

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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Zoom Meeting
Monday, August 31, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
Meeting #6 Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
John DiGregorio	Present 7:04	1	Barbara Ringuette	Present	7
Lanira Murphy	Present	1	Connie Acosta	Absent	7
Michael Ebenkamp	Present	1	Seth Copenhaver	Present	7
Brian Allen	Present	2	Jamie Tijerina	Absent	8
Glenn Bailey	Present	2	Liz Amsden	Present	8
Garry Fordyce	Present	2	Clint Birdsong	Absent	8
Carol Newman	Present	3	Elias Garcia	Absent	9
Lee Blumenfeld	Present	3	Albert Farias	Present	9
Pat Bates	Present	3	Leslie Gamero	Absent	9
Peter Haderlein	Absent	4	Jennifer Goodie	Present	10
Howard Katchen	Present	4	Edmond Warren	Present	10
Brandon Pender	Absent	4	Hugo Rodriguez	Absent	10
Jack Humphreville	Present	5	Jay Handal	Present	11
Julia Moser	Present	5	Jacqueline Le Kennedy	Present	11
Daniel Perez	Present	5	Jon Liberman	Absent	11
Ernesto Castro	Absent	6	Danielle Sandoval	Present	12
Naira Harootunian	Excused	6	Claricza Ortiz	Absent	12
Margarita Lopez	Excused	6	Gina Martinez	Present	12

1. Call to order / Roll Call: The meeting was called to order by Co-chair Liz Amsden at 7:02 p.m., with a full quorum reached at that time. See above for Roll Call. Budget Representatives present were: Kay Hartman (Palms NC), Josh Nadal (Palms NC), KJ Clark (Empowerment Congress West Area NDC), Nahian Arfin (North Westwood NC), and Sarah Ramsawack (North Hollywood North East NC). Also in attendance were Kathy Guyton (Empowerment Congress West Area NDC), Kristina Smith (Budget Advocates webmaster) and John Darnell (NEA, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment).
2. Public Comment on non-agenda items:
 - Budget Reps: None.
 - Stakeholders: None.

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3. Motion to approve minutes for Meeting #5 (August 15): Howard moved to approve the minutes. Barbara seconded. MOTION PASSED with 22 yes and 2 abstentions.
4. Motion to approve Financial Report: Michael moved to approve the report. Jay seconded. MOTION PASSED. Roll Call vote with 19 yes, 1 opposed and 3 abstentions.

Liz moved to pay Kristina Smith \$200 for her work in updating the Budget Advocates website and \$100 for setting up the e-mails. Total payment \$300. Michael seconded. MOTION PASSED with 23 yes and 1 abstention.
5. Status Town Hall #1: John DiGregorio proposed a date of October 3 on the topic of Equity, and will send a proposal to the Co-Chairs for discussion. To avoid conflict with the existing Sustainability Alliance event, the Town Hal will be scheduled no earlier than 5 pm.
6. Motion to approve funding for Town Hall #1: Postponed to next meeting. John DiGregorio said costs should be minimal..
7. Status BA presentation for Congress on 26 September: Jack will submit details and a name to the Programming Committee at their Wednesday meeting. Budget Advocates are invited to participate in the Networking breakout sessions, and be prepared to ask questions to initiate discussion.
8. Status Trainings: Module 1 trainings were circulated last week and Budget Advocates are invited to e-mail feedback to Albert. The next module will be on creative ways to connect with Neighborhood Councils.
9. Update on Grievances: Carol has received four grievances. The first is scheduled for September 6, the second for September 13, and the last two are be scheduled this week.
10. Protocol to update Google Docs on assigned Neighborhood Councils: Jennifer reminded all Budget Advocates to update the Google Doc sheets following attendance at their assigned Neighborhood Councils' meetings and to update names and contact information for the Budget Reps, President and Treasurer of each NC.
11. Report on Budget Advocate attendance: Please contact Jennifer with any questions.
12. Update on Budget Advocate website & social media: The website should be finished soon. Budget Advocates should send Julia the photo they would like posted (photos are preferable but not mandatory).

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13. Report from CityWatch Committee: Jack identified some of the benefits the Budget Advocates gain from CityWatch.
14. Progress of committees: Some issues identified as important at the Retreat are yet to be covered by a committee. Public Works and Planning was requested to take on Infrastructure; Budget Cuts to include Idle Funds; and the committee looking at the City Council to address Transparency
15. New Business:
 - John Darnell agreed to add the Budget Advocates meeting on September 15 to the DONE calendar to avoid other entities scheduling conflicts events.
 - Jack will attend tomorrow's BONC meeting to give the Budget Advocates' report.
 - Budget Advocates are encouraged to subscribe to the City's Early Notification System to receive agendas for BONC and other meetings.
 - Stakeholder concerns from the June Town Halls will be e-mailed to Budget Advocates to be taken under consideration in their committees.
 - Until the website is up, committee chairs can send Liz committee agendas for distribution.
16. Adjournment: Jay moved to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Howard seconded. MOTION PASSED with no objections.

The next Budget Advocate meeting will be on Tuesday, September 15 at 7 pm. Please submit items for consideration to the Co-Chairs by September 9

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Minutes of Budget Advocate meeting #6 (August 31)

ELSPETH WEINGARTEN
September 3, 2020

NCBA APPROVED: November 2, 2020