

Kaua`i Planning & Action Alliance

Bringing people together to create a better future for Kaua`i

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Don't miss KPAA's Quarterly Meeting on October 17! Details below

Greetings from KPAA's New President & CEO

It has been an exciting, jam-packed eight weeks since I began as KPAA's first staff member. Consultants Roxanne MacDougall and Nadine Nakamura provided an intensive orientation so I could get up to speed as quickly as possible on the months of community discussion and planning that led to creating KPAA. My thanks to them for their help and for their clear vision that guided this process to where we are now. Thanks too to the many people from the community, business and government who shared their insights and ideas that contributed to creating this unique and valuable organization. I feel fortunate to have such a wonderful Advisory Board and the terrific support of Garden Island RC&D.

I moved here after 18 years on Maui being involved in community planning and development. I directed a non-profit for 7 years and before that worked at Maui Community College. Most recently I was a consultant to non-profits on Maui and in the Pacific islands. I also served on several boards of directors and have been involved in organizational start-ups. My experience with organizations from a variety of vantage points has been helpful as we continue to develop KPAA.

I am delighted to be living on Kauai. Sometimes, as I'm driving along, the view takes my breath away. The aloha and physical beauty that have greeted me have made me feel most welcome. While I've had a chance to meet a number of KPAA's members, I look forward to meeting more of you in the days and weeks ahead as we work together to create a better future for Kaua'i.

With aloha,
Diane Zachary
KPAA President & CEO

KPAA Quarterly Meeting on October 17 – Save the Date, Register Early

KPAA will hold a quarterly meeting for members and others interested in KPAA activities on Friday, October 17 from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM at the Radisson Kauai Beach Resort. After a delicious lunch buffet, there will be opportunities for networking, an update on KPAA plans and activities, and exciting speakers and discussion on "What Does It Take to Build Community?". The registration form is attached. Cost is \$22 for KPAA members, \$27 for non-members and guests. **Please be sure your registration and check payment are received by KPAA by October 10.**

If you have announcements or materials you want to share with others, we will have an information table available. These meetings are meant to provide a time for us to meet with and learn from each other. Your ideas about future programs are most welcome.

This will be the first time KPAA has charged for an activity. It is our hope that you will value the great meal and program so that we can cover our cost of providing this meeting for you.

Please Complete Our Survey of Members

We are attaching a survey form asking what services and activities our members would like from KPAA. Please complete one survey per organization and return the survey at the October 17

meeting. If you are unable to attend on October 17, you can mail the survey to KPAA by that date. We want to know how we can be helpful to your organization!

Update on Priority Goals

In June, KPAA members selected four priority goals to tackle in a two-year planning and action process facilitated by KPAA. An Action Team for each goal will be formed to work on a two-year plan and to coordinate actions to complete the plan. The teams will be phased in as funds are secured. The priority goals are:

Drug Use Mitigation: Support County of Kaua'i efforts by providing a forum for centralized planning, action, communication, and networking related to drug use demand reduction, treatment, community reintegration, and prevention. (*Value - Supporting culture and a vibrant, healthy community*)

Public Education Support: Bring business, government, and community together to identify specific ways that families and community can get involved in public education and find specific, concrete ways to make this happen. (*Value - Providing opportunities for all in a strong, diverse economy.*)

Solid Waste Reduction: Form a consortium of government, retailers, demolition and construction companies, business associations and community groups to design an incentive-based, easily-accessible system for public education and participation in solid waste diversion, reuse, and recycling. (*Value - Caring for the beauty of our lands and water.*)

Park Improvements: Bring stakeholders together to find funding and other resources to improve and maintain existing county and state parks. (*Value - Preserving Kaua`i's rural character.*)

Work on Drug Use Mitigation will start first. KPAA is coordinating with the Prevention, Enforcement, Treatment and Integration Committees appointed by the Mayor and from these committees an Action Team will be formed. The major goal is to create a 5-year community drug plan. Work is underway on a stakeholder workshop to be held later this year.

Participants for the remaining Action Teams are being identified, with work likely to begin in January.

Questions about KPAA? Comments? Contact:

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