

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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1645 Corinth Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90025
10:00 am – Saturday, January 21, 2017



Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Ivette Ale	Present by Phone	9	Brigitte Kidd	Absent	9
Brian Allen	Absent	2	Keith Kirkwood	Present by Phone	5
Liz Amsden	Excused	8	Jon Liberman	Present	11
Julie Burg	Excused	10	Monica Massey	Excused	12
Kjiel Carlson	On leave	10	Michael Menjivar	Present by Phone	4
Kevin Davis	Present by Phone (10:10 am)	1	William Morrison	Present	8
Adrienne Edwards	Present by Phone	6	Carol Newman	Present	3
Amy Foell	Excused	7	Christopher Perry	Absent	9
Cindy Wu Freeman	Present by Phone	2	Ava Post	Present by Phone	6
Craig Goldfarb	Excused	12	Rick Ramirez	Present by Phone	1
Valaida Gory	Present	10	Barbara Ringuette	Present (10:20 am)	7
Jay Handal	Present	11	Marcus Rodriguez	Excused	7
Jeanette Hopp	Present (10:05 am)	4	Danielle Sandoval	Absent	12
James Hornik	Absent	6	Patrick Seamans	Present	5
Jack Humphreville	Present	5	Lynda Valencia	Present by Phone	8
Ann Job	Present (10:25 am)	1	Krisna Velasco	Present by Phone (11:15 am)	2
Howard Katchen	Present by Phone (10:20 am)	4	Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Absent	3
Jacqueline Kennedy	By Phone, then in person after 10:30	11	TBD		3

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Co-Chair Jay Handal.
2. **Roll Call** – A quorum of 22 board members was present (see list above). Wayne McGee, budget representative from Harbor City attended and Mike Fong, DONE’s Director of Policy and Government Relations, was present by phone.
3. **Public Comment**: Mike Fong updated the Budget Advocates on Civic U.
4. **Approval of Minutes from Meeting #12 (January 9th)** Omit – to be addressed next meeting.
5. **Treasurer’s Report and Motion to Approve** – Treasurer Howard Katchen Motion by **William Morrison** to approve the Treasurer’s report as submitted, second by **Carol Newman**, and passed with 15 ayes (Ale, Edwards, Freeman, Gory, Handal, Humphreville, Kennedy, Kirkwood, Menjvar, Morrison, Newman, Post, Ramirez, Seamans, and Valencia), 0 no, 0 abstention(s), and 7 not yet present (Davis, Hopp, Job, Katchen, Liberman, Ringuette, and Velasco).
6. **Update on a Replacement Budget Advocate for Region 3** – No new information – seat still vacant.
7. **First reading of Amendment to Article XI, Section 1 (Compliance) of the Budget Advocate Bylaws** Amendment was discussed and Howard recommended changing the last sentence to indicate it will be the responsibility of DONE, not the co-chairs, to help with training, but no vote was taken.
8. **Update on Regional Budget Day Plans**
 - a. Agendas – No report.

- b. Discussion on using Regional Budget Days as Candidates' Forums – Agreement that there should be a forum-style candidate Q & A toward the end of the agenda.
 - c. Organizers of each Regional Budget Day are working on logistics and food sourcing.
9. **Status of letter to Mayor and City Council Requesting Breakdown of Where \$10 Million for Illegal Immigrants Legal Fees** – Item deleted.
10. **Update on LAPPL Manpower Concerns**
- a. Jay Handal has had several meetings, including a press conference, with representatives from the Los Angeles Police Protective League.
 - b. Basically, our patrol numbers have declined while our sworn officer numbers have increased.
 - c. There was extensive discussion of this issue.
11. **Discussion on Settlement of Lawsuits against the City. Appropriateness of Issuing Judgement Bonds** – Jack Humphreville
- a. The expense of settlements is an operating expense and accordingly should not be financed with bonds, it is funding short term expense with long term debt.
 - b. Jay Handal suggested that one of the main points of the White Paper be to request a charter amendment to have a City Manager for better transparency, accountability, and effectiveness.
12. **Review and Possible Approval of Draft White Paper** – Jack Humphreville
- a. Outstanding Reports – Not addressed.
 - b. Input by Budget Advocates and Approval – The draft was reviewed, discussed and some revisions considered.
13. **Review and Approve/Amend Letter to LAHSA Requesting Reply to the Questions Raised in the LA Times Goldstein Article** – The letter will be sent out.
14. **Weed Report** – Danielle Sandoval, Chair – Not present, item postponed.
15. **Review list of NCs which have NOT been visited by current Budget Advocates and Address Why** – BAs should refer to the list on Google Docs and visit their assigned NCs, especially those that have not yet been visited.
16. **Outreach**
- a. Newsletter Status – The next newsletter is in process.
 - b. Facebook – Adrienne Edwards will provide a budget to the Chairs for having the CityWatch campaign on Facebook.
 - c. Getting a link to NCBALA on websites for NCs, Councilmembers and Departments – When BAs go to NCs be sure to request that they post a NCBALA link on their website.
17. **Status of CityWatch/Budget Advocates marketing campaign** - Adrienne Edwards met with the editor this week, and is finalizing the campaign details.
18. **Status report on Electeds' and Candidates' Survey** - The survey will go out by the end of the week.
19. **Stakeholder Survey Update** – Jay Handal reported that not many people are taking the surveys.
20. **Housekeeping** – Item deleted.
21. **New Business** Jack Humphreville reported that the City Controller's website has a list of city-owned properties and Ron Galperin is planning to create a list of government owned properties, i.e.; federal, state, County, and LAUSD, as well as a list of tax exempt properties.
22. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 6, 2017 in the DONE offices in City Hall at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sheryl Akerblom
for the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates