



**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~~
Zoom Meeting**

Neighborhood



Saturday, November 14, 2020, 9:00 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER 7 ROLL CALL

a. Call to Order by Committee Co-Chair Linda Pruett at 9:09 AM. Instructions given to the scribe. There were 19 people in attendance.

b. Roll Call

Voting committee members: Dave Brown [X], Michelle Dornfest [X], Sandy Joseph [X], Gary Kay [X], Heidi Okuhara [X], Rick Pederson [E], Mary Pennomon [X], Linda Pruett [X], Linda Schwering [X], Dan Tomlinson [X]. The Quorum is 6; P=Present, A=Absent, AB=Abstain, E=Excused. Quorum was met.

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

2. MINUTES - The minutes of the July 11, 2020 were not available. There was no meeting in August, September, or October 2020.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. LAPD SLOs – On-call and not available

b. Public Safety – James Brown was not available

c. EP Communications – Dan Tomlinson reported Ham radio license testing is ongoing.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- **Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair (VDPF)** – Dave Brown reported all EP kit items have been received except for face masks. Volunteers are needed for assembling ep kits. DWP is providing 1,000 bags for kits.
- Kit distribution location: 11/21/2020 at St. Euphrasia Church, 11766 Shoshone, Granada Hills 9 AM – 3 PM. Set-up will be 1-2 hours earlier that day. Michael will need NC email contacts.
- **VDPF Blood Drive** – Linda Schwering reported good response on 10/10 & 10/11/2020. The Cedars Sinai blood drive was located at the North end of Northridge Fashion Center in honor of Bill & Linda Hopkins and the VDPF. Video is available for viewing on YouTube at VDPF blood drive.
- **Fire extinguishers** – Sally Thompson checking the unit(s) every 6 months. Turn the cylinders upside down and give the units a shake to ensure contents caked or solid inside.
- **Home Supplies** – Linda Pruett reminded the importance of keeping pantries and medicines well stocked.
- **CERT happenings** – Mikki Loi recommended CERT Central on Eventbrite on how to put together Neighborhood Teams, risk management, and more. Search lafdccentral.eventbrite.com.
- **RYLAN Town Hall** – Thursday, 11/19/2020 from 7-9 PM. See info@myvalleyvillage.com.

5. MEETING TOPIC – Digital Messaging for Ham Radios during wildfires and power outages

Dan Tomlinson, EP Communications, provided insight and information on the importance of communications during power outages.

- Agencies involved: Red Cross, L.A. County Medical Alert Center, Hospital Status, Resources Reports, and Emergency Operation Centers.

The problem is that voice-only is exceptionally unrealistic. Everything must be reported.

A solution may be Digital Technology.

- Winlink RMS can be used with email via internet (telenet), email via Ham radio (VHF, UHF, HF or Mesh networks).
- Emails can be sent to other Winlink operators, temporary “tactical address”, or any standard email address.
- Hardware needed for Winlink is a Ham radio and interface device (**signaling USBC at about \$110**)?
- Winlink RMS messages can be stored on a variety of platforms. The most powerful features is that it comes with hundreds of forms used by served agencies. Only data is needed to complete forms that are preformatted. Forms mirror served agency forms. This means less confusion.

Served agencies can send their form to Winlink. The received need not constantly monitor the radio. Forms stay in the box until retrieved.

- Currently, there is collaboration between the USGS Winlink Development Group and **ARES LAX/NE?**
- More information can be found at Winlink.org, U-Tube, and K4REF.
- L.A City has granted \$200,000 to be used for a Mandeville Canyon project.
- The bonus content will be Alert Wildfire Cameras.
 - Cameras are being utilized now at universities: Nevada, Reno, UC San Diego, and University of Oregon.
 - Currently, there are 600+ cameras in California, including 13+ in the City of Los Angeles. CERT trained people will monitor cameras on high fire danger days.
 - The public can view shared video on U-Tube at <https://www.alertwildfires>.

Dan was thanked for his efforts and this educational information.

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. Items can be picked up at home.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:18 AM

Respectfully submitted, Linda Schwering

**The next Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Lake Balboa
EP Committee is on 12/12/2020
at 9 AM online**