

LEILANI ESTATES NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING MINUTES – March 26th, 2019

Present: Greg Armstrong, Ross Stadnyk, Richard Skidmore, John Henry, Jim Penny, James Tucker, Mark Hauanio, William Wong, John Segalla, Kaonohe Jeremiah, Kevin Davis, Jenifer Jackson, Jim Harding, Julie Harding, Gary McMillan, Jerry Strand, Andy Andrews.

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

No police officers were in attendance so no crime statistics are available for this meeting.

The February 26, 2019 Neighborhood Watch Meeting Minutes were provided as handouts and reviewed by those attending. Richard Skidmore moved to accept the minutes. Motion was seconded by Jerry Strand. All attending were in favor. Motion carried.

Greg Armstrong gave the Treasury Report, indicating a balance of \$1929.54 as of March 26, 2019. Jim Penny made the motion to approve the Treasury Report, Ross Standnyk seconded the motion and all attending were in favor. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Squatter Elimination and Crime Reduction Committee: Andy Andrews reported that a meeting of the committee was held with several goals set including: 1) Better coordination with Neighborhood Watch concerning which houses to watch; 2) A data base will be built for unoccupied homes including property owners names, phone numbers, email addresses, etc.; 3) Assignment of certain homes to Neighborhood Watch members/Block Captains to give special attention. Numerous actions have taken place this past month including search warrants, and arrests for possession of stolen property, illegal possession of a firearm, and possession of a stolen vehicle. We are learning how to help police as they are learning to help us.

New Driver Recruitment/Training: Richard Skidmore reported 2 new drivers/bikers bring the total to 20 active drivers/riders.

Block Captains Update: No report

Albizia BIIS Project: Greg Armstrong reported that dates will soon be set to have a training day with Big Island Invasive Species employees. Milestone herbicide has been purchased and will be made available in 2 ounce bottles.

Loose Dog Report: Richard Skidmore reported that there were 5 loose dogs reported and photographed this month. 3 were first warnings, 1 dog reported to the Humane Society. Richard will follow up with the Humane Society to improve coordination and action due to a personnel change at the Humane Society.

Puna Watch: Greg Armstrong attended the meeting and reported on several bills in the legislature that may concern Leilani Estates residents. One bill would change the taxation on ag property. Another bill would levy fines to homeowners who leave homes unoccupied for long periods of time.

Old Business:

A discussion was held concerning the tourism problems associated with the lava flow. We are receiving no enforcement from the police department and not equipped or trained to do our own enforcement. A discussion of gate options followed. It was determined that this subject was beyond the scope of the Neighborhood Watch.

New Business:

Greg Armstrong announced that a nominating committee is needed to find people interested in running for the Neighborhood Watch board and asked for volunteers. James Tucker and Richard Skidmore volunteered.

Greg Armstrong discussed the use of a lighted temporary road sign that would be placed at the entrance to Leilani Estates. The sign would flash messages such as: Private Property, Dead End, and Residents Only, to discourage nonresidents from driving through the neighborhood. The sign would be provided by the highway department. A petition was passed through the crowd for attendees to sign if they approved of the sign.

James Tucker requested that the board purchase wrist bands for the Pahoehoe Jr. Leadership program that he oversees. The cost will be \$288 for 500 wrist bands. The intent is to promote positive actions by the youth of Pahoehoe. Richard Skidmore made a motion to support the program and spend the \$288 necessary to purchase the wrist bands. Mark Hauanio seconded the motion and all attending were in favor. Motion carried.

The subject was brought up concerning an elderly man pushing a shopping cart through the neighborhood and threatening passersby with spears, machetes, and pushing the shopping cart out in front of cars. Police have been notified but are unable to do anything until they see him doing something illegal. He does own property in Leilani Estates.

Andy Andrews announced that the Squatter Elimination and Crime Reduction committee will be requesting people to assist them with putting together a database, searching for records and similar computer work. This request will be posted on social media.

Jim Penny announced that the Neighborhood Watch monthly garage sale vendors have dropped off substantially since the eruption and requested that attendees spread the word around that we are back in business.

Announcements:

Greg announced the following upcoming events:

Friday, March 29th, - VFW Fish Fry @ 6 pm

Saturday, April 6th - Monthly Community Garage Sale @ 8-12 A.M.

Sunday, April 7th - VFW Breakfast 9-11 am

Tuesday, April 2nd - Taco Salad Dinner and Bingo 6-8:30

Saturday, April 13th - VFW Chili Dinner and Bingo 6-9 pm

Sunday April 21st - VFW Breakfast 9-11 am

Friday April 26th - VFW Fish Fry 6 pm

Next Meeting: April 30th - 7 P.M. at Leilani Community Center

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.