, granting a perpetual easement in lieu of the current ongoing lease.

The Finance Committee reviewed the proposals and counseled the Board that the buy-out would not be in the best interests of Kala Point

- The Board voted 8-0 to turn down the proposals
- The vacant Clubhouse position has been filled, and John Prior will be starting on March 1, 2023; give him a warm welcome when you see him.
- The vacant maintenance had not been officially filled as of the Board meeting, but Keith was confident it would be filled within the week.
- On the finance front, we are ahead of last year on collections of assessments for Lots, Houses and Condominiums (LHCs) at approximately 82%, and Timeshares at approximately 96%.
- There are a wide variety of reserve projects scheduled for 2023, including road repairs and paving, new tractor, mailbox replacements, Clubhouse painting, and pier/piling (at the dock) inspection and treatment, to mention a few.
- New gravel has been placed in storage lots A and B and also at the beach parking area.
- Speaking of the beach, you may have noticed a sailboat on the beach near the spit; the owner has been located and we are working on getting the boat removed.

#### **Old Business**

Dan Kimball presented a review of comments received following the first read of <u>APP II</u>. The comments and proposed changes will be made available on the website. The Board and interested parties are to review the material, send comments to the Board, and cc Dan Kimball to enable a final read and potential April vote.

#### **New Business**

- The Board reviewed the questions on the annual survey proposed by the Strategic Planning Committee; some modest changes were requested. Look for an announcement of the availability of the survey some time in March.
- Review of amendments to APPs VII, XIV, and XIII were deferred to the March Board meeting.
- Concern was expressed that there have been inconsistencies in committee meeting times and places posted on committee landing pages and the Kala Kalendar. The board voted to task committee Board reps to ensure that meeting times and places be correctly posted to landing pages and the calendar.
- Committee Reports can be found on the Kala Point website on the appropriate committee pages.
- Finally, the Board is considering the following goals for 2023:
  - o develop and implement a New Director training
  - develop and implement a reporting process for on-time delivery and posting of committee minutes to the website and meeting summaries for the Kala Pointer
  - increase the number of resident email addresses used by the Admin Office to improve communication with residents
  - limit Board meetings to two hours

The main business of the February board being completed, the Board recessed until the March 14 meeting at 3 p.m.

Note: For more details about the meeting, supporting documents, and a recording of the board meeting, visit the <u>Board of Directors landing page</u>. ◆

### Letter to the Editor: A Cautionary Story Susie Poole Moses

I had a near miss today, and I think Kala Pointers might learn from it. Today and every day as I drive south on [Highway] 19 (Rhody Drive) past the airport, I slow to 40 miles per hour, and after the rumble strips, I put on my turn signal to turn left onto Prospect

### Avenue.

I had noticed a car turn left from Prospect onto 19 to go south earlier. I saw another car behind that one which also was in the lane to turn left onto 19. I got into the left-hand turn lane on 19 and waited until all traffic coming north had cleared. I then started my turn left onto Prospect when the other car wanting to turn left onto 19 turned directly in front of me!

The older woman driving must not have seen me as I was turning left, even though I had the right of way. I blasted the car with my horn, but the driver paid no heed. A few years ago, I had witnessed the aftermath of a fatal accident at that place, and I am always wary of that intersection.

I am writing today to warn all of you to please take care and be extra vigilant either when coming out of Prospect onto 19 or waiting to turn left onto Prospect coming from the north. Today could have been another fatal accident, and I am still shaking from the experience. Please be even more careful at this intersection!

Susie Pool Moses Bluffs Drive

[Editor's note: I had the exact same experience the week Susie submitted her letter. As I came from town, I signaled, moved over into the left-hand turn lane, waited for traffic to clear, and proceeded to turn onto Prospect. A couple sitting at the stop sign waiting to turn onto Highway 19 from Prospect apparently did not see me and my car, and very nearly hit me. I second Susie's sentiment to exercise extreme caution at this intersection. Suzanne Eggleston] ◆

### Spring Fundraiser for East Jefferson Fire and Rescue Terry Rose, Chair, First Aid Committee



Once again, our virtual fundraising event for East Jefferson Fire and Rescue will begin on March 1. We are continuing our tradition of contributing to a great cause: supporting the dedicated team of firefighters and EMTs who serve Kala Point so professionally when we need them.

