



Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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Zoom Meeting

September 16, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

Meeting #4 Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Kevin Davis	Present	1	Barbara Ringuette	Present	7
Cindy Cleghorn	Present	1	David Hunter	Present	7
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Brian Allen	Present	2	Lynda Valencia	Present	8
Garry Fordyce	Present	2	-----	-----	8
Scott Wright	Excused	2	-----	-----	8
Glenn Bailey	Present	3	Elias Garcia	Present	9
David Uebersax	Present	3	-----	-----	9
Jamie York	Excused	3	-----	-----	9
Howard Katchen	Excused	4	Jennifer Goodie	Present	10
Brandon Pender	Absent	4	Skei Saulnier	Excused	10
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Jack Humphreville	Present at 10:50 a.m.	5	Jay Handal	Present	11
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Ernesto Castro	Absent	6	Sheryl Akerblom	Present	12
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- I. Welcome and Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Kay Hartman at 9:39 a.m., with a quorum of 16 in attendance.
- II. Roll Call – See above.
Also in attendance were Philip Armstrong (President, Rampart Village Neighborhood Council) and Budget Representatives: Miran Kalaydjian (Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council / President, Winnetka Neighborhood Council), Lionel Mares (Sun Valley Neighborhood Council), Aurora Corona (Pico Union Neighborhood Council) and David Kopelev (Van Nuys Neighborhood Council).
- III. Approval of [minutes](#) from meeting #3 August 19, 2023
Barbara Ringuette moved to approve the minutes from meeting #3 on August 19, 2023. Adriana de la Cruz seconded.
MOTION PASSED, with 12 yes, 0 no, and 2 abstentions.
- IV. Public Comment
 - A. Phillip Armstrong requested transparency for the city and for Budget Advocates.

- B. Lionel requested more Budget Advocate engagement in the Northeast Valley
- C. David Kopolev identified an outdated Zoom link on the Budget Advocate calendar.
- D. Kay Hartman announced that Josh Nadel will be resigning from all Neighborhood Council involvement, including the board of Palms Neighborhood Council.

V. Announcements

- A. Announcements from DONE – John Darnell not in attendance.
- B. Cindy Cleghorn has old budget books – Contact her offline to take ownership.

VI. New Business

A. MOTION to authorize the Budget Advocates to spend UP TO \$600 printing flyers for the Congress of Neighborhoods Exhibitor Fair

Motion by Kay Hartman to amend the motion to add “up to”, seconded by Adriana de la Cruz. Barbara Ringutte moved to approve the item as amended.

MOTION PASSED, with 15 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstention

- 1. We will make of [Call for a Few People](#) and [Trifold](#) in 100 pound gloss.
- 2. We table from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - all attendees must [register](#).
 - a) Budget Advocates will be tabling from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

B. DISCUSSION - Report on increasing Neighborhood Council Budgets

- 1. Discussion on how to support Neighborhood Councils requesting a restoration to their former budget amount.
Jennifer Goodie moved to create a template CIS or letter calling for the restoration of Neighborhood Council budgets. Cindy Cleghorn seconded.
MOTION PASSED with 11 yes, 3 noes, and 1 abstention.
- 2. The Council File for this matter will be 24-0600, which will be available in Fiscal Year 2024-2025.
- 3. Jennifer Goodie will provide a signup at The Congress of Neighborhoods asking people to indicate their interest in restoring funds and to volunteer assistance. She will get back to Kay Hartman and Glenn Bailey regarding the template.
- 4. Glenn Bailey recommended arranging a Zoom conversation with Heath Kline (Woodland Hills Neighborhood Council), who spearheaded the study, to finalize a draft for Budget Advocates to approve before distribution.

C. Town Hall with Controller Kenneth Mejia

- 1. The Controller will be asked to present a Town Hall.
- 2. Further conversations will be had on the idea and an Outreach meeting will be held to flesh out plans. The Town Hall will be available for all Neighborhood Council members to attend.

VII. Old Business

A. Vacancies (Cindy Cleghorn) – Seeking Budget Advocates for the following regions – One each in regions 1, 4, 7, 10 and 12, and two each in regions 5, 6, 8, and 9. Anyone interested in participating should contact the Co-Chairs or Parliamentarian.

