

Minutes for Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council (LBNC)
Special Joint (EP) Emergency Preparedness/EP Communications and LBNC Board Meeting
Flyaway Bus Terminal, 2nd Floor, Community Meeting Room
Saturday, August 10, 2019, 9:00 AM

1. **Call to Order** at 9:10 AM by Committee Chair, Linda Pruett. There were 14 people in attendance. Linda Schwering agreed to become our scribe.
2. **Welcome – Introductions.** Attendees asked to give their name, community they are from, CERT training level, Red Cross and other affiliations, and Ham radio call sign. **Minutes** of the May 11, 2019 and June 8, 2019 meetings will be presented for review and approval at the September meeting.
3. **Committee Reports**
 - a. LAPD SLOs were not available.
 - b. Public Safety, Chair James Brown, was not available.
 - c. EP Communications – Dan Tomlinson reported.
 - Progress is being made on the MESH network (Wi-Fi, separate from other communications). The goal is coverage from San Diego to Santa Barbara.
 - ACS is working with the City on a possible MESH set up in Mandeville Canyon.
 - ACS, with Emergency Management WEA, is hoping for a drill in Mandeville Canyon for emergency communication notifications (wireless emergency alerts).
 - d. Dan reminded all of the Ham Radio Net every Sunday morning at 9:00 AM, 145.575 Simplex, and the FRS/GMRS/Walkie-Talkie Net every Sunday morning at 10:00 AM, Channel 15, Channel 17 if 15 is busy.
4. **Public Comments Non-Agenda Items**
 - a. Sally Thompson - The CERT Battalion 10 meeting on 09/22/2019 from 12:30 – 2:30 PM will feature Surviving an Active Shooter. Dan Tomlinson will be presenting.
 - b. Linda Pruett – Lake Balboa NC (LBNC) is no longer able to have CPR/AED trainings at LBNC Public Safety Committee Meetings.
 - c. Len Shaffer – Neighborhood Council Emergency Preparedness Alliance Chair
5. **Reminder – NO LBNC EP MEETING IN OCTOBER BECAUSE OF THE VALLEY DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FAIR**
6. **Guest Speaker - Barbara Mariscal, Red Cross Disaster Program Manager – Topic: Red Cross Shelters**
 - Red Cross (RC) has two paid employees and 400 volunteers.
 - RC does have up to eight 100 person trailers and some permanent bins.
 - Shelter locations are not announced in advance due to the disaster type & location. There is emphasis on ADA compliance. Center types are: evacuation, and general population.
 - Resources for shelter locations: Red Cross App., Fire Department, Police Department, and media announcements. JIC (Joint Information Center) handles much of this information via the Public Information Officer.
 - RC will not open pre-disaster homeless centers. LASA and the mayor's office address the local homeless population.
 - Pets are allowed if in a crate unless a shelter place prohibits them. Horses and large animals; the media will make press releases.
 - Food is accepted only if commercially prepared when needed. Unsolicited donations are not acceptable
 - For RC volunteer and training information, see www.redcross.org/local/california/los-angeles
7. **Remember the Animals - Operation Blankets of Love.** Linda Pruett reminded the group to bring contributions of clean/new blankets and towels for dogs and cats in the Shelters, and also for pets owned by the Homeless. Other needed items: collars, leashes, food and treats, stainless steel food bowls, crates, igloos, carriers, and other cat and dog related items.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Schwering

Next Meeting is Saturday, September 14th, 9 AM at the Fan Nuys Flyaway