The annual EJFR fundraiser will run all month long. If you would like to show your support, write a check payable to EJFR and drop it off at one of three places:

- 50 Fairbreeze Dr.: envelope on the front porch of Petra McDowell
- **76 Terrace Drive:** envelope on the Donnellys' front porch
- Administration Building: drop your check in an envelope marked "EJFR" through the mail slot.

EJFR uses our contributions toward local medical supplies, equipment and training. Over the last three years, for example, Kala Point donations were used to purchase a stair chair, a defibrillator, and portable suction units, items desperately needed but couldn't be obtained within EJFR's operating budget.

On their wish list for this year are laryngoscopes (for throat blockages and trauma) and a portable ultrasound to diagnose the cause of difficulty breathing, and to locate veins to help start IVs, etc. These are critical pieces of equipment in emergency situations, especially now when their work is even more challenging and budgets are further constrained. Please consider supporting our friends at EJFR who are such an important resource. Your contributions can help make their jobs a little easier.

Thanks in advance for your generosity! Questions? Contact: Katharine Donnelly at <u>donnelly2@mac.com</u> or Petra McDowell at <u>petra@olympus.net</u>. ready for your content.

### **Pickleball Saved my Sanity**

#### Sigrid Cummings

Sometimes life throws us a curveball. It is up to us to decide how to respond.

On July 5, 2021, Stan, my husband of 31 years, was struck down in a tragic bicycle accident on State Route 20. He was airlifted to Harborview and died eight days later. In the aftermath of that experience, I learned I am strong, brave and resilient — and pickleball helped save my sanity.

Prior to his death, Stan and I would occasionally dink a ball around a little. He was scheduled for shoulder surgery in January, so it had not yet become an intense or competitive sport. A few months after his death, I attended a pickleball workshop. I needed an outlet for the grief and frustration, and to stay in shape for the recently imposed rigors of my new life.

I put newcomer "open play" dates on my calendar and showed up, even when I didn't feel like leaving the house. If it was cold and dreary, I showed up. When my hands got cold, I bought heated gloves. I worked through the grief, became a better player, and met a wonderful group of people who have become treasured friends. A few months ago, I cried on the court and told a couple of them I could not imagine what my life would be like without them.

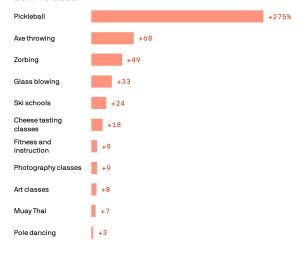
Pickleball is a wonderful sport. I have found the most generosity of spirit on the court. For the most part, it is less about winning and more about the camaraderie. And win or lose – you always enjoy great exercise and laughter – especially after the curveballs. ♦



Sigrid on the Court: Photo by Hilary Newell

Come to the Kala Point pickleball courts at the Lagoon on March 4, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. to get acquainted with the sport. Advisors will be on hand to explain the game and to get you started. Dress in warm, comfortable clothes and bring some water. We hope to see you there!

Change in consumer interest in select hobbies from 2019 to 2022





### **Beneath The Surface**

### Sue Stanton, Board of Directors

As March rolls around, my patience for spring wears thin. Steam rising from the hot tub and the singe of the sauna gets me through winter months, but it's that first lap in the pool that gets my heart pumping. I *gracefully* lower myself into the water, but in my mind I'm the kid running and leaping off the dock yelling, "Cannonball!

### CANNONBALL! Photo from FreePix

I take for granted all that goes on behind the scenes to "prime the pump," if you will. Like a bear coming out of hibernation at the first sign of Spring, it's time to stretch and get down to business. Fill the 800-gallon propane tank. Inspect and service the boiler and heat pump, then light the burners. During the three weeks it takes to warm the pool, out come blowers to clear the roof of debris and clean gutters directly above the pool.

Moss blankets most everything in the PNW and is not a welcome sensation beneath bare feet; pressure washers and a new coat of paint take care of that, and safety stencils are painted around the edge of the pool.

