



Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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Zoom Meeting
Monday, March 1, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
Meeting #18 Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Punam Gohel	Present 7:21	1	Barbara Ringuette	Present	7
Lanira Murphy	Present	1	-----	-----	7
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Brian Allen	Present	2	Jamie Tijerina	Present 7:22	8
Glenn Bailey	Present	2	Liz Amsden	Present	8
Garry Fordyce	Present	2	-----	-----	8
Carol Newman	Present	3	Elias Garcia	Present	9
Lee Blumenfeld	Present	3	-----	-----	9
Pat Bates	Present	3	Leslie Gamero	Excused	9
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Howard Katchen	Present	4	Edmond Warren	Absent	10
Brandon Pender	Present 7:43	4	Hugo Rodriguez	Absent	10
Jack Humphreville	Present	5	Jay Handal	Present	11
Julia Moser	Excused	5	Kay Hartman	Present	11
Daniel Perez	Absent	5	Jon Liberman	Present	11
Ernesto Castro	Absent	6	Danielle Sandoval	Present	12
Naira Harootunian	Absent	6	-----	-----	12
Margarita Lopez	Present 7:10	6	Gina Martinez	Absent	12

1. Call to order / Roll Call: The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Liz Amsden at 7:00 pm, with a quorum reached at that time. See above for Roll Call.

Also in attendance were Budget Representatives Kevin Davis (Foothill Trails District NC), Sarah Ramsawack (North Hollywood North East NC) and KJ Clark (ECWA NDC). Josh Nadel (Palms NC) was also present.

2. Public Comment:

- Budget Reps: None
- Stakeholders: None

3. Minutes:

Jon moved to approve minutes #16 and #17. Barbara seconded. MOTION PASSED, with 18 for, 1 opposed and no abstentions.

4. Budget Advocate Accounts: DONE has made payments through the end of last year, but not for 2021, except for CityWatch which is still outstanding.

5. Financial Report:

Howard moved to approve the Financial Report. Jack seconded.

MOTION PASSED, with 17 for, 1 opposed and 1 abstention.

6. Budget Advocate Procedures: There will be approvals of papers by the full board prior to dissemination, voting will be up or down; suggestions will be considered but are not required to be incorporated.

7. Town Halls: Item postponed to next meeting.

8. Committees: Reports are being written in a number of committees. Anyone interested in writing on issues outside of committees, such as full cost recovery, should contact Liz.

9. Outreach to Departments: Reports on the department budgets are being approved by the Executive Committee and many will be distributed for approval at the next Budget Advocate meeting.

10. State of the City Budget: The Controller's revenue report was released today and Jack gave a brief report on the City's projected shortfalls and ongoing financial challenges.

11. City Savings: Liz and Jack are gathering ideas on where the City could save money, to be put into the cover letter of the paper. Contact either of them with ideas.

12. Budget Day 2021:

Jay moved to have Budget Day on the third Saturday in August (21st) and to set up a planning committee. Glenn seconded.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, with 21 for and no abstentions.

Committee Volunteers: Jay, Glenn, Jennifer, Jon, Punam

13. Budget Rep and NC Contacts: Jennifer is continuing to update a list of contacts.

14. CIS: None.

15. Formalization Committee motions:

Jay moved to pass item 15 in its entirety. Jon seconded.

Liz requested to keep (a) and (b) together and to divide out (c) and (d).

(a) The NCBA shall not form a 501(c)3

(b)The NCBA shall remain as an Alliance within the Neighborhood Council system

Jay moved to pass motions (a) and (b). Jon seconded.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, with 22 for and no abstentions.

(c) The NCBA shall work with FOWLA (Friends of West LA), a nonprofit fiscal sponsor for future money raised for NCBA use

Jay moved to pass 15(c). Jack seconded.

MOTION PASSED, with 15 for, 1 opposed and 6 abstentions.

(d) The NCBA shall advise the General Manager of the decision moving forward and request:

(i) the General Manager acknowledge that the above is no different than how the Sustainability Alliance operates.

(ii) the General Manager shall advise what the protocol should be to raise funds from Neighborhood Councils moving forward.

(iii) the General Manager shall advise, based on the above SOPs of the NCBA, how the NCBA can move the existing funds from the city account to the fiscal sponsor.

Jay moved to pass 15(d). Jon seconded.

Lee moved to amend (d) that the Budget Advocates send a letter to identify the goalposts prior to advising the General Manager of the decision moving forward. If there was no response within 14 days, the Budget Advocates would send the requests in (d).

Jamie seconded, with an amendment of 7 days.

MOTION FAILED with 2 for, 14 opposed and 6 abstentions.

ORIGINAL 15(d) MOTION PASSED, with 17 for, 1 opposed and 4 abstentions.

16. Replacement of Budget Advocates: Carol will be moving forward next on Region 4 and will have an update at the next meeting. Openings remain in Regions 1, 7, 8, 9, and 12.

17. Status Bylaws: A revised Article IX on the filing of grievances will be agendized for a first reading at the next meeting, with the second reading and vote on April 5, unless the Article requires revisions. The Bylaws Committee will address the section on elections next.

18. New Business: BONC will alternate reports from the Budget Advocates and Congress of Neighborhoods, with the Budget Advocates scheduled for third Mondays.

19. Adjournment:

Jay moved to adjourn 8:34pm. Jon seconded.

MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION.

The next Budget Advocate meeting will be on Saturday, March 20 at 9:30 am.
Please submit items for consideration to the Co- Chairs by March 10.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Minutes of Budget Advocate meeting #18 (March 1)

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March 8, 2021

NCBA APPROVED: April 17, 2021