

Leilani Estates Neighborhood Watch Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2015

Present: Greg Armstrong, Steve Snyder, Norma Jean Blair, Vaunda Stenzel, Mike Stenzel, Richard Skidmore, Wymond Wilds, Charles Stanton, Mark Hauanio, Harry Messenheimer, John and Ronda Henry, Roberta Van Goethem, Gloria Turkovsky and Jay Turkovsky

Next meeting: May 26, 2015, 7 p.m. , Leilani Community Center

1. Call to Order at 7:05 p.m. Introductions followed. Mr. Armstrong welcomed everyone and said the Volunteer sign-up sheet was located at the back table in case anyone wanted to sign up for a patrol slot.
2. Community Police Report: Mr. Armstrong explained that Officer Kamalii would not be at the meeting tonight but had sent the crime statistics for March 31st through April 27, 2015.

BURGLARIES:

One burglary on Moku, on April 15. Daughter of victim reported unknown suspects entered residence and storage shed and removed numerous items from within. For the month of April, Puna had 21 burglaries.

CRIMINAL PROPERTY DAMAGE:

On April 15, Kupono Street. Victim reported unknown male suspect approached her on her driveway and knocked her phone out of her hand, threw it at her vehicle causing damage. Mr. Armstrong stated that he was in the office the day she called the office to report this. The story is different that she reported that a woman dressed only in a towel entered her driveway asking for help and that a man came running down the driveway, grabbed her phone, and threw it on the ground. She jumped in her car, the guy beat on her car, she called the police, the police searched everywhere for several hours and did not find anything. Ms. Blair noted that on that same day the neighbor across the street saw some guy at the very back at her property hiding in the bushes. The person hiding noticed that the neighbor was watching him and he left down Kupono.

For the month of April, Puna had 33 criminal property damage complaints. There were no Robberies in Leilani Estates. Puna had one Robbery complaint. There were no Thefts in Leilani Estates. Puna had 62 Theft complaints. There was no Unauthorized Control of Propelled Vehicle in Leilani Estates. Puna had three complaints. There was no Unauthorized Entry into Motor Vehicle in Leilani Estates. Puna had 11 complaints. There were no Sexual Assaults in Leilani. Puna had six sexual assault complaints.

Mr. Messenheimer reported that he had been told about a possible burglary on South Kaupili. Someone told him that a vacant house had been broken into. Mr. Armstrong mentioned that he heard something about that too. He said that he told the person who informed him to be sure to remind people if they see something to call the police and let them know.

Leilani Estates NW

Meeting Minutes, April 28, 2015

Page 2

3. Old Business:

- a. New Driver Recruitment/Training: Ms. Stenzel announced that NW has signed up seven new members. These volunteers were signed up at the last monthly yard sale. Five members are patrol drivers and two are window watchers. Ms. Stenzel said she has trained three of the drivers and will be training the remainder as soon as possible.
- b. Puna Watch: Ms. Stenzel gave a report on the April 1, 2015 Puna Watch meeting.
 - i. No Trespassing: If you want to enforce no trespassing, you must put signs on all four corners of your property.
 - ii. Rep. Ilagan discussed his March 2015 progress report. Some of the highlights were:
 - 1. He and Rep. Paleka are working with PGV and the Planning Dept. on possible ways to decrease the noise at the PGV plant.
 - 2. Marlene Hapai has formed an Ad Hoc Committee working with many different Government entities on identifying connectivity routes. They are concentrating on Upper Puna presently.
 - 3. Humane Society is encouraging people to microchip their cats. They are only holding cats for 10 days. They will rent cat traps for \$50 and dog traps for \$75. They are having trouble enforcing the leash law/loose dog law. HPP has been conducting Dog sweeps and having some success with that.
 - 4. Capt. Jelsma reported on last year vs. this year crime stats. Burglaries are up in the Puna District, Thefts are down, stolen vehicles are also down, but they are noting there are many chop shops cropping up in Puna.
 - 5. Bill Hanson discussed Walkie-talkies and suggested that communities use radios with UHF so it can be used anywhere in the subdivision. The other Walkietalkies cannot go through thick vegetation. Doug Wilson is going to be doing Ham Radio classes in May. Ms. Stenzel said she has contact information for Mr. Wilson.
 - iii. Mr. Stanton commented that Ariel Jost who was involved in burglaries in Leilani some time back attempted escape from jail and was caught.
- c. Block Captains: Mr. Hauanio said that we currently have 11 Block Captains. He is encouraging all block captains to get information on their streets: residents, contact information, emails, etc. He showed everyone the map with Block Captains designated for certain streets.
- d. Albizia problem: We had a meeting with representative Bill Buckley of Big Island Invasive Species Committee on how to treat the trees. Mr. Hauanio said he feels this is a good project to work on. On June 6th at the Leilani Yard Sale, BIISC will have a table set up to recruit a work team to go out in the field for hands-on training in treating Albizias. Mr. Turkovsky said he was able to get Milestone on Amazon for \$99.95 and got dropper bottles to divide it up for people. Richard Skidmore stated that he has been using poison ivy killer (Tricyclopir) that he gets at Garden Exchange for much less and it kills anything. He chops it and puts some drops on the trunks and it dies within a few weeks.

Mr. Stanton stated that the State only approves certain treatments and the State may not approve other treatments.

- e. Loose Dog Report: Mr. Armstrong gave the dog report. Last month LCA had nine loose dog reports and six letters were sent. This month only had one report.
- f. April Dinner/Bingo/Bank Account/T-shirts: Mr. Armstrong stated on April 14 we had our first NW Bingo and we cleared \$390.00 and that went in to the pot for future things. He has opened a separate account for this money. We have a balance of \$859.00.

Mr. Armstrong also stated that we need to order t-shirts. The few that we have are in bad condition. He will be asking for sizes.

Mr. Armstrong stated that this Saturday, May 2 is the next LCA Garage Sale. Civil Defense will be setting up an Emergency Preparedness Table at the garage sale for informational purposes, since Hurricane season is close.

Mr. Armstrong mentioned that Tuesday, May 5th would be the second NW Dinner & Bingo at 6 p.m.

The subject of the Leilani stickers was discussed. Mr. Armstrong said that he feels they give people a false sense of security. The fact is that not every resident will use them, and if someone sells their car, then we have someone who lives outside the subdivision driving around with the stick on their car. The cost is high and his recommendation is that we not continue this. Mr. Messenheimer stated he agreed and that the best way is for Block Captains to know their residents and their street. Ms. Stenzel made a motion to discontinue the Leilani stickers, Ms. Blair seconded. It was approved to stop the use of the Leilani stickers for automobiles.

- 4. Announcements: Mr. Armstrong opened up the floor for discussion. There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.