

## New Committees

This year's committee structure was developed to handle the large number of tasks the Board believes to needs to tackle. Here's a list of our expanded committee structure and the people who will be chairing those committees.

### Standing Committees

Budget & Finance (**Shapiro**)

Building & Grounds (**Painter**)

Building Subcommittee (**Cozzo**)

Grounds / Landscaping Subcommittee (**Lum**)

Communications Committee (**Painter**)

Neighborhood Watch (**Bob/Diane Ackerson**)

Special Projects Subcommittee (**Cozzo**)

Strategic Planning (**Mackenzie**)

Social Committee (**Terry McKenney/Phyllis Latimer**)

### Ad Hoc Committees

Electrical Pedestals (**Mike Shea**)

Sea Walls (**Cozzo**)

Painting (**Painter**)

Technology (**Shapiro**)

Executive Committee (**Painter**)

Legal and Documents (**Pang**)

Policies/Management & Staff (**Pippin**)

### If you have pertinent experience and you'd like to help, please contact the committee chairs.

One of our primary committee objectives is to have as much owner input as possible by opening up the opportunity to participate to all of our Isle residents.

After taking the time to talk to as many people as we could, we found that we had people on the island who are general contractors, who have degrees in agronomy, electrical experience, who have helped to draft association documents...

In fact, we have people who are skilled in most of the challenges facing us and that most are willing to help, so we've learned to lean on their expertise to help us meet the difficult tasks that we're facing this year. It's YOUR ISLAND. Please help us maintain and restore it for the good of everyone.

## Electrical Pedestals

If you've been at all active in our community affairs for the last ten years, you've heard the words 'electrical pedestals' too many times.

What we think hasn't been adequately explained is the problem that the pedestals represent. Our island is 40+ years old, and our infrastructure is aging. A big part of that infrastructure is electrical.

The pedestals are the hubs that take electricity from the primary HECO line and routes it into our homes. If one were to fail, it would cut off electricity to 4-6 homes. And that electricity will be cut off until a new hub can replace it.

There is no 'pedestal store' where we can buy replacements. Since we've had some problems, we need to develop a custom solution as quickly as we can.

The BOD has been trying to come to a solution that minimizes cost and service interruption for rather a long time. It was certainly the highest priority of the last Board.

Because of the work done recently by the Electrical Pedestal Ad Hoc Committee (Mike Shea and Rich Cozzo) we've managed to finally award a contract to an electrical engineer, contractor and manufacturer's rep. Working together, they will give us suggestions for a solution that will control costs, minimize downtime and provide the best long-term solution for Koko Isle.

If you have further questions, you might want to join us at our next "Talk Story" session on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

### Save-the-Date List

#### Next Talk Story session:

Monday, April 27, 6:00 pm

#### Next Board Meeting:

Monday, May 18, 6:00 pm

## A Fond Aloha!

On April 9, Koko Isle lost our eldest resident, Marge McClement, 91 years old. In February her husband, Bob, passed. The McClements were original owners who had lived here since 1968 and were admired by all who knew them. They will be missed.

## Hurricane Clips

After receiving quotes from four interested contractors, Rick Gary, our resident manager, was able to award a contract for installation of hurricane clips on the most-exposed units on the northwest side of the island. This will include 38 units in the 6-900 blocks.

Rick will apprise you of his scheduling.

Again, our thanks to the Special Projects Committee: Rich Cozzo, Mike Shea and our resident manager, Rick Gray.

## Landscaping

Cal Lum (agronomist) and Dona Johnson of the Landscaping Committee have proposed a one-year plan for reducing the long-term maintenance. In short form, it suggests the use of plants that are pest and disease-resistant and that require little or no maintenance and water.

They're trying to reduce the number of man-hours required to maintain the landscaping by removing existing high-maintenance and invasive species.

Ultimately, the plan is to create a garden environment that all residents and owners can enjoy and be proud of, while remaining within budget.

It is simply great work. We all owe a big vote of thanks to Cal and Dona.

## Property Management

We really want to thank Jim Andersen who has been our property manager for the past year. Jim has done a stellar job of guiding us and keeping us on track through a fairly difficult year.

Replacing him will be our old friend, Jim Merrell, who is the president of Touchstone and one of the most knowledgeable property managers in the marketplace.

Jim Merrell was our property manager from June 2006 to March 2008 and we welcome his return to Koko Isle. He will be starting at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting in May

## Talk Story

We want to give more of our residents a voice in the governance of the island.

The simplest answer seems to be to again hold 'talk-story' sessions where owners and leadership can talk about concerns and issues in an open, informal forum. Ideas and feedback in Talk Story Sessions last year provided valuable two-way communication.

**The first "Talk Story" session will be held at 6:00 pm on Monday night, April 27<sup>th</sup>.** Everyone is invited to attend and PARTICIPATE!

## Webmaster Needed!

We're trying to open up our online communications and we need someone with basic html capability to keep our website updated.

It would probably require a couple hours to get

the site populated and then maybe one hour every month.

The site can be view at <http://kokoisle.net/>. If your interested contact Harvey Shapiro at [harveys@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:harveys@hawaii.rr.com).