

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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200 North Spring Street, Suite 2005, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Monday, March 5, 2018 – 7 pm



Meeting #16 Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Ivette Ale	Absent	9	Brigette Kidd	Present at 7:10 pm	9
Brian Allen	Present	2	Janet Kim	Present by phone	7
Liz Amsden	Present	8	Melanie Labrecque	Present by phone	12
Priscilla Anchondo	Excused	2	Jon Liberman	Present	11
Glenn Bailey	Present	2	Michael Menjivar	Absent	4
Agnes Copeland	Absent	5	William Morrison	Present by phone at 8:05 pm	8
Freddy Cupen-Ames	Present	4	Carol Newman	Present by phone	3
Carol Derby-David	Present by phone	10	Robert Newman	Present	6
Kevin Davis	Present by phone at 8:00 pm	1	Christopher Perry	Excused	9
John DiGregorio	Present by phone	1	Rick Ramirez	Present by phone	1
Adrienne Nicole Edwards	Absent	6	Barbara Ringuette	Present	7
Valaida Gory	Present at 7:30 pm	10	Estuardo Ruano	Present	7
Diedra Greenaway	Present	2	Danielle Sandoval	Absent	12
Jay Handal	Present	11	Patrick Seamans	Present by phone at 7:25 pm	5
James Hornik	Present	6	Eleanor Smith	Excused	10
Jack Humphreville	Excused	5	Dr. Princess Sykes	Absent	12
Howard Katchen	Present	4	Lynda Valencia	Present	8
Jacqueline Le Kennedy	Present by phone	11	Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Present at 7:20 pm	3

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm by Co-Chair Jay Handal.
2. **Roll Call**: A quorum of 25 board members was present (see list above). Budget Representatives Garry Fordyce from North Hills West, Jose Pelico from Boyle Heights, and John Darnell, DONE's Neighborhood Council Advocate, were also present.
3. **Public Comment**
DONE is having an in-person ethics training in Eagle Rock on Thursday, March 22nd from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.
4. **Approval of Minutes from Meeting #15 (February 15th)** – Tabled
5. **Treasurer's Report and Motion to Approve**
 - a. **Motion to approve** – Motion by **Jon Liberman** to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by **Barbara Ringuette**, and passed with 21 ayes (Allen, Amsden, Bailey, Cupen-Ames, DiGregorio, Greenaway, Handal, Hornik, Katchen, Kennedy, Kidd, Kim, Labrecque, Liberman, C. Newman, R. Newman, Ramirez, Ringuette, Ruano, Valencia and Yvanek-Garb), 0 noes, 0 abstentions, and 4 not yet present (Davis, Gory, Morrison, and Seamans).
 - b. Howard Katchen will e-mail all Neighborhood Councils requesting the support the Budget Advocates out of their remaining funds along with the Funding Support Statement and list of procedures and post these to the Budget Advocate website.

6. Bylaws Committee

- a. Second reading on amendments to Article IV of the Budget Advocates' Bylaws.
Motion by **Carol Newman** to approve amendments to Article IV of the Budget Advocates' Bylaws, seconded by **Freddy Cupen-Ames**, and passed with 20 ayes (Allen, Amsden, Bailey, Cupen-Ames, DiGregorio, Greenaway, Handal, Hornik, Katchen, Kennedy, Kidd, Kim, Labrecque, C. Newman, R. Newman, Ramirez, Ringuette, Ruano, Valencia and Yvanek-Garb), 1 no (Lieberman), 0 abstentions, and 4 not yet present (Davis, Gory, Morrison, and Seamans).
- b. Second reading on amendments to Article III of the Budget Advocates' Bylaws.
Motion by **Barbara Ringuette** to approve amendments to Article III of the Budget Advocates' Bylaws, seconded by **Howard Katchen**, and passed with 21 ayes (Allen, Amsden, Bailey, Cupen-Ames, DiGregorio, Greenaway, Handal, Hornik, Katchen, Kennedy, Kidd, Kim, Labrecque, Liberman, C. Newman, R. Newman, Ramirez, Ringuette, Ruano, Valencia and Yvanek-Garb), 0 noes, 0 abstentions, and 4 not yet present (Davis, Gory, Morrison, and Seamans).
- c. Update on the Grievance Portal – Tabled.

7. Status on Survey – There have been 588 responses to date: would like to reach at least 2,000. Budget Advocates should ask all Neighborhood Councils to agendize it with a hyperlink so even those not attending can vote and ask at the meeting for all board members to vote. Budget Advocates should also repost to their local NextDoor sites. Joanne Yvanek-Garb will ensure it gets to all the Council District outreach staff with a request it goes out in their weekly newsletter. John Darnell will ensure it goes back into the DONE newsletter every week before closing on April 30, 2018.

8. Review and approval of the White Paper – The draft White Paper and preliminary recommendations have been distributed. Still missing reports for the Park & Recs, Street Services, Personnel, and Ethics departments.

- a. Motion by **Jon Liberman** to approve the White Paper with minor changes to be approved by the Co-Chairs before dissemination, seconded by **Carol Newman**, and passed with 23 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, and 2 not yet present.
- b. Motion by **Jon Liberman** to accept the White Paper recommendations as presented including additions and minor edits to come, seconded by **Robert Newman**, and passed with 21 ayes, 2 noes, 1 abstention, and 1 out of room/dropped from call.

9. Discussion on publicizing and distribution of the White Paper – Jay will have full copies printed and bound for the Mayor's meeting. The White Paper needs to be distributed to every Neighborhood Council and the Alliances; the City Councilmembers, their Chiefs-of-staff and budget leads, the Budget and Finance Committee staff, the CAO and Department General Managers, those interviewed; and the media, including local papers and blogs.

Motion by **Jon Liberman** to approve an amount not to exceed \$1,000 for printing/binding the White Paper and to purchase thumb drives, seconded by **Brian Allen**, and passed with 25 ayes (Allen, Amsden, Bailey, Cupen-Ames, Davis, DiGregorio, Greenaway, Gory, Handal, Hornik, Katchen, Kennedy, Kidd, Kim, Labrecque, Liberman, Morrison, C. Newman, R. Newman, Ramirez, Ringuette, Ruano, Seamans, Valencia and Yvanek-Garb), 0 noes, and 0 abstentions.

10. Motion to approve a letter to Mayor on departments not responding to Budget Advocates' requests for meetings – Jay Handal will write the letter.

Motion by **Jon Liberman** to approve a letter to the Mayor on certain Departments not responding to requests for meetings, seconded by **Diedra Greenaway**, and passed with 21 ayes, 0 noes, 1 abstention, and 3 not yet present.

11. Procedures for the meeting with the Mayor – After introductions, etc. when the Mayor asks for questions, the person who wrote the Department report should raise the issues. Jay will bring up which depts. did not respond; what is not being done, why haven't recommendations been implemented. Questions should be e-mailed to Jay prior to the meeting.

12. Working with Budget Representatives and Neighborhood Councils

John DiGregorio will use some of the department reports as articles for CityWatch .

13. Hot issues

- a. Estuardo Ruano reported that the #SheDoes movement will be at City Hall tomorrow to demand that shelter be found for 1,000 homeless women each year.
- b. Glenn Bailey requested the Budget Advocates look into Councilmember Englander's motion to undo RecycLA.

14. New Business

Discussion on the Budget Advocates holding a press conference immediately following the Mayor's State-of-the-City address. Will need to coordinate logistics and designate speakers and people to draft responses.

15. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm. The next scheduled meeting is Saturday, March 17th at 10:00 am in the West Los Angeles Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted, Sheryl Akerblom
for the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates