

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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**West Los Angeles Civic Center
1645 Corinth Ave #201, Los Angeles, CA 90025
Saturday, March 16th, 2019 at 10 AM**

Meeting #17 Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Kevin Davis	By phone	1	Tony Michaelis	Excused	7
John DiGregorio	Excused	1	Barbara Ringuette	Excused	7
Rick Ramirez	Absent	1	Connie Acosta	Present	7
Brian Allen	Present	2	Liz Amsden	Present	8
Glenn Bailey	Excused	2	Jamie Tijerina	Absent	8
Diedra Greenaway	Absent	2	Jose Orozco Pelico	Absent	8
Jeffrey Mausner	Present	3	Chelsea McElwee	Present	9
Carol Newman	Present	3	Evelyn Valdez	Excused	9
Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Excused	3	VACANT	--	9
Jeanette Hopp	Absent	4	Carol Derby-David	Present	10
Howard Katchen	Present	4	Erick Morales	Excused	10
Brandon Pender	By phone	4	KJ Clark	Present	10
Jack Humphreville	Present	5	Jay Handal	Excused	11
VACANT	--	5	Jacqueline Le Kennedy	Absent	11
Patrick Seamans	Excused	5	Jon Liberman	By phone	11
James Hornik	Absent	6	Melanie Labrecque	By phone	12
Adrienne Nicole Edwards	Absent	6	Danielle Sandoval	By phone	12
Nina Smith	Absent	6	Dr. Princess Sykes	Present	12

1. Call to order: Liz Amsden called the meeting to order at 10:15 am.
2. Roll Call: see above. In addition, Garry Fordyce (Budget Representative from North Hills West) and Julien Antelin (DONE) attended in person.
3. Public Comment: No public comment.
4. Approval of minutes from Meeting #11 (December 15th) and Meeting 16 (March 4th): Tabled.
5. Treasurer's report: MOTION: By Howard Katchen, seconded by Jack Humphreville for the approval of Treasurer's report for the current period. No-one opposed, one abstention, motion passes.
6. Recap of White Paper presentation: Liz Amsden reported the on the meeting with the Mayor in which he discussed the White Paper and listened to the Budget Advocates' concerns. Every Budget Advocate was requested to take a hard copy of the White Paper to the Neighborhood Councils they represent, and encourage them to submit CIS referencing CF # 19-0600 (Council File for the coming year's budget) in support of the

White Paper, as well as on issues that are of concern to their community using the Department Reports. Individuals can submit letters on Council Files to the City Clerk at clerk.cps@lacity.org, referencing the CF # and also send them to the relevant City Council Committee(s) for consideration.

7. Jamie's paper on The Legacy of Redlining in Los Angeles: MOTION: By Dr. Sykes, seconded by KJ Clark to print 20 copies of Jamie's paper to be disseminated to each Councilmember plus the Controller and City Attorney. No-one opposed, no abstentions, motion passes unanimously.
8. Further discussion and initial assignments for Budget Day 2019: Budget Day will be on June 29th. Julien Antelin agreed to reserve the City Hall Rotunda, the Council Chambers and 6 meeting rooms on the 10th floor on behalf of the Budget Advocates. Liz Amsden will contact Cindy Cleghorn about how Congress managed their RSVPs. Further assignments and an overall theme will be addressed at the next meeting.
9. Budget Advocate successes: Tabled.
10. Bylaws Committee: Carol Newman will be accepting changes to the proposed Article III revision language by noon on Wednesday.
11. Outreach: (a) Discussion on the status of the Town Halls; KJ Clark will send guidelines to the person in charge of each; the Region 7 Town Hall will be at the Edendale Library on Sunset; (b) tabled, (c) MOTION: By Howard Katchen, seconded by Jon Liberman to approve up to \$8,000 for a radio campaign. No-one opposed, no abstentions, motion passes unanimously, (d) tabled; (e) tabled; (f) There was discussion but no decision to focus on what benefits Budget Advocates and Budget Representatives bring to the City and Neighborhood Councils.
12. Tasks for Budget Advocates: (a) Liz Amsden requested Budget Advocates to e-mail her with their suggestions on increasing City revenue and/or cutting costs through efficiencies; other committees (homelessness and increasing people's participation in the Budget Advocate process) were discussed, (b) people should send John DiGregorio and Jack Humphreville, copying the Co-Chairs, a summary of articles written for CityWatch; once approved, the URL should be sent to all Budget Advocates, (c) Budget Advocates were encouraged to solicit people interested in the City's budget process to get involved with the Budget Advocates, (d) Connie Acosta volunteered to do any needed Spanish translation, (e) Julien noted that DONE e-mails would be down until Wednesday.

Liz Amsden adjourned the meeting at 12:19pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:
CHELSEA MCELWEE
2018 - 2019 NCBA Secretary