

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates 2019-20
Meeting #6, 9:30 a.m., September 21, 2019
456 S. Arden Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA

| Board Members | Roll Call | Region | Board Members | Roll Call | Region |
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| Kevin Davis | Phone | 1 | Connie Acosta | Present (9:44) | 7 |
| John DiGregorio | Phone | 1 | Liz Amsden | Present | 8 |
| Ann Job | Present | 1 | Brian McCain | Phone | 8 |
| Brian Allen | Present | 2 | Dentis Fowlkes | Phone | 8 |
| Glenn Bailey | Present | 2 | Jason Franklin | Absent | 9 |
| Garry Fordyce | Present | 2 | Evelyn Valdez | Present (9:50) | 9 |
| Jeff Mausner | Present | 3 | Elias Garcia | Excused | 9 |
| Carol Newman | Present | 3 | Carol Derby-David | Absent | 10 |
| Joanne Yvanek Garb | Excused | 3 | Tracey Brown | Present | 10 |
| Howard Katchen | Present (9:51) | 4 | Jennifer Goodie | Present | 10 |
| Brandon Pender | Present (9:56) | 4 | Jay Handal | Excused | 11 |
| Jeanette Hopp | Phone (9:45) | 4 | Jacqueline Le Kennedy | Phone (10:05) | 11 |
| Charles Taylor | Excused | 5 | Jon Liberman | Present | 11 |
| Jack Humphreville | Present | 5 | Melanie Labreque | Phone | 12 |
| Patrick Seamans | Phone (10:30) | 5 | Danielle Sandoval | Present | 12 |
| Ernesto Castro | Excused | 6 | Dr. Princess Sykes | Excused | 12 |
| James Hornik | Absent | 6 | Josh Nadel | Present | Other |
| Nina Smith | Present | 6 | Kay Hartman | Present | Other |
| Barbara Ringuette | Present | 7 | | | |
| Tony Michaelis | Present | 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 a.m. with 21 members present at that time. Other members arrived after the start of the meeting. Guests present were: Kay Hartman, Budget Representative, Palms NC; Josh Nadel (Palms NC); Penelope McMillan from Region 1; and Lallah Rowe from Sunland Tujunga NC (halfway through the meeting).
3. Public Comment: None.

Not on the agenda: Raquel Beltran, the new General Manager of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, introduced herself to the Budget Advocates and

spoke for several minutes about DONE's mission to promote civic engagement and to make government more accountable through neighborhood empowerment. She was in the process of a tour of all Neighborhood Councils. She promised to be a resource for the Budget Advocates.

4. Approval of minutes from Meetings #1, #2, #3, and #4: Liz Amsden suggested several changes to the minutes. Carol Newman moved to approve the minutes with the changes that had been suggested. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Treasurer's Report: Connie Acosta moved to approve the report, seconded by Barbara Ringuette. Glenn Bailey and Brandon Pender abstained, and Brian Allen and Jon Liberman opposed. Motion passed.
6. Selection of new meeting location for the third Saturday meetings: It had been previously decided that the Saturday meetings would take place at the West Los Angeles Library, but the Library closed suddenly and unexpectedly for an indefinite period of time. Glenn Bailey will form a committee to find a new location, assisted by Josh Nadel. The October meeting could take place at the Library if it was reopened, but an alternative must be found.
7. Election/selection of new Recording Secretary: Nina Smith was chosen as the new Recording Secretary by acclamation, after two other candidates, Jon Liberman and Jeanette Hopp, withdrew.
8. Removal of Jason Franklin as a Budget Advocate: Jason Franklin, Region 9, never attended any other Budget Advocate meeting after Budget Day. Accordingly, he was given written notice by Parliamentarian Tony Michaelis that unless he attended the September 21 meeting and showed cause why he should not be removed as a Budget Advocate, he could be removed pursuant to Section 5B of the Bylaws. As he did not appear at the meeting, Carol Newman moved to remove him as a Budget Advocate, seconded by Barbara Ringuette. Connie Acosta abstained but there was no opposition. Motion passed. Tony Michaelis as Parliamentarian will conduct an election for Region 9.
9. Reports on setting up Department meetings: Most of the Department meetings were already scheduled by the time of this meeting, although not all had taken place yet. Committees that did not already have firm dates for their meetings were told to set them up within one week and advise Carol Newman.
10. Report on trainings: Barbara Ringuette reported that the Budget Advocates would be presenting a workshop at the Congress of Neighborhoods, Sept. 28, in Session 1. Video links for Jacob Wexler's CAO training will be on the Budget Advocates website for review. Ms. Ringuette made suggestions as to how to structure the meetings with departments.
11. City Watch: Jeff Mausner suggested that the Budget Advocates again start

publishing articles in City Watch. The costs and benefits of doing so were discussed. Liz Amsden agreed to provide two articles per month and encouraged each committee to contribute an article. She also made a motion that starting in November 2019, the Budget Advocates would commit to a three-month trial run with City Watch at a price to be negotiated, but no greater than \$1,000.00 per month. The motion was seconded by Jon Liberman. Jennifer Goodie abstained and Howard Katchen opposed. Motion passed. It was decided that a committee comprised of Barbara Ringuette, Danielle Sandoval, and Liz Amsden would coordinate the relationship with City Watch for this trial period.

12. Bylaws Committee. No discussion.
13. Follow-up on recommendations to the Mayor: Danielle Sandoval will prepare a CIS demanding that the budget be made public by February 1 of each year, and the CIS will be provided to Neighborhood Councils for them to adopt.
14. Follow-up on issues mentioned by the Mayor at our meeting (procurement, liability, real estate): Postponed.
15. Support of Schultz article: Postponed.
16. Recommend CIS re Mayor's budget: See 13 above.
17. Working with Budget Reps: Postponed.
18. Outreach: Liz Amsden made a motion that Jack Humphreville and Outreach prepare one CIS per month to be submitted to Neighborhood Councils to keep the Budget Advocates in front of the Neighborhood Councils, seconded by Howard Katchen. Motion passed unanimously.
19. People to attend alliances and BONC: All Budget Advocates involved with other alliances should doublecheck their agendas and report to Glenn Bailey if any help was needed to attend those meetings. The BONC meetings will be changed to the first Wednesday of each month.
20. Updates from NC alliances, NC's, and BONC: Postponed.
21. Business cards: Melanie Labrecque will obtain a spreadsheet of the business cards, and Liz Amsden will review them for accuracy.
22. New business: None.
23. Adjournment: 12:43 p.m.