

Emergency Communications Committee Minutes

Tuesday, July 6, 2021, 7:00 pm to 8:48 pm.

The meeting was held via ZOOM Online Video Conference

Members (7)	Call Sign	Attendance
Dru Anderson, Co-Chair	KG6LAD	P
Eduardo Arias, Co-Chair	KM6LSX	P
Bob Anderson	KC6ZWG	P
Ben H. L. Hu, Secretary	KK6HH	P
Edwin R Jones	W7WPO	E
Terry Kearney	KM6LTQ	E
Andrew Kirk	WB6CLS	A
Scott Overstreet	N6NXI	P
Jay Sutaria	KN6JAY	P
Sam Wood	K6MSR	P
Council/Staff (1)		
Lisa Schmidt, LAH Council	Council Liaison	P
Associate Members (7)		
Neil Katin	K2LL	P
Peter Evans	AI6MV	P
Kjell Karlsson	KD6BPP	P
Larry Carr	KE6AGJ	P
Robert Johnson	KG6UWZ	P
Dave Stewart	KJ6JQT	P
Craig Miller	WA6OXK	P
Guests (5)		
J Logan LAHCFD	Guest	P
Steve Jordan, Purissima Hills Water District	Brd. Member	P
Carl Cahill, City Mgr., Town of LAH	KG6MOD	P
Jim Clark, Los Altos	N6JRC	P
Cody Einfalt, management analyst, Town of LAH		P

1. At 7:00 pm, Dru KG6LAD called the Zoom meeting to order and notified all present that the Zoom meeting would be recorded. Ben KK6HH made the roll call. A quorum was present as there were 7 members present out of a total of 10. The attendance of the meeting was 20, including 7 members, Council Liaison Lisa Schmidt, 7 associates, and 5 guests. Dru welcomed some special and infrequent guests to the meeting.
2. Minutes for approval: Scott N6NXI moved to approve the June Minutes. It was duly seconded and approved unanimously by all seven members present with a roll call vote.
3. Announcements
 - a. EC Neil K2LL
 - i. Thanked those who helped in the July 4 LAH Parade.
 - ii. Asked for volunteers to be NCO for the SPECS Main and UHF nets in the last two weeks of July.
 - iii. Requested ECC members and associates to participate in the August 21 County ARES/RACES drill. He stated that if enough of the ECC would join the drill, he would

include the EOC operation for drill. Otherwise, the drill would be only for CERT. Dru asked Carl, city manager, whether the town would participate in the drill because it occurs on a Saturday. Carl said that it would be worthwhile to have town staff participate in a drill at least once a year. If the drill is scheduled on a Saturday, he asked for ample advance notice to the town staff. Peter AI6MV asked whether the town could help draft a message so that folks at the drill could pass a realistic message to the County. Cody, LAH mgt analyst, voiced his willingness to assist. Peter also asked whether the drill should test the Town's emergency generator and Carl's response was positive.

- iv. On August 14, the County Races/Ares will offer a fun "Fox hunting" drill. Neil promised that all participants would enjoy the exercise. More details on training and signup are offered on the www.scc-ares-races.org website. The event is Aug. 14 8:00-12:30 at Cuesta Park, Mountain View. [Santa Clara County ARES/RACES Event Detail \(scc-ares-races.org\)](http://www.scc-ares-races.org)
 - b. Volunteer opportunity: Dru announced there is a LAH Classical Car Show on Sunday, July 25. Volunteers are needed to help staff a committee recruitment table at the show.
 - c. Notice: Dru KG6LAD and Eduardo KM6LSX have relocated Town radio gears to EOC radio room to accommodate ARK remodeling. The re-located equipment was stored in marked boxes in the radio room. Jay KN6JAY asked Eduardo to send him a list for proper bookkeeping of inventory.
2. Update from City Manager Carl Cahill KG6MOD
 - a. Carl KG6MOD, informed everyone that Town's emergency operation plan is well documented on the Town's website:
<https://www.losaltoshills.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/87/Instructions-for-Non-Emergency-Communication-Committee-Amateur-Radio-Operators-PDF>
 - b. Carl suggested that Cody help Peter AI6MV develop a simulated Town message during the Sat., Aug. 21, county/city ARES/RACES drill in real time from Cody's location.
 - c. Update on LAH EDN project: To facilitate the installation of antennae for the EDN project, Carl had sent to the Purissima Hills Water District board an amendment to the lease agreement. Steve Jordan, a member of the PHWD board, said he will review. Carl and Steve agreed to discuss offline further to conclude the agreement.
 3. Committee Liaison: Council-member Lisa Schmidt: Update on status on her Fire Safety Task Force activities.

Lisa pointed out while both the Town and LAHCFD is working hard to improve the fire safety of all neighborhoods, the individual property owner should also shoulder responsibilities to keep the property fire safe. To this end, she was able to get the Town to offer the homeowner a professional fire-safety service for an assessment of the home's exterior and property. The cost of such service would be equally shared by the Town and the homeowner. It is a well-thought and comprehensive program. J of LAHCFD added that LAHCFD could help the district homeowner outside of the LAH city limits in a similar fashion.
 4. **Annual Election of officers:**
Ben KK6HH nominated Dru KG6LAD and Eduardo KM6LSX to continue their duties as Co-Chairs of the ECC for the 2020/21 year. Scott N6NXI seconded the nomination, and both were duly elected with all 7 members present after a roll call. Since there was no candidate for the secretary position, it remains vacant. Dru and Eduardo asked for volunteers, either from the members or the associates. The co-chairs, on behalf of the entire team, thanked Ben for his excellent work as Secretary for the past 4 years.
 5. Public Comments from the floor: nothing of note was discussed.

6. Old Business
Jay KN6JAY, who is the ECC lead for monitoring the town equipment related to ECC radio needs, stated that he would start to implement "Google Forms" to check in and out of ECC radio equipment and other items in place of current paper forms.
7. New Business:
 - a. Dru and Eduardo proposed to rotate duty among members/associates for TECH TALK.
8. Health and welfare check-in. Dru inquired about the well-being of all attendees and received positive responses. Sam K6MSR was excited to report that a reliable fiber optic link may be an option at the CERT ARK site. J of LAHCFD, Neil K2LL, and Sam agreed to discuss further offline.
9. Adjourn. At 20:47, Bob KC6ZWG moved to adjourn, Sam K6MSR seconded, and all happily agreed by a voice vote.
10. **Reminders:** See online schedules for activities in the following:
 - LAH town events:** <http://www.losaltoshills.ca.gov/calendar.aspx>.
 - EMERGENCY ALERTS: LAH:** <http://www.losaltoshills.ca.gov/101/EmergencyAlertSCC>: <https://www.sccgov.org/sites/alertscc/Pages/home.aspx>
 - CERT activities: LAH County Fire District:**
<http://www.lahcfd.org/community-programs/public-classes>
 - County ARES/RACES courses & events:**
<http://www.scc-ares-races.org/aresraces.htm>
 - SPECS Monday Night Net information:**
www.Specsnet.org Northern SCC ham activities/Monday night net script.

Respectfully submitted: Ben Hu KK6HH, ECC Secretary for the past 4 years.

Thank you for the excellent work, Ben KK6HH!!

FROM: Dru KG6LAD and Eduardo KM6LSX and the TEAM!