Then it's time to flush winterizing chemicals and add a new cocktail to "balance" the pH for a clean, clear and safe experience. Thanks to our in-house certified pool operators, the pool is ready for inspectors! Of 16 Western Washington outdoor swimming pools, Kala Point's season, April through September, is the longest.

I have a new appreciation for the work involved that few see and many of us enjoy. There's just something about the warmth of the sun or prickle of raindrops on my back as I swim laps. Once in a while, between strokes, an eagle will catch my eye, giving new meaning to "taking a deep breath." •

### Looking for Things to Do in Port Townsend?

Check out enjoypt.com and ptscene.com for art, events and Port Townsend activities. +

### Get to Know Your Neighbors

Laurie Engelbeck

### Mike and Karin Youngberg Terrace Place



Photo by Laurie Engelbeck

Mike and Karin Youngberg have both lived in the Seattle area all their lives. They lived in the Ballard area for the past 39 years, and just settled in to their house on Terrace Place in the Bluffs area in October 2022. Prior to moving to Kala Point, they had looked at other areas, including the Methow Valley where their daughter Raechel lives and where they had vacationed as a family for many years.

They decided to check out the Olympic Peninsula since Karin has friends in Chimacum and Port Angeles. Once they discovered Kala Point, they were excited to move here and quickly found a house. Mike says, "It looks like a campground...with a beach!"

They had been thinking about moving for a long time — when they found the right place, they were ready to move.

While they miss a few things about Ballard, including being able to walk to restaurants, movies, and grocery stores, they do not miss the Seattle traffic. They lived close to the water in Ballard and they see Port Townsend as similar, especially being able to see boats. Karin says she misses her friends, but she looks forward to having them come to visit.

They enjoy the quiet area here, and getting to know Port Townsend and the restaurants and the music venues. Mike enjoys walking their boxer/beagle dog Boone on the beach, and Karin is working up to being able to walk down to the beach and back. They enjoy seeing the wildlife in the area. For fun, they enjoy camping and visiting their daughters.

Karin is happy to live in a smaller area where it is easy to get involved in activities. She has joined the Bluffs Management Committee and the Kala Point Book Club and also enjoys the water exercise class at the YMCA in Port Townsend. She is looking for other opportunities to volunteer.

Mike and Karin met in Seattle and have been married 42 years. They have two daughters: Raechel in the Methow Valley, and Jessica who lives in Portland. Both of their families are from Seattle, and they even discovered that their fathers were in the same class at Lincoln High School in Seattle. They found their fathers' pictures side by side in an old yearbook.

Karin studied restoration horticulture which is the process of taking out invasive plants and planting native plants that support wildlife and prevent erosion. She worked on restoration projects on the Skagit and Snohomish rivers and "ripped out lots and lots of blackberries." She doesn't do the physical work anymore but is still interested in supporting native plantings.

Karin has also been involved in the development of wildlife bridges that go over or under highways. She was in a group that looked where the animals naturally crossed so they could place the bridges. She also worked as an advisor for students transferring into the University of Washington.

Mike worked for Boeing for 32 years as a parts fabricator, making parts for the 787 from

its beginning. He described his last 20 years of work as "being in a big toy shop" with lots of things to play with. He worked on spacecraft and fighter plane programs, and was part of a project called Sea Launch where he collaborated with people from Russia and Norway to build rockets that launched from the sea near the equator. He has been retired for about five years and enjoys walking, backpacking, and is thinking of building a small boat.

They both have enjoyed meeting the friendly neighbors and are looking forward to new adventures in Kala Point. ♦

If you would like to be featured in a neighbor profile, please email <u>yourkalapointer@kalapoint.org</u>. One of our staff will be in touch to do an interview or send you questions you can answer yourself. You do not need to be a new resident to be featured. All are welcome to participate. •

### Sharing the Good Life Pamela Thompson

Irish Soda Bread is a quick bread that does not require any yeast. Instead, all of its leavening comes from baking soda and buttermilk. It's dense yet soft, and has the most incredible crusty exterior. It will go great with your corned beef and cabbage for St. Paddy's Day □ or any occasion that calls for a sweet bread. I found this recipe on the Sally's Baking Addiction blog. You can also find more tips about this recipe there.



