

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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Neighborhood Empowerment Office, City Hall
200 North Spring Street, Suite 2005
Los Angeles, CA 90012
March 2, 2020, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.



Meeting #17 Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Kevin Davis	Absent	1	Connie Acosta	Absent	7
John DiGregorio	Present/Phone 7:08	1	Tony Michaelis	-----	7
VACANT	-----	1	Barbara Ringuette	Present	7
Brian Allen	Present	2	Dentis Fowlkes	Excused	8
Glenn Bailey	Present	2	Brian McCain	Present 7:06	8
Garry Fordyce	Present/Phone	2	Jamie Tijerina	Absent	8
Jeffrey Mausner	Present	3	Elias Garcia	Absent	9
Carol Newman	Present	3	VACANT	-----	9
Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Absent	3	VACANT	-----	9
Jeanette Hopp	Absent	4	Tracey Brown	Present/Phone 7:54	10
Howard Katchen	Present 7:18	4	Carol Derby-David	Excused	10
Brandon Pender	Present/Phone 7:20	4	Jennifer Goodie	Present 7:27	10
Jack Humphreville	Excused	5	Jay Handal	Absent	11
Patrick Seamans	Absent	5	Jacqueline Le Kennedy	Present/Phone 7:05	11
Charles Taylor	Absent	5	Jon Liberman	Present	11
Ernesto Castro	Present 7:27	6	Melanie Labrecque	Present/Phone	12
Nina Smith	Present	6	Danielle Sandoval	Present/Phone 8:10	12
VACANT	-----	6	Dr. Princess Sykes	Absent	12

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Co-chair Carol Newman at 7:01 p.m., with a full Quorum reached at 7:18 p.m.
2. Roll Call: See above. In addition, Budget Representatives present were: Josh Nadel (Stakeholder, Palms NC), Kay Hartman (Palms NC) and Tina Chinakarn (Palms NC). Former Budget Advocate KJ Clark was present by phone at 8:06. Visitor present was Nikita Jones-Houston (Treasurer, CANNDU NC – Region 9; Running for Budget Advocate).
3. Public Comment: None.
4. Approval of minutes from Meetings #11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 (Carol Newman and Kay Hartman): Jon Liberman moved for the approval of minutes #11, 12, 14, 15 & 16. Barbara Ringuette seconded. Changes requested by Barbara Ringuette and Jeff Mausner were to be given to Kay Hartman after discussion. Carol Newman moved to approve

minutes as amended, Barbara Ringuette seconded. Two abstentions, no oppositions. MOTION PASSED. Kay Hartman will be in charge of editing minutes until the next Budget Day Budget Advocate election.

5. Treasurer's Report (Howard Katchen): There was a discussion about items that should have been paid not always being posted to the account. Howard responded that DONE is responsible for items not always posting to the account. Barbara Ringuette moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Jon Liberman seconded. No abstentions, two oppositions. MOTION PASSED.

a. Motion to reimburse Budget Advocate Board member Barbara Ringuette \$166.49 for the following purchases at Staples used in producing Budget Advocates training materials: Staples Laser Bright paper \$31.98, HP 64 XL Color Ink cartridge \$46.99, HP 64 XL Black ink cartridge \$42.99, HP 64 XL Black ink cartridge discounted \$30.09, plus tax 9.50% of \$14.44. Howard Katchen moved to reimburse Barbara Ringuette for the above Staples purchases. Brian McCain seconded. One abstention, one opposition. MOTION PASSED.

6. Vacancies in Regions 1, 6, 7 and 9 (Carol Newman):

a. Report from Brian Allen on Region 9 election and Region 7 nominations: Region 9 has two candidates interested in two positions. Evelyn Valdez has resigned from CANNDU NC and is no longer a Budget Rep and therefore can no longer serve as a Budget Advocate. Region 9 candidates are Nikita Jones-Houston (Treasurer, CANNDU NC) and Alberto Farias (President, Voices NC). In Region 7, Tony Michaelis has resigned so his position should be filled. After this round of seeking candidates, the choice can be made not to fill new openings in the remainder of this term.

7. Meeting with the Mayor now scheduled for March 12, 2020 at 10:15 a.m. and list of those attending (Carol Newman and Jack Humphreville): The meeting is now tentatively scheduled for **March 12, at 10:15 a.m.** in the Mayor's office. Barbara Ringuette and Jack Humphreville will send an e-mail to confirm whether the meeting is on or off.

8. Distribution of hard copy of White Paper to NCs (Carol Newman): Budget Advocates can get hard copies of the White Paper from Howard Katchen after the meeting and begin distributing them to the Neighborhood Councils. BAs must also start requesting funds beginning tonight with a deadline of May.

