



**Minutes for Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council (LBNC)
Special Joint (EP) Emergency Preparedness/EP Communications
and LBNC Board Meeting
First Virtual Zoom Meeting**

Neighborhood



Saturday, June 20, 2020

- 1. Call to Order at 9:03 AM, by Committee Chair Linda Pruett. There were 28 people in attendance.**
Voting committee members: Dave Brown, Michelle Dornfest, Bill Hopkins, Sandy Joseph, Gary Kay, Heidi Okuhara, Rick Pederson, Mary Pennomon, Linda Pruett, Linda Schwering, and Dan Tomlinson (Quorum is 6). Gary Kay was absent; Bill Hopkins was excused. Quorum of 6 Was met.

- 2. Welcome – Introductions.** Attendees gave their name, their community, CERT training level, Red Cross and affiliations, and Ham radio call sign.

Minutes – Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, there was no meeting in March, April, and May of 2020.

The minutes of the February 8, 2020 minutes were unanimously approved as corrected.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- LAPD SLOs were not available.
- Public Safety, Chair, James Brown advised there is no CPAB meeting in June due to LAPD deployments. The next Zoom Meeting is July 8th at approximately 3 PM. Go to www.facebook.com/LAPD.wv.police, then go to videos live streaming.
- EP Communications – Dan Tomlinson reported.
 - Covid-19 has caused cancellation of events; however, Sunday Nets are continuing and also now on Wednesdays.
 - More Ham licensing tests are being provided via Zoom.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Linda Pruett advised that Bill Hopkins is extremely ill. There was a special tribute to him at his home on June 13th.
- Michelle Dornfest – Due to Covid-19, Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair is working on changes to format and attendance.
- Bernard – Bill Hopkins Tribute photos can be viewed at G6BM.com (KG6FBM7)
- Len Schaeffer – The NC Alliance is next week. He will forward information to Linda Pruett.
- Dan Tomlinson will try to do Zoom classes that were formerly held at SOS.

5. MEETING TOPIC – CIVIL UNREST

Chair, Linda Pruett reported an event in Lake Balboa where a drug store was looted and burned near Haskell and Vanowen. There were 177 pharmacies hit during this past week of civil unrest. Here are some considerations regarding looting (ransacking) in homes. How do we prepare ourselves? Discussion followed.

- Brent – He has worked with security in the past. Using extreme security at home can lead to fear and paranoia. Make your house less attractive. Ammonia in a squirt bottle is minimalist for defense.
- Dan Tomlinson – Do not accept media or social media as gospel. Check your front yard for anything that could be used as a projectile to break windows.
- Dave Brown – There are a small percentage of looters damaging areas. Make your house less attractive to potential criminal activity (predators), and sometime NHK Japanese or other world news organizations may have a more balanced perspective.
- James Brown – Do not make your house look like a fortress. Protect ourselves with Neighborhood Watch Groups.
- Marty – Screen your neighbors before providing preparedness information details to May your Neighborhood.
- Sally Thompson – Covid-10, Black Lives Matter, and police reform are reminders of the importance of the VOTE.
- Brent Lowensohn - Rumors tend to mushroom. Do not be sucked in. Think more of what makes you happy rather than things that are depressing. Think positive but use your ability to see what is going on. During emergencies, try to be positive. An outside BBQ may help to bring people together.
- Heidi Okuhara – She took advantage of a self-defense class at CSUN.
- Dave Brown – Do not look like a victim! Avoid looking like part of a group (uniform. Cap, shirt, etc.)

- Dan Tomlinson – Weapons advice. Think of what you have versus how the item is described. If you have a weapon, know how to use it safely.
- Linda Gravani – Asked what the community let Lake Balboa know by way of outreach? Sandy Joseph responded stating Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) is a great to really know neighbors and what is going on. She suggested putting information on the LBNC website and using outreach to promote this.
- Sharon Brewer and Sally would like a copy of the list of things to Help Prepare for Civil Unrest.

Comments from the Chair in closing:

These are uncertain times. In summary: check basic EP and first aid supplies, conduct a security vulnerability assessment set up and personal self-defense system, stockpile cash in small bills, accumulate goods for barter (just in case), prepare for your pets also, acquire communications equipment and a family emergency plan, and stay calm!

6. Remember the Animals – Operations Blankets of Love needs clean/new blankets and towels for dogs and cats in shelters, and for pets owned by the Homeless.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:02 AM.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Schwering

NEXT LBNC EP ZOOM MEETING – JULY 11, 2020