

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates 2019-20

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1645 Corinth Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90025

Saturday, October 19, 2019

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Meeting #8 Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Kevin Davis	Phone/Present	1	Brian McCain	Absent	8
Vacant	-----	1	Dentis Fowlkes	Excused	8
John DiGregorio	Absent	1	Liz Amsden	Present	8
Brian Allen	Present	2	Elias Garcia	Absent	9
Glenn Bailey	Present	2	Evelyn Valdez	Absent	9
Garry Fordyce	Present	2	Vacant	-----	9
Jeffrey Mausner	Present	3	Carol Derby-David	Present	10
Carol Newman	Present	3	Tracey Brown	Present	10
Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Present	3	Jennifer Goodie	Excused	10
Jeannette Hopp	Present 9:37	4	Jay Handal	Excused	11
Howard Katchen	Present 9:40	4	Jacqueline Le Kennedy	Absent	11
Brandon Pender	Present/Phone	4	Jon Liberman	Present	11
Jack Humphreville	Excused	5	Melanie Labrecque	Present	12
Patrick Seamans	Absent	5	Danielle Sandoval	Present 9:45	12
Charles Taylor	Absent	5	Dr. Princess Sykes	Absent	12
James Hornik	Absent	6			
Nina Smith	Present	6			
Ernesto Castro	Absent	6			
Tony Michaelis	Excused	7			
Barbara Ringuette	Present 9:40	7			
Connie Acosta	Absent	7			

1. Call to order: Co-chair Carol Newman called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

2. Roll Call: Quorum was met at 9:32 with 14 members present at that time. Other members arrived after the start of the meeting. Budget Representatives present were: Pat Crone (North Hills West NC); Josh Nadel (Palms NC); Tina Chinakarn (Palms NC); and Lallah Rowe (Sunland Tujunga NC). Former Budget Advocate KJ Clark was present by phone at 9:38.

3. Public Comment: Carol Newman asked Region 1 Budget Advocates to find someone to replace Ann Job. Liz Amsden reminded everyone to look outside of Neighborhood Council members and to talk to friends who might have interest in this sort of work.

4. Approval of minutes from Meetings #5, #6 and #7: The minutes from meeting #7 were not yet ready. Jon Liberman moved to approve the minutes from meetings #5 and #6. Howard Katchen seconded. Barbara Ringuette requested a correction. Jeanette Hopp made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, which amendment was accepted by the moving parties, and the **motion passed** with two abstentions and no opposition.

5. Treasurer's report (Howard Katchen): Jon Liberman moved to approve the report, and Barbara Ringuette seconded. Howard Katchen explained that the previously questioned \$400.00 deposit to the Budget Advocates from a Neighborhood Council had been incorrect. Liz Amsden requested that Mr. Katchen look into the payments to Apple One notetakers for Budget Day, as not all of the work from the notetakers had been received. **Motion passed** with one opposition.

Discussion on CityWatch: An update as to the status of renewing this relationship with CityWatch will be presented at the mid-November meeting.

6. Status of elections to fill vacancies in Regions 1 and 9 (Tony Michaelis): Everyone should look for candidates to fill the vacancies in Regions 1 and 9, not just the people in these regions. Tina Chinakarn requested a flyer to be able to spread the word. All Budget Advocates should be copied on the notices sent to the regions regarding filling vacancies.

A discussion followed about the possible removal of James Hornik from Region 6. A further report on this will be made at the next meeting.

Carol Newman requested that the Bylaws Committee meet to discuss changes to the Bylaws about absences, including excused absences, among other things.

7. Reports on setting up Department meetings and preparing reports (Carol Newman and Barbara Ringuette): A discussion took place regarding the meetings which have already occurred and those which have yet to take place. All persons writing reports must use the format and style set forth in the Education & Coaching booklet.

8. Outreach (Danielle Sandoval): Danielle Sandoval and Barbara Ringuette worked outreach on behalf of the Budget Advocates at the Congress of Neighborhoods. Liz Amsden will send Danielle an update format that Danielle can use to send out a monthly report to all Neighborhood Councils. Danielle will research the cost for thumb drives to use as giveaways at events.

9. Bylaws Committee (Mr. Michaelis): Postponed until the next meeting.

10. Budget Day 2020 (Ms. Newman): DONE was asked to reserve June 20, 2020 as Budget Day. Glenn Bailey will follow up with Mike Fong, in the absence of John Darnell, to make sure the Council chambers and 10th floor rooms have been reserved. Joanne Yvanek-Garb agreed to work with Glenn Bailey to make sure the rooms at City Hall were reserved and to lay the groundwork for Budget Day, including asking DONE

to do an early Save the Date through their newsletter. Joanne also agreed to go to City Hall to talk to Herb Wesson, Paul Krekorian, the Mayor's office, Ron Galperin, and the CAO's office to see what can be set up. Budget Day will be on the agenda every meeting from here on out.

11. Website – hire graphics consultant? (Ms. Newman): Postponed until the next meeting.

12. Working with Budget Reps (Ms. Newman): Postponed until the next meeting.

13. People to attend alliances and BONC: Postponed until the next meeting.

14. Updates from NC alliances, NC's, and BONC: Postponed until the next meeting.

15. Business cards (Melanie Labrecque): The business cards have been ordered.

16. New business: 1645 Corinth was confirmed once again for the Saturday meetings so long as the Budget Advocates can keep the keys. Brian Allen and Glenn Bailey were thanked for bringing chairs, and Jon Liberman was thanked for getting the keys and holding onto them. Glenn Bailey will follow up with the City Salvage Warehouse to get other chairs and tables.

17. Adjournment: 11:43 p.m.

Next meeting – November 4, 2019

Deadline date for future agenda items to be submitted: October 30, 2019