

Kula Community Association P.O. Box 417 Kula, Hawaii 96790

The vision of the Kula Community Association is to preserve open space, support agriculture, maintain a rural residential atmosphere, and to work together as a community. The specific purpose of this association is to improve the quality of life for the residents of Kula, to promote civic welfare, and generally to benefit the community of Kula.

February 14, 2011

Honorable Alan Arakawa, Mayor 200 South High Street Wailuku, Hawaii 96798

Re: Support of request to improve Lower Kula Park and Keokea Park for youth baseball

Dear Mayor Arakawa,

Parents of local T-ball, Coach pitch; Minors and Majors baseball teams approached the Kula Community Association for support of their efforts to improve the current conditions and to configure baseball fields at the lower Kula Park and Keokea Park fields.

Fields presently in use are in need of maintenance because the fields have uneven areas that can, and have, lead to injuries. An increase in the use of the fields by local communities has occurred as the popularity of the sport increases and when bad weather occurs in the Makawao and Pukalani areas. Often seasonal games are forced to move to higher ground to complete scheduled games or must be rescheduled.

The families of the teams currently have advised us that:

- They have some equipment to improve the fields
- A local company has donated the needed dirt/cinder mixture.

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- Volunteers are available to complete all of the required work.

David Makua, the head of the AYSO soccer organization, will work with the baseball teams to reconfigure the Lower Kula Park to accommodate the new baseball field and keep the current soccer fields.

Clark Hashimoto, and friends, has committed to maintaining the Keokea baseball field. This field will be used for practices and at times to accommodate seasonal overflow of games due to bad weather in the Makawao and Pukalani areas.

The only requests being made include:

- A site visit by the Parks and Recreation Director, Glenn Correa, to review the proposal and approve access to the parks to complete the work with use of the diamond cutter.
- Supervision of the project and any work or equipment that the County believes is necessary to assist in completion of the project.
- Repair of the water line to the existing faucet to the field at the Keokea Park. Future public relations visit by County officials to celebrate the completion of work.

Please contact Ron Montgomery <u>ronmaui03@gmail.com</u> if you have question or wish to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

Ron Montgomery, President

On behalf of the KCA Board of Directors

David Jenkins, Chair

KCA Parks and Environment Committee

Cc: Glenn Correa, Director

Maui Parks and Recreation Department