

Notes from the LBNA Board Retreat, August 14, 2025

Priorities & Action Items:

Arts & Culture

- **Action Items:**
 - Host arts events for the community, such as painting for kids, poetry events, and open mic nights.
 - Explore a Landmark History Project (Marla to assist).
 - Consider hosting a farmers market in the neighborhood.

Community Garden

- **Action Items:**
 - Manage three plots specifically for food giveaways to the community.
 - Hire a gardener to manage these giveaway plots.
 - Establish a free food pantry at the garden for excess produce.
 - Organize gardening classes, including sessions on preserving and canning.
 - Investigate purchasing land for more community garden plots.
 - Evaluate garden rules to ensure equitable access and to align with funding requirements. (limit number of plots, dedicate two plots for teaching)

Public Health & Safety

- **Action Items:**
 - Reach out to the city about their new mobile community health truck to coordinate visits to the neighborhood for vaccinations and other services.
 - Look into the possibility of a hygiene truck to give away products.
 - Host fitness fairs or classes.
 - Explore de-escalation, first aid, and other training programs as a "rebranded" alternative to security patrols.
 - Add a car-related security item to the existing home security rebate program.
 - Keep the senior loan program. - (note, program is out of funds and on hold)

Housing & Food Insecurity

- **Action Items:**
 - Host a community baby shower.
 - Continue hosting the backpack giveaway.
 - Plan a clothing swap or a large garage sale event where community members can set up tables.
 - Explore initiatives to support renters and immigrant families.

Staffing & Operations

- **Action Items:**
 - Do not hire a new Youth Coordinator at this time; Marlena will take on future youth outreach.
 - Prioritize hiring a staff member who is a dedicated grant writer.
 - Do not pursue a permanent office space or an Executive Director (ED) position.