### Photo from Sally's Baking Addiction

### Irish Soda Bread

### Ingredients

- 1 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cups (420ml) buttermilk
- 1 large egg

4 ¼ cups (531g) all-purpose flour (spoon and leveled), plus more for your hands and counter

- 3 Tablespoons (38g) granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt

5 Tablespoons (70g) unsalted butter, cold and cubed

optional: 1 cup (150g) raisins

#### Instructions

Preheat oven to 400° Use a regular baking sheet and line with parchment paper or use a seasoned 10- to12-inch cast iron skillet.

Whisk the buttermilk and egg together. Set aside. Whisk the flour, granulated sugar, baking soda, and salt together in a large bowl. Cut in the butter using a pastry cutter, a fork, or your fingers. Mixture is very heavy on the flour, but do your best to cut in the butter until the butter is pea-sized crumbs. Stir in the raisins.

Pour in the buttermilk/egg mixture. Gently fold the dough together until dough it is too stiff to stir. Pour crumbly dough onto a lightly floured work surface. With floured hands, work the dough into a ball as best you can, then knead for about 30 seconds or until all

the flour is moistened. If the dough is too sticky, add a little more flour.

Transfer the dough to the prepared skillet/pan. Using a very sharp knife, score a halfinch deep "X" into the top. Bake until the bread is golden brown and center appears cooked through, about 45–55 minutes. Loosely tent the bread with aluminum foil if you notice heavy browning on top. For an accurate test, bread is done when an instant read thermometer reads 190°F.

Remove from the oven and allow bread to cool for 10 minutes, then transfer to a wire rack. Serve warm, at room temperature, or toasted with desired toppings/spreads.

### Do you have a recipe or a cocktail you'd like to share? <u>Email us!</u>

### How to Find and Claim Money You Didn't Know You Had

Bill Hasan

I am a retired accountant. In my working life, I handled unclaimed property. I have continued to look for (and find) money owed to family and friends across the country. I wanted to let Kala Point residents know how easy it is to search for money they might not know they have.

Sometimes individuals end up being owed money by companies or governmental agencies for refunds, adjustments, overpayments, and so on. If the company mails you a check but the check doesn't reach you (perhaps because you've moved), they are not allowed to keep the funds.



They are required by law to turn the money over to the state they have on file for you. These funds are called Unclaimed Property. The state keeps your money and returns it to you if you file a claim and provide documentation. Every state maintains an easy-tosearch database. The process to look for money you don't know you might have is simple.

- Go to the Unclaimed Property website: <u>https://unclaimed.org</u>
- Scroll down to the map of the U.S.
- Click on any state you've lived in that might be holding money for you.
- Search that state's database using your name and/or address.
- If you find money due you, file a claim online, provide the information requested, and wait for the check to come to you from the state.

It's fun to look. The states are eager to reunite you with your money (Great Iowa Treasure Hunt, Great Colorado Payback). I recently spent time searching for family and friends, and I had about an 80 percent success rate. The money was from uncashed checks, insurance proceeds, refunds, dividends, etc. One friend was thrilled to find that she was owed \$3,600.

Good luck! +

## Get to Know America's Fastest-Growing Sport: **Pickleball**





Pickleball is so hot, it's been declared Washington's state sport. It's fun and a great way for people of all skill levels to meet new friends while enjoying an outdoor activity.

On March 4, the Kala Point Pickleball Club will show anyone interested how easy it is to get hooked on this year-round game. There'll be pickleball advisors to explain the game to get you started, and then we'll play!

Please join us on March 4 and find out why everyone's talking about this Washington-born sport that's taking the world by storm. When: Saturday, March 4, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Where: Kala Point Pickleball Courts at the Lagoon (follow the signs)

Who: Anyone can play! All equipment provided.

