

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates 2015/16 – Meeting #11

West Los Angeles Municipal Building

1645 Corinth Ave #201, Los Angeles, CA 90025

January 16, 2016 – 10 am

[enter by wheelchair ramp on west side of building near parking lot]

Call-in Telephone Number: 712-775-7031

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1. Roll Call 1012 – (need to introduce selves when talk – for recording & those on phone) – *Liz, Glenn, Jon, Barbara, Terry, Danielle, Howard, Jeanette*
on phone – *Kevin, Nelson, Marcus, Harvey (gone ½ hour), Scott, Krystee, Veronica, Fanny, (Patrick), Brett; Brandon at 1215 -*
2. Public Comment
3. Approval of minutes – August 15th, December 19th, January 4th – tabled – Linda did not send
4. Treasurer's report – (Howard) – *Howard should move items to DONE, people should turn in receipts on a timely basis, Terry to talk to Howard, discuss suggestion for co-treasurer, better start on requesting funding for Budget Advocates from NC's; Howard + Ad-hoc committee to look for funding; Howard to create invoice to DONE cc Controller to straighten out accounts; Nancy in accounting says problem with paying P-card; has to send request to Controller to pay cheques, Galperin policy paid within 30 days of receipt, include status (date submitted) on finance report; also funding for Congress – Motion (by Glenn, 2nd Danielle) to start on requesting funding for Budget Advocates from NCs, focusing on NCs who turned in substantial amounts of unexpended funds to the city; need money to rent technology to let City Hall/Emergency Management Center contact areas throughout the city, put together a list of what else might be, need to address storage & accessibility, on-site person; Krystee interested in committee, consult with Brett if needed what would be first step in equipment exists at Van Nuys City Hall (but not technician – so if BAs use, would pay for staff) but Browdy Center, San Pedro, etc. need technology AND staffing [Patrick what about traffic, commuting = off topic]; Wesson said would help/ flyer on what is needed who BAs are, outreach
Brett emergency no power how does city speak to other locations
*Brandon – radio shows plan & budget**
5. Motion to reimburse Budget Advocate Marisol Sanchez \$97.15 for out of pocket expenditures – policy of NC cannot be reimbursed for parking but people who do volunteer work can be: 1) \$42.35 refreshments for Regional Budget Day on October 17, 2015; 2) \$21.60 copies for Regional Budget Day on October 17, 2015; 3) \$33.30 parking expense incurred on Budget Advocate business meeting with the Department of Aging on October 21, 2015 - *unanimous*
6. Housekeeping issues: New business cards – need name, NC & contact info (will not replace existing)
7. Status on electing new Budget Advocates for Regions 5, 9 & 12 (Glenn/Linda) possibly replacements for Joanne Region 3, Susan Region 7 – Glenn has heard nothing, Punam still has not advised; Glenn to fu with LLinda/Terry to contact Patrick & Elvina,

8. Report back on tabulation of service report cards (Krystee) – still need to input 25-odd hard copies 1795 over 800 comments, over 950 e-mail addresses; top districts 15, 6 & 4, bottom; Wesson, Martinez, Blumenfield; top NCs Coastal San Pedro, Sunland Tujunga, Harbor Gateway – thanks to them; Krystee to look at addin
9. Listing of meeting dates with Councilmembers/Chiefs of Staff. 3 things,
10. Discussion of questions to send to Council District offices in connection with meetings with Councilmembers, whether to explore future meetings/relationships; bring 3 priorities back to disconnect with stakeholders interests.
11. Discussion on statement about Porter Ranch gas leak and motion to sign (Glenn, Becky, Jon, Liz) Glenn did not see Becky; circulated motions dealing with income loss to city (lower assessed value of houses) & hard costs to city, mandatory disclosure NOW added, some realtors say down 50%, others no actual evidence, issues on rentals, Northridge earthquakes took 10 years to recover; Jon need to address ethical issues; stakeholders Porter Ranch NC excellent job, Glenn check with attorney if City will be named, need to protect, act in a proactive Next meeting with statement scan
12. Motion opposing Twin Tunnels water project based on its cost to Los Angeles (Liz) draft bond issue, taxpayer, Glenn recommends NC DWP MOU Committee Tony & Jack is there an impact on ratepayers, [electrolysis in copper
13. Status of White Paper reports and recommendations (*list those remaining*)
14. Procedure for sending reports and recommendations to departments (Terry)
15. Discussion on White Paper (Liz)

Margaret/Terry re: Employee Relations Board & Unions

Terry re: Public Works reports x2, General Services

Terry/Glenn re: replacing Susan, Joanne, Brandon

Nelson, Terry, Brandon re; Police & Fire

Ayana re: Library

Glenn re: DOT, City Clerk, Street Services, Library

Jon re: LAWA, CAO

Barbara re: CAO, Building & Safety, Housing

Krystee re: Cultural Affairs – everyone next meeting

Harvey re: Controller -

Hayes/Joanne re: Finance

Danielle re: City Attorney –Terry to fu

16. Update on Homelessness committee (Barbara) – need to work together (LHASA, Housing, State, etc.) relying on old data, self-reporting – be positive in White Paper, would like NCs, NIMBYism, developers need to be more open to talking; more rentals to homeless if process in place to address mental health, addiction, need 100% affordable housing with support staff, parking
17. Budget Day 2016 – motion to post promo/teaser to both NCBALA and Empower LA websites. > Krystee to handle - *check DONE Calendar for BA Saturday meetings*
18. Discussion on improving Regional Budget Day & outreach (Scott)
 1. *Use the June Budget Day at City Hall to break down the whole group into the regions that include all attending (Budget Reps and Stakeholders) and ask that group by region for their comments relating to the budget and their expectations. This group is more diverse and much larger in total (300-500) as compared to the total attendance at RBD (100-150).*

2. After the input from the total group continue with the election of BA's. The Stakeholders can remain to see the process or leave.

3. Over the next 3-4 months the BA will do their Department interviews and research. They will prepare recommendations to be delivered by October 15th so we can have direct input into the department submissions to the Mayor's office by October 31st as well as the preliminary WP draft which will be given to the Mayor early in November along with preliminary comments ~~by~~ to the various departments.

4. In January the WP draft and reco's that was given to the Mayor will be discussed with the Stakeholders either through NC meetings, RBD's and/or NC Alliance meetings. [when do we do CD meetings?] At this point the BA will get true Stakeholder input as to their reco. JANUARY

5. Once the BA's receive the Stakeholder input on their WP reco's they can then prepare a final WP expressing the actual priorities of the Stakeholders. This final WP will be given to the City Council.

6. Set up a subcommittee of 2015-16 Budget Advocates by our Saturday meeting in February to work on setting up best practices for department meetings (contacts, deadlines, questions and report templates) that can be part of the Budget Day 2016-17 BA election education and help move towards the goal of department report completion by 10/31/16 with a white paper draft by mid-November. TIMELINE & RESOURCES (check against other events that would conflict) 3rd Saturday, January

19. Report back on updating of NCBALA website (Scott & Elvina) *links fixed? = yes- checking, agenda, ALL update roster & photos; ERICK minutes > Scott; get mobile version of website? more readable/photos not cut off*
20. Update on budget-related Council File identification, recommendations & sending though BRs to NCs for CIS support (Glenn) Council on recess, other than Porter Ranch, send out only after vote (like LANCC), people to feel new council files that BAs so
21. New business - Lyft (now at LAX) & Uber – *are the cars and drivers insured? do they have the experience & the knowledge? is the City encouraging wage theft? their \$30/hour doesn't take into account gas, maintenance, insurance, no rides i.e. \$0, etc. so often make under minimum wage, then have to pay FICA & SUI plus taxes as self-employed ; Brandon radio show end of March, budget, date, plan; some NCs doing radio shows in connection with election Region 4; record segment on Wednesday prior with mayor; ad sales for NCs \$20 each (\$3,900/4 weeks) includes posting on radio station's website*
22. Items for future discussion – Porter Ranch, Twin Tunnels, calendar for full years, class action lawsuit against LAUSD for terminating teacher, businesses leaving due to students not well educated more than tax issues [Olympics, Climate Change & Sustainability (Linda)]
23. Motion to Grayce Liu, BONC and all Neighborhood Councils, to add budget advocate reports to the agenda along with the elected officials for every meeting -
24. Adjournment

Next scheduled meeting will be 7 pm at the DONE offices in City Hall on Monday, February 1st

HUD no transitional housing funds impacts domestic violence shelters.

Terry re XB

replace GSD & Animal Services GMs

Garcetti reacted to developers by confirming traffic mitigation = voluntary

LANCC homeless speakers

check JYG 2 reports ??

not using 40 of 100 street sweeper, need to rehire; GPS on sweepers