



**Minutes for Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council (LBNC)  
Special Joint (EP) Emergency Preparedness/EP Communications  
and LBNC Board Meeting  
~~Flyaway Bus Terminal, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Community Meeting Room~~  
Zoom Meeting  
Saturday, December 12, 2020, 9:00 AM**

Neighborhood



**1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

a. Call to Order by Committee Co-Chair Linda Pruett at 9:21 AM. Instructions given to the scribe. There were 18 people in attendance.

b. Roll Call

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

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 November 14, 2020, were accepted as presented.

**3. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. LAPD SLOs were not available.

b. Public Safety Committee – James Brown

- LAPD budget has been reduced. West Valley will continue as in the past.
- Lake Balboa Covid-19 cases reported 2,200, and 22 deaths.
- The Public Safety meeting 12/19/2020 will cover the L. A. City Council Municipal Code 4118 regarding where people can sit or lay in public. Attendees were encouraged to weigh in on this topic by posting a public comment on CF20-1326.
- The next virtual CPAB meeting is 01/13/2021. Guest Bob Blumenfield, City Councilmember District 3, will address dealing with the homeless shelters and cabin communities.

c. EP Communications – Dan Tomlinson not available.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

- Linda Pruett – Please continue to practice social distancing and safe practices.
- Heidi Okuhara – EP bags that included cloth masks were appreciated at the recent Valley Emergency Preparedness Fair.
- Heidi Okuhara – Pet Pantry for dogs and cats. See East Valley and South-Central L.A. services. Appointments for pick up on their website.
- Sally Thompson – Remember Blankets of Love. Rick Pederson and Linda Pruett can arrange for pick-up of donations.
- Linda Pruett – She has been experiencing skin cancer; the next medical procedure scheduled in January. Everyone was asked to assure follow-up with a doctor should anything suspicious appear.

**5. MEETING TOPIC – Emergency Preparedness Items as Great Holiday Gifts Presentation – Jeff Edelstein of SOS Survival Products, Van Nuys.**

Covid-19 brought many changes the past 10 months. EP emphasis has changed too. Item wants this year: toilet paper, cloth face masks, antiseptic wipes, surface cleaners, and N95 masks are now available (20/box at \$49).

- Freeze-dried food items make great gifts. Give to a friend, have a zoom meeting, and cook menu items, and share an experience.
- Update your supplies at home.
- New portable stove – it uses pellet sticks. Heat will generate electricity. It has a light and USB port.

## 5. (Continued)

- LifeStraw Water Filter
- Personal hygiene items
- New! Battery operated shower head that siphons water from a 5 Gal. bucket
- Fire extinguishers (be sure to check those you already have on hand)
- Lighting – there are many options
- Portable radios and cell phone chargers
- Gold Zero brand power units
- FRS radio sets
- Emergency pet kits

SOS is open for curbside pick-up or shipments although the retail store is closed due to Covid-19. Orders can be placed by phone or online.

### Suggestions:

- Jeff Edelstein - Scan your photos from albums to flash drives in case of evacuations.
- Bernard suggested Keystone canned meat available on Amazon. Item may be a suggestion for SOS or for individuals.
- Marty Woll – Vinyl or food preparation gloves for light contact use are also a good idea.

Mr. Edelstein was thanked for his presentation and timely 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.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:46 AM.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Schwering

**The next Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Lake Balboa  
EP Committee on 02/13/2021**

**NO LAKE BALBOA EP MEETING IN JANUARY 2021  
SEE YOU AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING**

**STAY SAFE!**