- 1. Cindy will be sending out additional emails to fill vacancies before the next meeting. She will proceed with elections in regions 1 and 7.

B. Visiting NCs to make Budget Advocates Reports

- 1. Budget Advocates are reminded to visit their Neighborhood Councils to provide reports and to hear constituent concerns. Members sharing a region should divide responsibilities, regarding visiting Councils. Please inform Co-chairs who will be covering which Neighborhood Councils, so a contact can be provided to constituents, as needed.

C. Business Cards

- 1. We're printing generic cards except for those who want personalized cards.
- 2. Keeping in mind there are 9 months remaining until the next Budget Advocates election, let us know if you want personalized cards.
 - a) At the previous meeting, it was voted to print generic business cards, all providing information for “Budget Advocates.”

- b) Members are invited to request personalized business cards if desired, keeping in mind that only nine months remain until the end of the term. Kay Hartman will email everyone to let them know of the option.
- c) Garry Fordyce and David Uebersax requested personalized cards.
- D. [CF 11-1020-S3 \(Budget Advocacy vs. Advocates\) and NC Contributions](#)
 - 1. [Glenn Bailey and Kay Hartman are still pursuing a meeting with the interim General Manager.](#)
 - 2. [Petty Santos \(City Clerk's office\) is appearing at VANC in October. Glenn Bailey and Kay Hartman will communicate with her in advance.](#)
 - a) She will hear concerns about the financial contributions to the Budget Advocates being denied. Glenn and Kay will arrange in advance to solidify the message to communicate to her. Glenn will start a draft to be shared in the Budget Advocates' account.
- E. [Department Meetings](#)
 - 1. Kay Hartman took signups to determine which members will meet with which departments.
- F. [Who do you know who is a Budget Rep who is not in this list?](#)
Kay reviewed the spreadsheet of Budget Representatives and updated details, based on member information.

VIII. [Committee Reports](#)

- A. [Executive Committee](#) – Kay Hartman/Glenn Bailey, Co-chairs
 - 1. All items have been discussed.
- B. [Finance Committee](#) – Brian Allen, Treasurer
 - 1. For the last three months, DONE's payments have still registered as "processing." Requests have been issued to DONE to pay the webmaster, but their status is undetermined. Brian will try again to get the details up to date and has already provided a starter budget for discussion. He will schedule a Finance Committee meeting.
- C. [Outreach Committee](#) – Jennifer Goodie, Chair
 - 1. Jennifer will call a meeting to begin work on the Town Hall.
- D. [Bylaws Committee](#) – Cindy Cleghorn, Chair
 - 1. Cindy will work on Bylaws once elections are completed.
- E. [Training and Education Committee](#) – Kevin Davis, Chair – No report.
- F. [Ad Hoc Editing Committee](#) – No report
- G. [Ad Hoc Budget Day Committee](#)
 - 1. The first meeting will be held in November to discuss planning for the in-person event with John Darnell.

IX. [Informational Items](#)

- A. [Controller Report Relative to Recommendations to more effectively Prepare the City of Los Angeles for Emergencies – CF 22-1258](#)
- B. [Controller's Revenue Forecast](#)
- C. [L.A. REPAIR Cohort 1 Program design and voting results – CF 21-1187](#)
- D. [4th Financial Status Report released – CF 22-0600-S104](#)
- E. [Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes](#)
- F. [Mayor's 2023-2024 Budget Summary](#)

X. [Upcoming Meetings and Events:](#)

- A. [BONC: Monday, September 18, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.](#)
- B. [Congress of Neighborhoods: Saturday, September 23, 2023, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. – Register here](#)
- C. [Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee: September 27, 2023 at 2:30 pm](#)
- D. [Budget Advocates: Monday, October 2, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.](#)
- E. [BONC: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.](#)
- F. [LANCC: Saturday, October 7, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.](#)
- G. [Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee: October 11, 2023 at 2:30 pm](#)
- H. [BONC: Monday, October 16, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.](#)
- I. [Budget Advocates: Saturday, October 21, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.](#)

J. Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee: October 25, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.

VIII. Items for Future Meeting Agendas

A. Send items for future agendas to labudgetadvocates@gmail.com.

IX. Adjournment – Kay Hartman adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Next meeting on Monday, October 2, at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of Budget Advocate Meeting #4 (September 16)

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September 25, 2023