Questions: Contact Ann Kirby at <u>akwoodside@aol.com</u>



### A Sea of Yellow Kris Ethington

A sea of yellow — that is what I saw as I processed hundreds of photos from my native bee surveys during July and August at Kala Point last year. It's easy to walk past the

yellow flowering gumweeds (*Grindelia integrifolia*) at the beach and see only the golden beauty. You can almost take the beauty for granted as a common sight amidst the natural landscape — until you look closely at all the insect inhabitants!

For me, excitement builds as I watch buds develop. I saw a smattering of bright yellow blooms open by mid-March last year, and watched as they continued to dot the habitat through late autumn. My personal appreciation for this sticky, often untamed and hard to photograph native plant has grown immensely as I observe the richness of life that the plants provide bees, wasps, flies, and beetles in return for the ecological services they provide. The insect life on gumweed hasn't gone unnoticed by the birds, either!

As I continue my quest to observe all the native bee species tiny and large in the habitat, I am continually awestruck by the richness of bees at Kala Point, and endeavor to gain more knowledge about the different species: what plants they associate with; where they nest and the substrate that attracts them; and how near to the nest must be their host plants? My research indicates a correlation between the size of the native bee and the distance it flies between nest and floral resource.

By the end of summer, leafcutters and long-horned bees appeared abundantly. Along with them, the leafcutter cuckoo bees were also abundant. Cuckoo bees evolved kleptoparasitic behaviors (a form of resource acquisition where one animal takes resources from another) of laying their eggs in the nests of certain bee species. Thus, cuckoo bee females don't provision their own nest cells with pollen like other female native bees. Fascinating!

I can't wait for all the colors of spring at Kala Point — and more bee watching! •



Cuckoo Leaf Cutter Female



Long Horned Female

Photos by Kris Ethington

### Ludlow Village Players Present Night Watch Randy G Powell, Artistic Director

Submitted by Lanie Belic

The Ludlow Village Players are well into preparing this year's spring production. According to Kala Point resident Lanie Belic, the play is Lucille Fletcher's *Night Watch,* which is under the direction of artistic director, Randy



The Ludlow Village Players

Powell, who provided the following account.

Alfred Hitchcock said, "Give the audience some information and leave the rest to their imagination." This is exactly how the LVP theater company brings Lucille Fletcher's *Night Watch* to life on the stage and for the audience.

What happens when a New York socialite witnesses a possible murder, but no one believes her? Why does she keep going back to that window? The police don't believe her, her husband is at his wit's end, and her best friend tries to help her rationalize what she has experienced. What about the nosy neighbor and his obsession with the house? Perhaps your imagination can bring out the real facts and help our heroine deal with the vision that haunts her.

*Night Watch* opens April 7 at the Bay Club in Port Ludlow. The opening night gala is a Dessert Theater and includes a silent auction and table seating. Tickets are \$19 and are available at <u>brownpapertickets.com/event/5694215</u>. Opening night seating is limited to 78 seats only, so buy your tickets early.

The silent auction will include the work of local artists, unique collectibles and other interesting items including the reproductions of three masterpieces copied and painted by Carol Durbin (does *your* home have a Picasso?).

The remaining performances are festival seating on April 8, 14, and 15 at 7 p.m., and April 8, and 16 at 2 p.m. All tickets are \$19. Doors open 30 minutes before showtime except Opening Night when they open an hour before showtime for the silent auction. It takes over 30 people to produce such a show, but we are nothing without you, the audience! •

### **Social Plus Wants You!**

Natalie Wilson, chair, Social Plus



The Kala Point Social Plus Committee — "Neighbors Creating Community" — needs more voices to represent our great community! It's all about creating fun and worthwhile events for all ages to enjoy. We need to hear from KP residents what fun activities would be enjoyed in the 'hood. We would love our KP children to also have a voice, and would appreciate new ideas to involve them as well.

If you'd like to come join us for a meeting, we meet the first Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. at the Clubhouse. If you can't make a meeting, there are other ways to get involved.

