



Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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Zoom Meeting

July 15, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

Meeting #1

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	Excused	7
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Brian Allen	Excused	2	Lynda Valencia	Present	8
Garry Fordyce	Present	2	-----	-----	8
Scott Wright	Present	2	-----	-----	8
Glenn Bailey	Present	3	Elias Garcia	Present	9
David Uebersax	Present	3	-----	-----	9
Jamie York	Excused	3	-----	-----	9
Howard Katchen	Present	4	Jennifer Goodie	Present	10
Brandon Pender	Present at 10:36 a.m.	4	Skei Saulnier	Absent	10
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Jack Humphreville	Present	5	Jay Handal	Present at 9:52 a.m.	11
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Ernesto Castro	Absent	6	Sheryl Akerblom	Present	12
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- I. Welcome and Call to Order – The first meeting of the 2023-2024 term was called to order by Co-Chair Kay Hartman at 9:48 a.m., with a quorum of 14/15/16/17 in attendance.
- II. Roll Call – See above.
Also in attendance were: Lena Ayvazian (Canoga Park Neighborhood Council) and Budget Representatives Miran Kalaydjian (President Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council/Winnetka Neighborhood Council), Aurora Corona (Secretary Pico Union Neighborhood Council) and Lionel Mares (Sun Valley Neighborhood Council).
- III. Minutes – Changes were requested to the minutes for meetings #22 and #23.
Adriana de la Cruz moved to approve the minutes as corrected from meeting #22 on June 5, 2023 and meeting #23 on June 17, 2023, Cindy Cleghorn seconded.
MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION, with 16 yes, 0 noes, and 0 abstentions.
- IV. Public Comment
 - A. Lionel Mares announced his election as a Budget Representative.

- B. Miran provided updated information regarding his Council positions.
- C. Adriana de la Curz inquired about possible policy change. Co-chairs subsequently confirmed that Adriana remained the Budget Representative for Del Rey Neighborhood Council and therefore also a Region 11 Budget Advocate.

V. Announcements

- A. Announcements from DONE – John Darnell not present
- B. Vacancies – 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
 - 1. Reach out to Co-Chairs and Parliamentarian

VI. Updates – None

VII. New Business

- A. Budget Advocates Retreat
 - 1. Possible dates: July 30, August 19
 - 2. In person or on Zoom?
 - 3. Topics for discussion?

The meeting will be hybrid, with Kay Hartman providing a projector and Glenn Bailey providing portable screen and WiFi hot spot.

Jay moved to hold the retreat in person on August 19 at the West L.A. building. Glenn seconded. MOTION PASSED, with 9 yes, 5 noes, and 1 abstention.

- 4. Topics for discussion – Contact Kay Hartman or Glenn Bailey with discussion requests.

VIII. Old Business

- A. Election of NCBA officers for 2023-2024 term
 - 1. Vice Chair of Development

- a) The Vice Chair of Development shall be responsible for developing a training regimen for Budget Advocates, enforcing training requirements, overseeing trainings, mentoring Budget Advocates, relaying or responding to requests, and handling meetings and events and other logistics in the absence of, or as requested by, the Co-Chairs.

Kay Hartman nominated Kevin Davis as Vice Chair of Development.

Kevin responded that he was interested, but that he would step aside if someone else wanted the position.

Glenn Bailey nominated Barbara Ringuette as Vice Chair of Development.

Barbara declined but said she would be very supportive of anyone taking the position.

Kevin Davis appointed to serve as Vice Chair of Development BY ACCLAMATION, with 15 yes, and no abstentions.

- B. Congress of Neighborhoods

- 1. Jacob Wexler agreed to take our workshop slot. He will do a City Budget 101 session.
- 2. Exhibitor Fair Shift 1 – Jennifer Goodie and Scott Wright volunteered to be present. The shift runs 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on September 23.

- C. Budget Day Regional Breakout Sessions notes and recordings

- a) <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18tcfVV4CPridlr3N6SJ1I4b4-T08aoHXHzYNQETZ9c/edit#gid=0>
- 2. We have notes and recordings for regions 7&8 and 11
- 3. We have recordings for regions 5&6
- 4. We need regions 1&2, 3&4, 9&10, and 12

Session recordings are needed for regions 1&2, 3&4, 9 and 10 and 12. Jennifer Goodie is following up to acquire the notes for regions 1 and 2. Minutes will be synthesized to provide recommendations to the Budget and Finance Committee. Members are encouraged to watch the recording of Budget Day.

Notes and recordings are available in the Budget Day folder at:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18tcfVV4CPridlr3N6SJ1I4b4-T08aoHXHzYNQETZ9c/edit#gid=0>

- IX. Committee Reports – Members are encouraged to join committees and may sign up at this link: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1i2V2YC5OKQ-Gko0SAT0Pvs1a1HOsJFMxmPzbKp7Lu-k/edit?usp=sharing>
- A. Executive Committee – Executive Officers should email Kay Hartman and Glenn Bailey with preferred times. Glenn suggested scheduling the first meeting for July 21-23 or July 28-30. Kay will start an email conversation to facilitate committee members selecting a date.
 - B. Finance Committee – Members are needed. Bylaws were changed to specify that a Financial Report be presented once a month, at the meeting held on the third weekend. It is requested that the report be presented at that meeting.
 - C. Outreach Committee – Committee not yet formed.
 - D. Bylaws Committee – Cindy Cleghorn is chair. Members are needed.
 - E. Training and Education Committee – No report
 - F. Ad Hoc Editing Committee – No report
 - G. Ad Hoc Restructuring Committee – No report
 - H. Ad Hoc Budget Day Committee – The event will be held in person next year. Planning will need to start as early as November or December. Jay Handal will assist.
- X. Informational Items
- A. Controller Report Relative to Recommendations to more effectively Prepare the City of Los Angeles for Emergencies – [CF 22-1258](#)
 - B. 1st Financial Status Report released – [CF22-0600-S96](#)
 - C. 2nd Financial Status Report released – [CF22-0600-S99](#)
 - D. Controller's Revenue Forecast
 - E. 3rd Financial Status Report released – [CF22-0600-S101](#)
 - F. L.A. REPAIR Cohort 1 Program design and voting results – [CF 21-1187](#)
 - G. 4th Financial Status Report released – [CF 22-0600-S104](#)
 - H. Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes
- XI. Upcoming Meetings and Events
- A. LANCC: Saturday, August 5, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
 - B. Budget Advocates: Monday, Aug. 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
 - C. BONC: Monday, July 17, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.
- XII. Items for Future Meeting Agendas
- A. Send items for future agendas to labudgetadvocates@gmail.com.
 - B. Jack Humphreville reminded members that City Council is on recess until August. He asked that the meetings of the Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee be added to the “Upcoming Meetings and Events” section. Jack provided a link to the legal document the City must file to raise money: Appendix A: <https://cao.lacity.org/debt/Appendix%20A%2006-16-2023.pdf>
- XIII. Adjournment – Kay Hartman adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Next regular meeting will be August 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of Budget Advocate Meeting #1 (July 15)
ELSPETH WEINGARTEN
July 25, 2023