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Annual Meeting (Zoom) Monday, Sept. 20, 2021 6:30 pm Registration 5:30 pm

The continued pandemic has forced us to take care of business in new and different ways, and for the first time ever, this year's Annual Meeting for Honolulu Park Place will be held via Zoom.

Because the City's guidelines allow no more than 25 people in an indoor meeting, and because Harris United Methodist Church, where annual meetings have been held in the past, is not available, a Zoom link will be provided prior to the meeting.

This will require that you log-in with your computer, smartphone or tablet to "attend" the meeting. There will not be an owners' forum; if you want to speak, you will need to come downstairs to the lobby. Voting will be done during a recess by bringing your ballot in person to a designated location on the lobby floor.

Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, it is important that you sign the proxy and return it to Hawaiiana Management in the self-addressed, stamped envelope. You can also deliver the proxy to the HPP Admin office, or sign your proxy at the table in the lobby.

This will insure a quorum so that business may be transacted.

Why should I care about this?

Annual meetings usually address topics that may sound dry as dust to you, as a homeowner. These might include the association's budget, election of directors, and voting on amendments to the HOA's governing documents. The meetings can also

address other issues the board believes need the attention of the entire membership.

Attending the annual meeting may be more interesting than you might expect. The decisions being made may, after all, directly impact your quality of life and the value of your property.

Our building is getting to the age where many of our systems are wearing out and are beyond their expected life, needing replacement.

Unsung heroes

You as the homeowner may want to make sure directors are elected to the Board who will make good decisions for the community as a whole, as opposed to decisions that benefit his or her friends.

We have three openings for board directors whose terms are expiring: **Rebecca Friedman, Eric Lockett** and **Trappeur Rahn**.

All are standing for reelection. If you wish to nominate yourself or speak, you will need to come downstairs to the lobby level. There is also a vacancy on the Board of Governors.



✓ Masks

are mandatory in the hallways, elevators and all common areas.

From the City and County of Honolulu website

Are face coverings required at my condo building?

Yes, face coverings must be worn in all indoor common areas of condo buildings including, but not limited to, elevators, parking structures, mail rooms, and reception area.



while the elevator and the trash chute repairs were done



Meet Derek Ava

A member of our security team for the past two years, **Derek Ava** is generally on duty during the afternoon and evening shifts.

Derek has been with the Army for eleven years, three of which were in active duty. He enjoys spending time with his wife and twenty-month old daughter. Their favorite pastimes are playing on the beach, visiting the zoo, and taking leisurely walks. For Derek, it is important in life to show initiative and a spirit of endurance.

Derek appreciates working at Honolulu Park Place where the residents are of diverse ethnic and age backgrounds.

Aloha, Mike Howard

After ten and a half years of service at Honolulu Park Place, **Michael Howard** retired on May 31, 2021. His experience in the construction industry included painting, tile and drywall work

Initially, Michael performed most of the paint jobs at HPP, leaving his stamp of excellence on many walls in our building. Through the years, he assumed expanded assignments in the maintenance department, and for two years, he served as the interim supervisor. He believed that teamwork would enhance productivity. According to his fellow workers, he was conscientious and gave his best in whatever assignments he performed.

Having lived in Hawaii for fifty years, Michael plans to return to live in his house in Eugene, Oregon. He looks forward to some traveling, writing, riding his motorcycle, gardening, and spending more time with his wife.

“I would like to express my gratitude to the residents and management of HPP for allowing me to be part of the maintenance crew for all these years. The work has been challenging but rewarding.”

Aloha, Michael. We thank you for your faithful service, and we wish you all the best as you fulfil your post-retirement dreams.

Interview by Mimi Yoshikawa; Photos by Gary Everest



There is currently a vacancy on the Board of Governors; if you are interested, please provide a short Bio with your contact information with Sandy in the Admin Office. The Board of Governors are responsible for making recommendations to the Board of Directors on all matters relating to the Honolulu

Park Place “Club” Facilities, including the Pool Area, Fitness Center, Lounge, and 8th Floor Koi Deck.

Security Desk News

By now, residents have noticed that the old security desk is gone. In addition to being too small, the old desk’s basic structure had deteriorated such that we could no longer delay replacing it. The new desk is taking shape and is expected to be completed in the next few weeks. When completed, it will have space for a second officer to prepare reports. The small room behind the desk, where reports have been prepared, will be devoted entirely to security equipment hardware and bins for lost and found items.

The new desk will also provide at least three times as much space for monitors for the building’s cameras. This will allow for the expansion of the security system as needed. When completed, the new desk will feature a darker shade of quartz material on the desktop and the eight inset panels on the exterior facade. It will also have tinted glass on the Beretania side of the desk that will help to shield the officers from the afternoon sun.

The members of the security desk committee worked closely with General Manager **Walters Miranda** to establish the minimum requirements for the new desk. The committee also found an architect with 50 years of experience to come up with plans to bring ideas to reality. Even in its unfinished state, the new desk is a definite step forward for security, the entrance lobby and for the building. Thank you to the Security Desk Committee for their excellent work: **Kelly Brehm, Rebecca Friedman and Melanie King.**



Remember the old Security Desk?