Social Plus hosts many events throughout the year, such as holiday events, beach parties, block parties with live music, classes

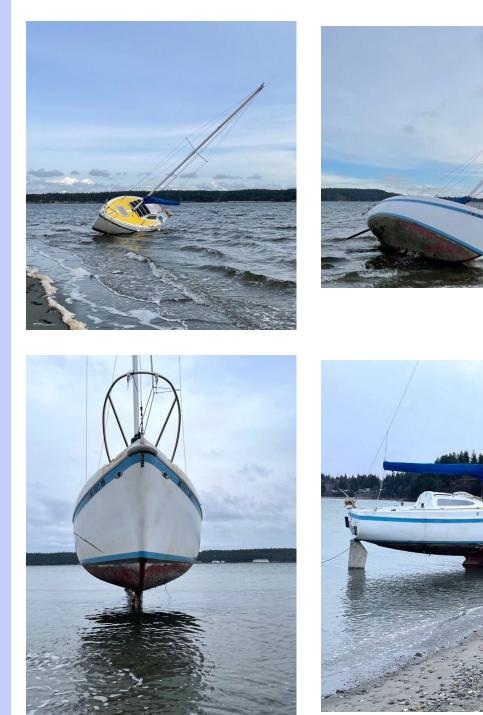


*Kala Cares* Pat Reverman

at the clubhouse, the annual Kala Point Garage Sale, annual Food & Toy Drive, international dinners and more!

Please contact Natalie Wilson at 303.775.0558 or <u>nataliecarolle@gmail.com</u> for more information!

### **Through the Lens**



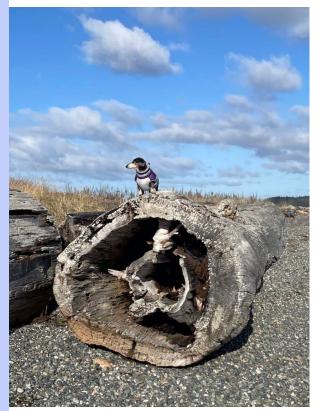
Above four images by Diane Holmes



High and Dry: photo by Bruce Weertman



Comet as seen from Kala Point: photo by Bill Hasan



Daisy at the Beach: photo by Diane Holmes



Neighborhood Artisan: photo by Donna Abear





Resident Kala Pointer: photo by Pamela Thompson

Fort Worden Lighted House: *photo by Alison Ebbott* 



Magnificent Mt Baker: photo by Suzanne Eggleston

### Send Us Your Photos!

Do you have images that showcase the character of Kala Point? New images that highlight the natural setting, facilities and people of Kala Point will be featured in the *Kala Pointer* or on KPOA website. Please submit your full-resolution jpegs, one at a time, to <u>photos@kalapoint.org</u> Thank you! •

### **Committee Reports**

### Architectural

Meeting on February 16, 2023

**Lot 358** – The owner's home was destroyed by fire in 2022. Their new home will be built to the same specifications as the previous home with a slightly higher roof line. The Architectural Committee (AC) is working with the homeowners to get closure quickly so they may move back home.

Lot 372 – The owners will be building a two-car garage addition. Two mature native trees must be removed to accomplish this project. The AC, in conjunction with the Tree Committee, strongly recommends tree replacements somewhere on the property. The AC is working with the owners closely on the project.

The AC has several other projects which can be found in the minutes on the <u>committee's</u> <u>landing page.</u>

Next meeting: March 16, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fireplace Room

### Elections

Meeting on January 26, 2023

### New business:

- New board representative Pat Miles was introduced and welcomed to the committee. The EC officers for 2023 were elected and unanimously approved. Co-chairs in 2023 are: Jeana Holme and Patsy Mathys. Additional new member is Jani Weller.
- Our regular scheduled meetings in 2023 will be the first Thursday of every month at 1 p.m. at the KP clubhouse, masks optional. No meeting in February.
- Committee examined Board-proposed changes to the <u>APP II</u> (in bold below).

*"All committees shall submit their minutes to an assigned Director who shall submit a summary to the Kala Pointer for publication."* EC Committee requests the Board approve our preference that the person taking the meeting minutes (EC Chair or Secretary) write the summary for efficient time management.

*"Recruit candidates for election to the Board in conjunction with the Elections Committee."* This acknowledges that if the EC does not or cannot generate candidates, this task would (by necessity) fall on Board members. The EC respects that this is a safety measure to ensure we will have enough people to serve on the Board.

