

Aloha Everyone,

Since taking on my new responsibilities with HARC I have had the opportunity to listen to comments from many of the residents. Most have had very positive things to say, but some have had negative things. I get the clear impression that these few persons have distrusted the HARC Board for a very long time. Many of the negative comments reference events that happened years ago and consequently they believe things have not changed. I would like to address these concerns:

The roads show little improvement because the monies received by HARC not being spent for the benefits of the residents, but for the benefit of a few.

It may be easy for incredulous persons to make that claim because they have not taken the time to analyze the facts. These persons don't see lasting improvements made to the roads so they immediately assume malfeasance. The facts are that approximately 12% of the residents pay their dues. This results in only \$4,948 annually for each of the seven roads that HARC is responsible for. That breaks down to \$412 per month per road & \$37 per block. That is barely enough for one load of gravel to cover the 3.3 miles length of each road. This is the reason the roads are not showing the improvement these people are expecting to see, and not because of any malfeasance by the Board.

Information about the way the money received by HARC has been spent is not available to the public.

The truth, from the first day HARC was formed, is that financial information has always been available for any resident who makes inquiries about it. HARC posts to the website all financial information. The money received is deposited directly into one general fund account and is sectioned (on a percentage basis) into each of the areas HARC funds are used for. With this system we are able to show the residents exactly how the money is spent.

Board members profiting off of the residents.

The Board members are volunteers. Each Board member has spent countless hours working on behalf of and for the benefit of the residents. Some of the Board members, in the past and currently, have equipment which was and is being used in the performance of the work they have done for the residents benefit. A fee has been charged to cover the use of the equipment at a substantially lower rate than would have been charged by a commercial equipment company. This has resulted in a significant savings for the residents. No profits have been made, but savings to the residents have been realized.

I would like to make one request of the residents of Hawaiian Acres who have these concerns.

Please consider that continuing to justify having negative opinions about the Boards efforts, because of what you perceive may have happened long ago and assume is still happening, is not only completely unfair, it is also not conducive to making positive changes for facilitating road improvements in the future.

Mahalo for your time,
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