

LEILANI ESTATES NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING MINUTES – March 29, 2016

Present: Greg Armstrong, Richard Skidmore, Roberta Van Goethem, Donna Lee DeBaets, Ross Stadnyk, Jay Turkovsky, Jane Whitefield, Jim Penny, John & Lorraine Cullen, Charlie Stanton, Bob & Lucy Moody, Rich Willing and John Henry.

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

The Community Police Officers were not present and no Police Report was available.

The February 23rd Neighborhood Watch Meeting Minutes were provided as handouts and reviewed by those attending. Donna Lee made the motion to approve the February minutes, Rich W. seconded the motion and all attending were in favor.

Roberta gave the Treasury Report, indicating a balance of \$444.24 as of 2/29/16. An order for additional T-shirts for new volunteers has been placed and that expense should be approximately \$250. A new checking account has been set up at the Malama branch of Credit Union Hawaii and all LENW Officers are signers of record on the account. Rich W. made the motion to approve the Treasury Report, Jay seconded the motion and all attending approved.

Roberta also noted that, per the By-Laws, an Audit Committee made up of members (not LENW Officers) needs to be formed to review the past year's financial records. Jay T., Ross S. and Rich W. volunteered to be members of the Audit Committee. Greg and Roberta will provide them with the past year's financial records.

A member inquired whether or not any Verizon tower revenue is allocated to Neighborhood Watch. Greg noted that LCA revenue from the Verizon tower was applied to replacing the roof on the Pavilion. Also, that the proposed AT&T use of the tower was cancelled.

Donna Lee reported that several new volunteer drivers have been trained and she is pleased that the weekday schedule is filling up. There are still a number of slots open for weekend night drivers.

Greg reported that at the last monthly Puna Watch meeting the Hawaii Police introduced a Community Road Safety Watch form, which can be used to report unsafe drivers to police. Copies of the form will be available at the Leilani Estates longhouse and can also be downloaded from the HPD website, www.hawaiipolice.com. Also at Puna Watch, HPD announced that new officers will finish their training mid-April. The Invasive Species project is currently reducing staff but hope that additional funding will be provided through bills that are currently before the Hawaii Legislature.

Donna Lee gave the March Dog Issues Report, noting that 20 loose dogs were reported and 17 of them were photographed. Nine first warnings were issued, two second warnings and one third warning. The street addresses of thirteen "problem dogs" (repeat offenders) within Leilani Estates were reported to the Humane Society.

Richard noted that the LENW "Communications" are now active in "Google Groups" and on-line at the Leilani Estates website. Active members receive announcements and/or alerts via email. Additionally, they can register and log-in to the NW section of the website to view past communications and current driver schedules. Instructions for registering were provided as a handout.

The Leilani Estates Neighborhood Watch Guidelines and Procedures have been revised and are also available on-line at the website. Richard noted that now there is an “Incident Report” form that is available on the website or hard copy at the LCA longhouse.

Greg announced that Pam and Andy Andrews made a \$125 donation to LENW and their company matched the donation at \$375, totaling \$500. These funds will be used toward the new T-shirts, a garage sale sign and to replace a NW meeting sign that was vandalized recently. Roberta volunteered to write a “Thank You” letter for the donation.

It was suggested that (free) dog leashes may be available from the Humane Society and/or local veterinarians’ offices. Donna Lee will follow up with the Humane Society and any member taking a pet to a local vet is encouraged to inquire as well.

Richard reminded members that copies of a letter indicating that LENW is now a 501(c)3 non-profit organization is available to solicit tax-deductible donations (tickets, gift certificates, etc.) from local businesses. Donated tickets and gift certificates should be mailed to the address on the letterhead. Richard is leaving the letter with these Hilo businesses: Pineapples, Palace Theater, Hilo Bay Café, Rubens and Café Pesto. Other members volunteered to contact businesses in Pahoia as follows: Rich W.– Kaleo’s, Greg – Luquin’s, and Roberta – Black Rock.

Greg reminded the group of the following upcoming events:

Saturday, April 2nd @ 7-11am – Monthly Garage Sale

Tuesday, April 5th @ 6 pm – Dinner and Bingo

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 26th at 7 pm - Leilani Community Center