

## LEILANI ESTATES NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING MINUTES – January 31, 2017

Present: Greg Armstrong, Roberta Van Goethem, Ross Stadnyk, Richard Skidmore, Jay & Gloria Turkovsky, Mark Hauanio, Jim Penny, Michelle Stone and Jerry Strand.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Greg Armstrong.

Community Police Officer Kamalii gave the Puna District crime statistics for January. There were no robberies reported, 22 auto thefts, 15 burglaries, 5 unauthorized motor vehicle entries and 30 major traffic crashes. No crimes were reported in Leilani Estates during January.

Officer Kamalii announced that six new officers have joined the Puna District police force but they are still short of full staffing (8 officers/shift). He noted that the recent fire in Pahoa and the resulting community meeting shed light on the need for increased police staffing in South Puna District. He also pointed out that Pahoa actually has a low crime rate – mostly related to smoking marijuana or drinking alcohol in public.

The November 29, 2016 Neighborhood Watch Meeting Minutes were provided as handouts and reviewed by those attending. Gloria made the motion to approve the November minutes and Jim seconded the motion. All attending were in favor.

Roberta gave the Treasury Report, indicating a balance of \$2,649.56 as of 01/31/17. Jay made the motion to approve the Treasury Report, Ross seconded the motion and all attending approved.

Roberta reported that no new volunteers have signed up since the last meeting. A number of driver time slots are now open.

Greg provided an update from Puna Watch and reported that any new Neighborhood Watch Coordinators will be required to meet specific requirements and pass a background check.

Richard noted that there were a couple of reported incidents of property theft on his blocks of Kahukai Street between Moku and Kumakahi during the month of December.

Richard presented the December-January Loose Dog Report, indicating that 6 dogs were sighted or reported off-leash, 5 were photographed and 2 First Warning Notices were sent. There was one incident of loose dogs attacking and killing a kitten and HPD responded. A dog on Nohea continues to be a problem even after multiple fines from LCA and multiple reports to HIHS. There was some discussion about whether the LCA Leash Law Violations process (Notices and fines) could be applied more than once. That was determined to be an LCA matter.

As a follow-up to LENW making a charitable contribution to the Food Bank, Greg found out that the Nanawale food distribution was put on hold in January. There was some discussion about other possible donations, including potentially funding a scholarship for an LE resident. Roberta will investigate and draft guidelines for review by next fall, 2017.

Greg announced the following upcoming events:

Saturday, February 4th @ 7-11 am – Monthly Garage Sale  
Tuesday, February 7th @ 6 pm – Dinner and Bingo  
Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> @ 12 noon – Winter BBQ

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> - 7 pm at Leilani Community Center**