

CITY OF LOS ANGELES

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LAKE BALBOA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL



Neighborhood Council

Emergency Preparedness Committee and Joint LBNC Board Meeting

FINAL MINUTES

Saturday, April 13, 2024

9:00 AM

Van Nuys Flyaway Bus Terminal

Community Meeting Room, 2nd Floor.

7610 Woodley Ave. (NE Corner of Saticoy and Woodley)

The meeting room door was locked when the committee arrived. The meeting started late.

1. **Welcome, called to order at 9:27 AM by Linda Schwering. Roll call of voting committee members:**
[X] Dave Brown [X] Surat Hazra [absent] Lydia Jerosimich [X] Linda Schwering, Chair [X] Dan Tomlinson
The quorum is 3.
2. **Introductions 9:29AM**
3. **Adoption of the April 13, 2024, Agenda.** Motion by Tomlinson, seconded by Hazra.

Dave Brown – Yes, Surat Hazra – Yes, Lydia Jerosimich – Absent, Schwering – Yes,
Dan Tomlinson Vote: Yes-4 No-0 Abstain-0 Absent-1 Motion Passes.

4. **Review and motion to approve the February 10, 2024, Minutes as corrected.** Motion by Tomlinson,
seconded by Brown.

Dave Brown – Yes, Surat Hazra – Yes, Lydia Jerosimich – Absent, Schwering – Yes,
Dan Tomlinson Vote: Yes-4 No-0 Abstain-0 Absent-1 Motion Passes.

4a. Agenda amended. Add Brent Lowensohn to the LBNC Emergency Preparedness Committee.
Motion by Hazra, seconded by Brown.

Dave Brown – Yes, Surat Hazra – Yes, Lydia Jerosimich – Absent, Schwering – Yes,
Dan Tomlinson Vote: Yes-4 No-0 Abstain-0 Absent-1 Motion Passes.

5. **General Public Comment** - Comments from the public on non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. Each speaker will be allowed 1 minute to comment.
 - Dave Brown - Last weekend at the Warner Center Park Fair, Emergency Management gave out a quantity

of emergency alert radios.

- Geraldine LAFD Battalion 10 - Zumba classes Wednesdays, 10 AM at ONEGeneration Sr. Center sponsored by Sr. Helpers, Encino
- 4/14 CA Assembly Member Jesse Gabriel, is hosting annual Day of Service at Pierce College, 9:30 AM
- Linda- LBNC Pet Adoption 4/14, 10AM-2PM, Off-leash Dog Park
- 4/14 CERT EFFAK workshop, 1-3PM S.O. Adult Center
- 5/5 CERT Workshop for radios FRF/GMRs
- 5/11 Fire Service Day - place TBD
- Geraldine Hernandez, Battalion 10, will provide a list of CERT events to Linda Schwering to share with our EP folks.

6. Reports:

- a) **LAPD, SLO, Officer Mike Terrazas was working today and not available.**
- b) **EP Communications, Dan Tomlinson** – Dan Brought a small ham radio & pack Uses Winlink (uses windows software) for use with gateways. EM, Txt, and cell phone can be used with this software application. LA City/County has a large number of existing gateways. Wavetalkers recently (training group) evaluated the Baltimore bridge collapse. Can be found on Wavetalkers Utube. Brent commented that this was very good exercise.
- c) **Los Angeles Emergency Management Dept – Local Hazard Mitigation, Dave Brown**
Vacancies increased to four. Mayor's budget out for comments.
- d) **Bug Out Bags** – Suggested additions from February Meeting. **None**

7. Opening the EP Bins after a disaster update – Discussion and possible action.

Linda Schwering distributed an Emergency Preparedness (EP) Bin Planning worksheet to attendees marked as **Updated April 13, 2024. Please note, the word "updated" should be deleted.**

This Bin Planning worksheet has not been updated by the EP Committee since the pre-Covid days, and it contains several separate Bin handling criteria that need to be reviewed and updated. Many references to CERT members and CERT training may have changed since the worksheet was previously used.

Attendees were asked to take the Bin Planning Worksheet away from the meeting so that they have time to review and send Email recommendations, updates, and update suggestions to the Committee Chair, Linda Schwering, for consolidation and presentation at the May meeting.

8. Discussion - Working with a non-profit organization in the future regarding EP Bin handling and maintenance. Our local CERT/Neighborhood Team Program representatives were unavailable, volunteering at other locations on our meeting date.

A Neighborhood Team Program information sheet was distributed to attendees. Linda suggested attendees visit www.disasterprep.org (the Community Disaster Preparedness website) and view SERVICES for some additional information regarding handling of emergency containers. This will be discussed by the committee at a future meeting.

FRS-GMRS Emergency Communications Net – Sunday at 10: AM, Channel 20 or 16

ADJOURNMENT 11:25 AM

