

## LEILANI ESTATES NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING MINUTES – February 23, 2016

Present: Greg Armstrong, Richard Skidmore, Roberta Van Goethem, Donna Lee DeBaets, Mark Hauanio, Ross Stadnyk, Jay & Gloria Turkovsky, Jane Whitfield, Jim Penny, Community Police Officers Waipa and Kamalii.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Greg Armstrong.

Community Police Officer Kamalii noted that during that period January 16 – February 15, no burglaries, robberies, stolen vehicles or unauthorized vehicle entries were reported in Leilani Estates. Within Puna District for that same time frame there were 12 burglaries reported, 3 stolen vehicles and 11 unauthorized vehicle entries. He also clarified that “thefts” are not included in the reported statistics because there are so many and most are for small amounts (like shoplifting). This category would include the recent theft of a generator outside a B&B on Makamae Street.

A member inquired about “ride-alongs” with police officers and Officer Kamalii said he would check and follow up. He also said that they used to have ride-alongs but believes they may have been discontinued in the past due to liability issues. Another member voiced a concern about speeding on Kahukai Street. Officer Kamalii said they do cruise Leilani, Kahukai and Malama plus cross streets on patrol, but speeding is not frequent enough to warrant their time to be waiting for long periods.

Another member asked about stray cats and a neighbor’s threat to “shoot” them if the cats come on his property. Officer Kamalii clarified that the property owner has the right to keep unwanted animals off of his property and may shoot them with a pellet gun. Discharging a real firearm in a subdivision, however, is against the law and should be reported.

Richard noted that the January 26<sup>th</sup> Neighborhood Watch Meeting Minutes were provided as handouts. Mark made the motion to approve the January minutes, Jay seconded the motion and all attending were in favor.

Roberta gave the Treasury Report, indicating a balance of \$942.45 as of 1/31/16. She noted that an outstanding reimbursement of \$517.18 is to be paid for the new LENW t-shirts ordered last year. Another order for t-shirts for new volunteers will be placed in the future. Two signers are required by the LENW By-Laws – the Treasurer plus one other LENW Officer. Accordingly, to complete the transition of Treasurer duties from Greg to Roberta, all LENW Officers (Greg, Donna Lee, Roberta and Richard) will need to complete signature forms provided by the bank. Jay made the motion to approve the Treasury Report, Mark seconded the motion and all attending were in favor.

Donna Lee reported that Jim Penny is due to be trained and that there are still some slots open on week day shifts and weekend evening shifts. Donna Lee also asked for volunteers to staff 2-hour shifts at the NW recruitment table at the monthly Saturday Garage Sales. She would also like another volunteer to help with recycling after the monthly Garage Sales and the various picnic events. Amounts received from recycling get deposited into the LENW account.

Greg reported that at the County Health Services made a presentation at the last monthly Puna Watch meeting. Health Services can provide some assistance to the homeless and assist people who are being

evicted. He also informed the group that there will be an on-line Police Satisfaction Survey between March 1-31 at [www.hawaiipolice.com](http://www.hawaiipolice.com) and encouraged community members to participate.

Also at Puna Watch, it was announced that the Prosecutor's Office has hired an additional person and Community residents are still encouraged to report potential squatter situations. The contact names and phone numbers are on the Squatters Report Procedure form, available in the brochure rack at the LCA office and on line at [www.leilaniestates.org](http://www.leilaniestates.org). Representative Joy Sanbuenaventura has introduced a House bill to facilitate dealing with squatter situations. There is also a bill before the Senate to add a second ambulance for Pahoā.

Mark gave an update on the most recent albizia event sponsored by the Invasive Species group. Mark and Jay participated with more than twenty other volunteers last Saturday at Lava Tree State Park. The next albizia control outing within LE is scheduled for Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am. Meet at the LCA parking lot.

Donna Lee gave the Dog Issues Report for incidents since the last meeting. One notice was given to the owner of a loose dog that disrupted events in the Pavilion. There were five first warnings issued, one second warning and one third warning. There was also one referral to the Humane Society. It was noted that dog issues are tracked (per dog) over a period of six months for purposes of second warnings. If a second warning was issued, then the tracking continues for up to twelve months.

Mark and Richard noted that there were two incidents on Kahukai Street reported to police since the last meeting. A bicyclist was attacked by a dog, resulting in scrapes and bruises when he was knocked off the bicycle. Also, an apparently speeding vehicle ran into a fence and power pole guide lines at the intersection of Alapai and Kahukai Streets.

Richard updated the group as to progress made on setting up the NW Communications as discussed in the last meeting. The "Communications" page under Neighborhood Watch on the [www.leilaniestates.org](http://www.leilaniestates.org) website has been set up and beta-tested. It works! When a message is posted to the site, it is automatically sent as an email to all active LENW members signed up for access. When the updated list of active NW members is available, Richard and Vaunda will set up the "Google Group" and send an email with instructions about registering for access to LENW Communications.

Richard distributed copies of a letter indicating that LENW is now a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. The letter can be used by NW Board Members and volunteers to solicit donations (tickets, gift certificates, etc.) from local businesses. Donated tickets and gift certificates should be mailed to the address on the letterhead.

Greg reminded the group of the following upcoming events:

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

Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> @ 6 pm – Dinner and Bingo

Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7-11am – Monthly Garage Sale

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm - Leilani Community Center**