



Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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Zoom Meeting

April 15, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

Meeting #19 Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Kevin Davis	Present at 9:52 a.m.	1	Barbara Ringuette	Present	7
Cindy Cleghorn	Present	1	David Hunter	Present	7
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Brian Allen	Present	2	Lynda Valencia	Present at 10:12 a.m.	8
Garry Fordyce	Present	2	Samantha McBride	Absent	8
Scott Wright	Absent	2	-----	-----	8
Glenn Bailey	Present	3	Elias Garcia	Present	9
David Uebersax	Present	3	-----	-----	9
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Howard Katchen	Present	4	Jennifer Goodie	Excused	10
Brandon Pender	Present	4	-----	-----	10
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Jack Humphreville	Present	5	Jay Handal	Absent	11
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Ernesto Castro	Absent	6	Sheryl Akerblom	Present	12
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- I. Welcome and Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Jennifer Goodie at 9:37 a.m., with a quorum in attendance.
- II. Roll Call – See above. Also in attendance were Budget Representative Miran Kalaydjian (Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council), and guests Keiner Gomez and Angello Serrano (Cal Poly Pomona).
- III. Approval of minutes from meeting #17 on March 18th, 2023 and #18 April 3rd, 2023
Cindy moved to approve the minutes from meeting #17 on March 18, 2023. Sheryl seconded.
MOTION PASSED, with 11 for and 3 abstentions.
- IV. Public Comment on non-agenda items within subject matter jurisdiction
 - A. Jack Humphreville discussed the questionnaire distributed by Bob Blumenfield;
 - B. Kay Hartman announced that she shared Bob Blumenfield’s Overview of the Budget on social media;

C. Cindy Cleghorn reminded members that the Mayor's State of the City address will be held on Monday, streaming on Facebook and on Channel 35.

V. Announcements

A. Announcements from DONE (John Darnell) – Not present

B. Vacancies – Vacancies, seeking Budget Advocates for the following regions – One each in regions 1, 3, 4, 7, and 8, two each in regions 5, 6, 9, 10, and 12

1. Reach out to Glenn, Kay, and Jennifer

VI. Updates – See Old Business.

VII. New Business – None

VIII. Old Business

A. Department meetings – Members provided status updates on reports and department meetings. Reports are needed immediately to convey recommendations to the mayor before she releases the budget on April 15. Most needed reports are Fire, Police, Street Services and Transportation.

1. Budget Requests

2. Spreadsheet

3. White Paper

a) Theme is Restart, Reform, Refocus... – David Hunter is working on the theme paper. Volunteers are needed to create cover artwork.

B. CF 11-1020-S3 – As requested by Heidi Feldstein Soto, Kay marked unwanted language within the council file and wrote a statement against it, in collaboration with the Executive Committee. Cindy moved to submit the prepared statement and the identified changes to the council file. Howard seconded.

MOTION PASSED, with 14 for and 1 abstention.

IX. Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee – Jennifer Goodie & Kay Hartman, Co-chairs

a) Following committee discussion and vote, a letter was sent to Vanessa Serrano inviting a conversation and saying that Budget Advocates would like to reset to the excellent relationship existing prior to Raquel Beltran having served as General Manager.

b) The committee voted to support Senate Bill 411. Jennifer will be submitting a letter of support to Senator Portantino in preparation for Wednesday's hearing.

c) Discussion on the possibility of holding a Town Hall about the City Budget, which will be introduced on April 20. Kay will work out details with Jack. The weekend of April 29 is being considered.

d) The committee started discussion regarding absences and will be deciding what actions to be taken, if any.

e)

1. Letter to support restoration of NC funding

a) If a member writes the letter, the Executive Committee will then review and rewrite, as necessary.

B. Finance Committee – Brian Allen

1. March 2023 Financial Report

a) Brian will present an updated draft of the document at the next meeting and will be developing a committee to prepare next year's budget.

b) Total proposed expenses for this year's budget are \$16,763.96. This will leave \$41,113.87, providing the budget is accurate. Brian will distribute a finalized version.

Barbara moved to approve the budget discussed at meeting # 17 on March 18, 2023.

Garry seconded.

MOTION PASSED, with 14 for and 1 abstention.

C. Outreach – Samantha McBride, Chair – Not present

D. Bylaws – Glenn Bailey – No new information

E. Budget Day – Jennifer Goodie and Kay Hartman, Co-chairs

1. Volunteers are needed for the committee
 2. Meetings are 2nd and 4th Saturdays
 - a) April 8th meeting canceled – The next meeting will be April 22.
- F. Training and Education – Barbara Ringuette, Chair
1. Barbara is available to help those trying to start, write, or structure a report. The Youth Development report needs a writer. Barbara encouraged members to share the Budget Advocates' survey and to invite responses from their personal email lists.
- G. Ad Hoc Editing – Kay Hartman, David Hunter, and Tess
- H. Ad Hoc Restructuring – David Hunter, Chair – No new information
- X. Informational Items
- A. Controller Report Relative to Recommendations to more effectively Prepare the City of Los Angeles for Emergencies – [CF 22-1258](#)
 1. Jack Humphreville commented that amounts listed in the Controller's Report were below projection. It is still being determined how this could work with ULA.
 - B. 1st Financial Status Report released – [CF22-0600-S96](#)
 - C. 2nd Financial Status Report released – [CF22-0600-S99](#)
 - D. Controller's Revenue Forecast
 - E. 3rd Financial Status Report released – [CF22-0600-S101](#)
 1. Jack Humphreville commented the over expenditures of \$129 million were reported, plus a draw from the reserve fund \$50 million the reserve fund and \$68 million from unappropriated balances. Revenues are up \$44 million over budget. An examination will be made into how the reserve fund is being used to balance the budget.
 2. Council File 23-0600 has been opened for the 2023-24 budget. Comments and CISs may be posted.
- XI. Upcoming Meetings and Events
- A. BONC: Monday, April 17, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.
 1. Until further notice, BONC will be meeting at City Hall, with an option for stakeholders to participate virtually. Parking is being arranged for attendees who contact City Hall in advance. Members are encouraged to confirm that meetings are still happening, before beginning their travel.
 - B. Budget Advocates: Monday, May 1, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
 - C. LANCC: Saturday, May 6, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
 - D. Budget Advocates: Saturday, May 20, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.
 - E. Budget Day: Saturday, June 17, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.
- XII. Items for Future Meeting Agendas – Send items for future agendas to labudgetadvocates@gmail.com
- XIII. Adjournment – Kay adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.
- Next meeting May 1, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of Budget Advocate meeting #19 (April 15)
ELSPETH WEINGARTEN
April 23, 2023