

LEILANI ESTATES NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING MINUTES – January 26, 2016

Present: Greg Armstrong, Richard Skidmore, Roberta Van Goethem, Donna Lee DeBaets, Richard Willing, Mark Hauanio, Ross and Dorothy Stadnyk, Jay Turkovsky, Jane Whitfield, Steve and Lucina Aquilina, Charlie Stanton, Pam and Andy Andrews, Eric Messenheimer, John Francisco and Jim Penny.

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

The Community Police Officer was not present at the meeting. Greg noted that the most recent Community Police Report included 6 burglaries, 3 stolen vehicles and 4 unauthorized vehicle entries in the Puna District, with no crimes reported in Leilani Estates during that period.

A question was posed as to the mileage rate deduction for tax purposes now that LENW received its 501(c)3 Charitable Non-Exempt status. Roberta indicated that it's 14 cents/mile per the IRS.

Richard S. noted that the December 29th Neighborhood Watch Meeting Minutes were provided as handouts. Mark made the motion to approve the December minutes and they were approved by all attending.

Roberta gave the Treasury Report, indicating a balance of \$637.68 as of year-end, 12/31/15. She noted, however, that there is an outstanding reimbursement of \$517.18 for the new LENW tee-shirts. Greg advised that the numbers do not include the January dinner & bingo night proceeds (over 40 people attended). Mark made the motion to approve the Treasury Report, subject to audit, and all attending were in favor.

Donna Lee reported that she completed contacting volunteer drivers and that the Driver Schedules have been updated accordingly. There are 9 slots currently open on weekend evenings and 6 daytime slots open on weekdays – especially Wednesday. Donna Lee and Richard S. train new daytime drivers and Roberta trains walkers, bikers and window-watchers. Mark trains weekend evening drivers. Roberta is also working on putting together materials (fanny packs) for walkers and/or bikers.

Greg reported that he attends the monthly Puna Watch meetings as the Coordinator for LENW. Puna Watch is held in Kea'au the first Thursday of each month for representatives of all Puna Neighborhood Watch groups. Representatives from the Police, Prosecutor's Office and other officials also attend. Greg has requested that the Squatter issue be added to the next meeting as there have been some problems with the reporting procedure.

Mark reviewed the Block Captains' responsibilities – primarily to get to know your neighbors, explain Neighborhood Watch and determine if they are interested in participating (or not). He also reported that the Invasive Species group, along with volunteers from LE, recently worked along Leilani Avenue to poison albizia trees. Mark will be scheduling another albizia outing within LE probably next month.

Donna Lee gave the Dog Issues Report for the most recent month – 19 loose dogs in the streets (counting 8 puppies seen that morning), 5 first warnings sent, 1 second warning and no third warnings. She also noted that there have been issues with dogs running loose and/or continuously barking. One LE resident attending the meeting shared his recent experience reporting noisy/loose dogs and the responses he got

from various agencies. He noted that our Community Police Officer, Davy Kamalii, responded professionally and effectively addressed the situation. There was a round of applause for Officer Kamalii.

Richard S. reviewed four Communications Options for LENW: Neighborhood Link, NextDoor, LCA's Website and Google Groups. He met with Vaunda Stenzel (LCA site's webmaster) and discussed options with that site. Vaunda recommended setting up a "Google Group" of active LENW volunteers' e-mail addresses and by including the LCA e-mail, messages could be posted to the "Communications" page on the LCA website's Neighborhood Watch section. Access to both the LENW Google Group and the LENW Communications page on the website would be controlled and limited to active NW volunteers. This can be done with no monthly cost while providing control over who has access to post, receive and/or view LENW communications. The recommendation was agreed to and Richard S. will follow up with Vaunda.

Greg noted that four new Neighborhood Watch signs have been placed along Leilani Avenue at entrances to LE Section II – one at each end, plus two signs near Moku Street (one facing each direction). The signs were provided by the County. Andy suggested that additional signs be installed with more readable text. There was some discussion about history of the NW signs and approvals by the County and LCA Board. Andy will follow up and make a proposal to the LCA Board. He also said that 65 people attended the most recent movie night at the LCA Pavilion and suggested that NW could do some recruitment at community events like that.

Greg reminded the group of the following upcoming events:

Tuesday, February 2nd @ 6 pm – Dinner and Bingo

Saturday, February 6th @ 7-11am – Monthly Garage Sale

Sunday, February 28th @ Noon-3 pm – Potluck at the Pavilion (hamburgers & hot dogs provided)

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 23rd at 7 pm - Leilani Community Center