Communication No. 2011-7

From: Steph Bath
To: Brown, Larry;
Subject: testimony from organizations on behalf of lot owners-outreach
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Aloha AC,
Throughout the PCDP "process" there has not always been clarity on who individuals/associations represent.

As part of the outreach process it might be a good idea to have an official statement from organizations on who they represent.
For now I am gathering data on HA groups. The data will be submitted to the AC and CC as a matter on info. Perhaps as part of the outreach effort of the AC, I more formal data gathering form can be sent out to association Boards.

This week I generated an email to one association in my subdivision HACA, as part of outreach.

It reads:

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"Aloha HACA Board,

I am a 29 + years resident of Hawaiian Acres.

As part of my community service I am gathering information about community groups in Hawaiian Acres. This info will be shared with the PCDP action committee/subcommittee for possible use in the outreach community effort.

I attempted to retrieve the data from the web site but was unable to locate it.
It would be helpful to me to have the following info ASAP. I do understand that your membership meeting is April 10, 2011.
Please mail it to Stephanie bath
P.o. Box 457
Keaau, Hawaii 96749

It is important to me to have this information in writing so when it is presented, it is the official voice of your non profit organization.

If for some reason you do not have the data requested or can not answer certain questions. Please indicate that.

Although I will be unable to be at your membership meeting,I am glad that I am able to present these questions for review at your membership meeting?

How many lots are currently in the HA subdivision?
How many members does HACA have?
How many members reside in HA? (based on mailing addresses in east Hawaii)
How many members have addresses outside of the USA?

What was the average member attendance at membership meetings over the past 3 years?

On your web site it identifies goals of HACA to promote, strive, cooperate and protect
interests of residents and property owners of Hawaiian acres.
What objective methods have you used, or are currently using to insure the you are representing the residents and property owners?

Have you ever represented the HA lot owners collectively in civic matters?
Do you have the legal right to represent lot owners issue such as land use, park,road/transportation etc

If approached by County, State or federal government would you feel confident about representing the residents of HA.

Thank you so much for responding to these questions.
If you are aware of other community organizations within HA and have their contact information it would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Bath"

Here is the response I have gotten thus far:

Hi Stephanie,
These are the statistics I could get you easily before your meeting:
You should Check with HARC too....

This took little over an an hour to get all sub groups it is the best I can do for you at this time...I forwarded your ethic questions to Diana....hopefully she will be able to respond.

Current Members 744--- second mailings have not gone out...Average yearly membership is 1500 over past three years..so by end of year it will be around that.

Lot Owner INFO
4009 lots total.
2637 Lot owners in Hawaii,
127 out of country
Kurtistown 576
Hilo 294
Mt View: 162
Pahoa 29
Kea'au 291
Kailua: 91
Volcano 9
as far as "residents" of course this does not account for renters....off island owners with people that rent...bill goes to owner not renter.

Member info
Out of country 34
57 Kurtistown
38 Hilo
14 Kailua
12 Pahoa
1 Volcano
20 Mt. View
36 Kea'au

Thanks,
Abby

It might be productive for this body to generate a letter to all know organizations in Puna that may have reason to give input into our plan. In this way we know who is representing who. Unfortunate situations can be avoided in the future relating to misrepresentation.
Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Bath