

LEILANI ESTATES NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING MINUTES – April 26, 2016

Present: Greg Armstrong, Richard Skidmore, Roberta Van Goethem, Ross Stadnyk, Jay Turkovsky, Jim Penny, Mark Hauanio and John Henry. Community Police Officers Kamalii, Waipa and Puna District Commander Jelsma attended.

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

Officer Kamalii gave the crime statistics for Puna District and was pleased that no crimes were reported in Leilani Estates so far this month. Crime reported so far in April for Puna District were as follows: Burglaries-11, Criminal Property Damage-24, Robberies-0, Thefts-51, Unauthorized Propelled Vehicles-3 and Unauthorized Vehicle Entries-4.

When asked about bicycle patrols, Officer Kamalii noted that they still plan to start them in Leilani Estates. Officer Jelsma informed the group that nine newly-trained officers are now out on patrol in the Puna District. Mark inquired if a speed board could be made available to place on Leilani Avenue. Officer Kamalii will check availability and get back to us.

Richard noted that speeding on Kahukai continues to be a problem, as well as some vehicles running through the stop signs on Kahukai at Kumakahi street. Officer Kamalii asked Richard to provide him with the address of any known offenders.

The March 29th Neighborhood Watch Meeting Minutes were provided as handouts and reviewed by those attending. Jim made the motion to approve the March minutes, as revised to correctly reflect a company's matching donation; Jay seconded the motion and all attending were in favor.

Roberta gave the Treasury Report, indicating a balance of \$988.05 as of 3/31/16. Jay made the motion to approve the Treasury Report, Jim seconded the motion and all attending approved.

Roberta also noted that the Audit Committee needs to meet to review the past year's financial records. Jay Turkovsky will follow up with the other two Audit Committee members, Ross Stadnyk and Rich Willing to schedule a meeting in May.

Richard and Roberta noted that no new volunteers have signed up since the last meeting. There are just four slots open on the weekday driver schedule and seven slots available on weekend evenings. Richard will follow up with one new driver who was unable to train last month due to a medical reason.

Greg reported that the last monthly Puna Watch meeting was sparsely attended since it was scheduled the same night as the meeting about the new roundabout. There was a presentation on rat lung worm disease. Bottom line, the recommendation was to wash food and keep your water filters clean.

For the Block Captains report, Mark noted that there is increased traffic at the upper end of Kahukai as residents in LE Unit 1 are using Maile street to get to Leilani Ave rather than taking the unpaved end of Kahukai to Leilani. Mark will follow up with the LE Board regarding the possibility of placing speed bumps on Kahukai (and the same issue with Maile street).

Ross noted that the albizia trees that were treated last month have now lost all their leaves. Mark plans to schedule another albizia treatment outing in May.

Richard gave the April Dog Issues Report, noting that 11 loose dogs were reported and 9 of them were photographed. Three first warnings were issued, two second violations and three third violations. Donna Lee DeBaets did a Ridealong on March 31st with Animal Control Officer Starr Yamada from the Humane Society. A summary report, including a map of 14 addresses of problem dogs was circulated for review.

Greg brought a bag of dog leashes that have been provided (free) by the Hawaii Humane Society. A few leashes will be in the NW bag for distribution to residents who may not have a leash with them when out walking their dog(s).

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. Since the last meeting, the Palace Theater in Hilo has donated eight movie tickets and Kaleo's in Pahoa donated ten \$20 gift certificates.

Greg reminded the group of the following upcoming events:

Tuesday, May 3rd @ 6 pm – Dinner and Bingo

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 31st at 7 pm - Leilani Community Center