BAs delivering a White Paper to their Neighborhood Councils should have a photo taken of the Council people receiving the White Paper. Those photos should be sent to John DiGregorio at labudgetadvocates@gmail.com.

9. Police Department meeting (Jon Liberman and Carol Newman): The Police Department is making extra efforts to attract women, African-Americans, and Pacific Islanders as officers. They've had difficulty attracting potential officers from these

groups. They've welcomed Budget Advocates to meet and discuss issues freely with their department, but are now asking for help funding their job fairs. A discussion took place on the issue.

10. Outreach (Danielle Sandoval and Committee):

- a. Getting save-the-date out to NCs and their webmasters. John DiGregorio will communicate with Danielle Sandoval and get Save-the-Dates out to Neighborhood Councils and their webmasters.
- b. Getting White Paper out to all NC board members with Howard Katchen's cover letter: John DiGregorio will get the White Paper sent out to all Neighborhood Council board members with Howard Katchen's cover letter in the e-mail.
- c. Trifold
- d. Thumb drives – (a) purchase accomplished?
(b) what should be on the thumb drive?

11. Budget Day (Carol Newman, Jack Humphreville, and Committee):

- a. Confirmed speakers: Susan Shelley, Jack Humphreville, Tommy Newman (United Way – homelessness), Kelly Cavanaugh (LA Times – tentative), Jay Handal, Kevin James
- b. Proposed speakers: Mayor Garcetti – Jack Humphreville
Nury Martinez – Jack Humphreville (Ackley)
David Ryu – Barbara Ringuette
Rich Llewellyn and/or others from CAO's office – Barbara Ringuette
Other L.A. Times reporters – Jack Humphreville
Ron Galperin – Barbara Ringuette
Paul Krekorian – Joanne Yvanek-Garb
HHH/ homeless speaker – Tracey Brown
Any others?

Jack Humphreville contacted Norman Pearlstine of the L.A. Times to see if any other reporters would be interested in speaking.

Barbara Ringuette expects to secure Jacob Wexler from the CAO's Office, but thinks they'll offer someone else if he's unavailable.

Barbara Ringuette will contact David Ryu's office after election day. Howard Katchen offered to leverage his close relationship with Ryu if needed.

Barbara Ringuette hasn't heard back from Ron Galperin's office.

Carol Newman asked Glenn Bailey to check with Joanne Yvanek-Garb regarding Paul Krekorian.

c. Video to be presented at Budget Day:

A discussion took place regarding having such a video of Budget Advocates as opposed to the past practice of having a Budget Advocate representative speak at Budget Day.

d. Current status:

Discussed.

e. Review of Liz's Budget Day Manual (Carol Newman): Postponed.

12. Bylaws Committee (Brian Allen):

No new bylaws have yet been proposed to the Budget Advocates as a group but will be shortly. There have been no adopted changes since June 2019.

13. City Watch (Jack Humphreville, Carol Newman): Postponed until the next meeting.

14. Update on BA visits to NCs – start with Region 8 – template? (Carol Newman): Postponed until the next meeting.

15. Point person for each Council district (Carol Newman): Postponed until the next meeting.

16. Outreach podcast project (Brandon Pendor and Josh Nadal): Postponed until the next meeting.

17. Working with Budget Reps (Carol Newman): Postponed until the next meeting.
a. Meeting with Budget Reps

18. Housing Committee: Postponed until the next meeting.

19. People to attend alliances and BONC: The BONC meeting tomorrow night in Tujunga, Region 1, needs Region 1 people. John DiGregorio is unable to attend leaving Kevin Davis to do so. 6:00 p.m. start time.

20. Updates from NC alliances, NCs and BONC: Postponed until the next meeting.

21. New business:

-Glenn Bailey requested having 100-150 Save-the-Date flyers ready for the March 13 Valley mixer event for VANC.

-Carol Newman announced a plan to hold the next two Saturday meetings at the West Los Angeles Regional Branch Library, then the third subsequent meeting at 1645 Corinth. Library doors open exactly at 9:30 a.m. and all attendees are asked to enter

together. Members are to continue using the same south parking lot with exceptions only for those who might have trouble walking distances.

Jon Liberman will post a sign on the door of 1645 Corinth to indicate that the meeting is at the library. Carol Newman and Jeff Mausner volunteered to clean up after the meeting with help from Josh Nadel.

22. Adjournment at 8:58 p.m.

Next meeting – March 21, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., at the West L.A. Regional Library.
Deadline date for future agenda items to be submitted: March 18, 2020