The EC examined ways to further support the Board, including giving notice in a timely manner when Board positions will be open, and taking a more active role in educating KP residents on the responsibilities of board members. Submitting information (articles

and notices) via the *Kala Pointer* newsletter will be a primary method of achieving these goals.

#### Old business:

A debrief on Candidates' Night 2022 focused on improving the flow of the evening, staying within the allotted time frame, and evaluating the protocols involved in questioning the candidates. Further discussion is needed.

Next meeting: March 2, 1 p.m.

### **Emergency Preparedness**

Meeting on February 2,2023

January 5, 2023, minutes were approved.

- Emergency supplies acquired
  - "Scoop Stretcher" purchased for medical supplies to aid getting a patient on a stretcher with minimal movement of spine and pelvis; training to be scheduled.
- 2023 Plans
  - **EJFR Fundraiser.** Items on "dream sheet" for EJFR that are outside of the ballot issue; EJFR may purchase other items depending on fluctuating needs.
    - Laryngoscopes
    - Portable Ultrasound
  - Pet Care. Speaker Series #1: Sara Penhallegon of Center Valley Animal Rescue.
    - Pet needs during an emergency
    - March 2, 2023, 6 p.m. at Clubhouse
  - EJFR demonstration and training exercise on smoke detectors and fire extinguishers.
    - Thursday, June 1, 10 a.m.
    - Brief EPC meeting at 9:30 a.m. prior to EJFR demo and training
  - Reviewed draft Block Captain Activation Protocol
    - Further discussion needed regarding means of notification to Kala Point community — how/who/when — if we have advance notice of emergency
    - How/when to activate NOC (Neighborhood Operation Center)? Does this need to involve the KP Board?

Next meeting: March 1, 9:30 a.m.

### Finance

Meeting on February 7, 2023

- Maria Mendes gave a report for the Internal Control Committee, followed by Larry McDowell's report on Account Reconciliation.
- The committee reviewed financial statements for the months of December 2022 and January 2023. A discussion followed with a proposal to modify the reports so that historical data is presented in the same report, allowing year-over-year comparisons.
- KPOA purchased a \$100,000 13-month CD at First Federal Bank with a 4% interest rate.
- Assessment collections are proceeding well with more than 79% collected year to date.
- The accounting firm has begun work to prepare the audit reports and income taxes.
- American Tower Corporation, the operator of the cell tower near the Administration Building, has offered a buyout of the lease. After discussion, the

Finance Committee concluded that the buyout would not be in KPOA's best interest and recommended to continue the existing lease arrangement.

• Keith outlined the reserve projects planned for 2023. Three of the projects have begun: replacement of the pool cover, inspection and treatment of the dock pilings, and replacement of the Pinecrest #1 mailboxes.

### Grounds

Meeting on January 26, 2023

- The General Manager updated the committee about ongoing problems with noncompliant items at the recycling bins. New posters specifically addressing Styrofoam recycling, new information simplifying the recycling process, and the possibility of purchasing security cameras were discussed.
- KPOA common area signs have been updated and printed, and will be installed when the weather improves. Discussion of new KPOA Entry Signs has been postponed until the February GC meeting.
- The committee reviewed and proposed revisions to <u>APP VIII</u>, Section C, (Grounds Committee – C. 1. Organization and Reporting) for presentation at the February Board meeting.
- A complaint was received regarding an undeveloped lot with old survey tape, a non-compliant For Sale sign and a broken tree. After discussion it was decided that no action would be taken on the tree as it did not present a hazard to neighboring properties, and the GM would contact the property owner regarding the survey tape and sign.

### **Publications**

Meeting on February 14, 2023

- The "OpenGen" feature was implemented for the February *Kala Pointer* on Robly, the system used to build the newsletter.
  - The OpenGen feature automatically resends the *Kala Pointer* email to any original recipients who have not opened the email after 5 days.
  - According to the Robly report, about 62% of original recipients opened the February issue, and about 23% of the second round recipients opened the email.
- The Robly system is unable to send emails to approximately 30 Kala Point members who have a cablespeed.com email address; committee member Hilary Newell will follow up with Robly to address this issue.
- The auto response for submissions to the Kala Pointer and Photos emails has been updated.
  - Late submissions may not be included in the upcoming newsletter.
  - The auto response will likely work for just the first submission, but not for subsequent submissions.
- The new version of the committee's APPs were given to Board Rep Dale Moses to submit to the Board for approval.
- The committee is in the process of reviewing the committee's landing page on the Kala Point website, and will discuss changes at the next meeting, including goals for 2023.
- Dale Moses reported that Felice Thompson in the Administration Office is working on an update of the email lists in .csv format for the *KalaPointer* and for emails coming from KPOA Admin.
- Deadline for submissions for the April issue is Sunday, March19.

**Next meeting**: Tuesday, March 14, 1:30 p.m. in the Administration Building's conference room

### Social Plus

Meeting on February 7, 2023

### From the Chair:

- Social Plus will continue to meet the first Tuesday of the month (except July and August).
- Following up on a question of whether a banquet license was needed at Kala Point events where alcohol is consumed, it was determined that since Kala Point is neither providing nor selling the alcohol, a permit was not necessary.
- Three articles were contributed to the *Kala Pointer* to keep the community aware of ongoing activities.

### From the Secretary:

The minutes of the Jan 3 meeting were approved.

### Treasurer position:

As of the February 7 meeting, we are still looking for a Treasurer. If interested, please contact the Chair, Natalie Wilson.

#### Kala Cares:

A card was sent to the family of Pat Reverman who passed away.

#### Newcomers:

- This committee position is still open.
- The purpose of this position is to help welcome new residents to Kala Point (with the assistance of other committee members).
- While looking to fill this position, the committee will focus on the Newcomer FAQs
- If interested, contact the Chair, Natalie Wilson.

### **KPOA Board Liaison:**

- Discussed integrating Social Plus' contributed questions into the Annual Kala Point Survey.
- Reviewed Social Plus' <u>APP XI</u>. With one minor change to Committee Objective 4, the revised APP will be submitted to the Board for approval.

### Previous Business:

- Bingo/Hilltop Tavern fundraiser for Salmon Coalition: was reported as "loads of fun," with was an entire table of KP residents in attendance.
- Chetzemoka Trail presentation: event said to be successful, informative, and well attended.

### New Business — 2023 Events in progress:

- March 2 Pet Emergency Rescue presentation Sponsored by EPC and hosted by Pattie Horvath at clubhouse main room from 6–8 p.m.
- 2023 Art Walk will be September 16, from 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- There are 15 artists so far.
- The gate will be open for this event.
- Social Plus will need three volunteers to hand out maps at the gate.

### **Strategic Planning**

Meeting on February 9, 2023

• Recommended changes to CC&R Article IV, Chapter B, Uniform General

Requirements" "#7. Care and Appearance of Premises were completed and forwarded to the chairs of the Architectural, Grounds and Tree Committees for concurrence of the Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) recommendation to the Board.

- Discussed content and completed a draft survey of the membership that will be forwarded to the Board for possible adoption.
- Reviewed and made recommendations for the revision of <u>APP XVI Strategic</u> <u>Planning</u>. The revisions were not substantive; dates and title number were adjusted to reflect current practice stemming from the change of the Annual Meeting date.
- Forwarded a request to the BOD to appoint Dan Kimball as a SPC member.
- Discussed the merits of having the past president serve in an advisory capacity to this and other committees.

Next meeting: March 7, 2023, at 3 p.m.

### Tree

Meeting on February 9, 2023

- January 2023 minutes were approved as written
- No General Manager's Report or KPOA Board Report

#### **Committee Business:**

Open Cases 2022-07-07 Kala Bluff Condo Association: Case Mgr. Genther; status open

#### **New Cases**

No new cases

#### **New Business**

- Large cedar tree was cut down on a property without first submitting paperwork with Tree Committee; owner will be contacted for more information.
- Overview of <u>Tree Committee APPs</u> to be reviewed by committee members and further discussed during March committee meeting.
- Motion to review sections of APPs concerning native vegetation to be discussed at March committee meeting.

Next meeting: March 9, 2023, at 9 a.m. in the Fireplace Room at the Clubhouse +

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