



Dale Sands Profile: Princeville at Hanalei Community Board, August, 2023

Dale Sands is Principal, MD Sands Consulting Solutions LLC which provides environment, sustainability, and resilience services globally; Dale and Debra celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August and have three adult children and seven grandchildren. We first came to Princeville in 1986, bought two weeks of timeshare, three more weeks in subsequent years and became property owners in 2020 (Plantation at Princeville). Our children grew up vacationing in Princeville, and now our grandchildren are regularly coming to Princeville. I retired from full time work in 2017, performing select consulting assignments domestically and internationally. I earned a B.S., M.S., and M.B.A. degrees.

I worked for over 40 years in the environmental engineering profession as a consultant living in Maine, Rhode Island, Illinois, Alabama, California, London (England) and Milan (Italy). I first started working in Hawaii in 1979 on environmental and renewable energy projects. I worked at AECOM for nearly 20 years as a member of the leadership team that created the worlds' largest design engineering firm, and served as the company's liaison to the United Nations Disaster Risk Reduction organization where I spearheaded the formation of a private sector advisory group serving as Vice Chair (2014-2016) and Co-Chair (2018-2019) of this global organization. I worked for two other global engineering firms (Asea Brown Boveri; CH2M Hill) in senior global leadership positions. While at AECOM, I collaborated with IBM to create a disaster resilience scorecard that has become a UN Best Practice, now utilized by over 500 cities worldwide. I have published or presented over 40 publications and presentations including as a contributing author to the *Fourth National Climate Assessment Report: Climate Change Impacts, Risks and Adaptation in the United States* (November 2018).

I am currently a board Member of the Extreme Events Institute, Miami, FL (2019 – Present) which is affiliated with Florida International University. I have been a director and officer at The Cliffs at Princeville since 2014, having served as President of Association of Apartment Owners for 4 years, and President for 2 years of the Cliffs Club Interval Owners Association. I spearheaded the initiative to establish The Cliffs as the greenest resort on the North Shore and established the award winning sustainability program.

My municipal experience includes serving as Trustee for the Village of Deer Park, Illinois from 2009-2017, and Village President (2017-2020). Deer Park is a suburb of Chicago with a population of about 3,000. During my tenure at Deer Park, we renovated all village parks, resurfaced 97% of all streets, established a multi-year drainage improvement program, published first Sustainability Report, published first strategic plan, published a Parks & Open Space Comprehensive Master Plan and established a budget surplus while constructing the first Village office (no debt – paid for in cash). Deer Park was recognized as Community of the Year in Lake County, Illinois in 2018 and was one of the few positive growth communities in Chicago land.

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Candidate for Board: Princeville at Hanalei Community Association
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1. What makes Princeville a great place to live?

First, the people of Princeville and their aloha spirit make Princeville a great place to live. The convenience of the local shops, the outstanding library, the local medical clinic and community parks and open spaces create an outstanding environment to meet many of our needs locally. The Kupuna Exercise facility, the Makai Golf Course, miles of walking paths and tennis/pickle ball courts encourage a healthy lifestyle.

2. What would make Princeville a better community?

The Princeville Community has so many positive attributes that must be maintained, particularly the open spaces. A community center where the community may gather for events indoors could facilitate further community development and social cohesion. Another feature to consider is to develop ocean access points. An updated grocery store and additional restaurants would be beneficial. It is important to continue community events such as hosting the Farmers Market and Arts & Crafts Fair. Lastly, a plan to maintain our parks is important, and selective development of other neighborhood parks would be an enhancement for the Princeville community.

3. What would you consider the top priority for the Board in the coming year?

It is important to develop a multi-year strategic plan that both builds financial reserves and addresses maintenance needs. We need to have a stable, predictive fee assessment. The strategic plan needs to address street and drainage maintenance, emergency preparedness and park development and care. An urgent need for the year ahead is to improve communications within the Community to keep our residents, guests, businesses, and owners informed and engaged in community decisions. Involvement of the community will increase commitment and support for the decisions made.

4. How do you think you can best contribute to the Board?

I bring over 40 years of consulting engineering experience that includes serving 11 years as Village Trustee and Village President in a similar sized community on the mainland. I also have extensive experience in strategic planning, sustainability, renewable energy, and community resilience improvement. I have worked in Hawaii since 1979 in performing environmental projects and have over 30 years of experience in visiting and living in Princeville. We became property owners in Princeville 2020, fulfilling a 30+ year dream as I retired from full time work in 2017. I also have served on the Cliffs at Princeville Association boards since 2014 during which time The Cliffs has received many sustainability awards and positive recognitions. I am a team builder who very much believes in increasing community involvement.