

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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Zoom Meeting
May 16, 2020, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.



Meeting #22 Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Kevin Davis	Present	1	Connie Acosta	Present 11:35	7
John DiGregorio	Present	1	Tony Michaelis	-----	7
VACANT	-----	1	Barbara Ringuette	Present	7
Brian Allen	Present	2	Dentis Fowlkes	Absent	8
Glenn Bailey	Present	2	Brian McCain	Absent	8
Garry Fordyce	Present	2	Jamie Tijerina	Absent	8
Jeffrey Mausner	Present	3	Elias Garcia	Present, left 11:27	9
Carol Newman	Present	3	Nikita Jones-Houston	Present 10:10	9
Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Present	3	Albert Farias	Present 9:45	9
Jeanette Hopp	Present 9:41	4	Tracey Brown	Present 10:05	10
Howard Katchen	Present 9:40	4	Carol Derby-David	Present	10
Brandon Pender	Present	4	Jennifer Goodie	Present	10
Jack Humphreville	Present	5	Jay Handal	Present	11
Patrick Seamans	Present	5	Jacqueline Le Kennedy	Present	11
Charles Taylor	Present	5	Jon Liberman	Present 9:42	11
Ernesto Castro	Absent 9:36	6	Melanie Labrecque	Present	12
Nina Smith	Present	6	Danielle Sandoval	Present	12
VACANT	-----	6	Dr. Princess Sykes	Absent	12

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Co-chair Carol Newman at 9:34 a.m., with a full quorum reached at that time.
2. Roll Call: See above. In addition, Budget Representatives present were: Josh Nadal (Stakeholder, Palms NC) and Kay Hartman (Palms NC).
3. Public Comment: Carol Derby-David: whether electronic meetings are taking additional money from the budget.
4. Approval of minutes from Meeting #21 (Carol Newman and Kay Hartman): Per Carol Newman's instructions, Melanie Labrecque will send the webmaster Kristina everything she has. Kay Hartman will send the final drafts of all existing

minutes directly to Kristina, which will exclude minutes #19 and #20, because they need updates from Barbara Ringuette. In the future Kay Hartman will send Kristina all finalized drafts of minutes directly, copying the Executive Committee. Melanie Labreque will inform Kristina of the change. Approval of Minutes #21 postponed by Carol Newman until the next meeting.

5. Treasurer's report (Howard Katchen): All financial reports have been posted today. No more recent postings have been received from DONE since the end of March, although requests have been made. Jay Handal moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Jon Liberman seconded. One abstention, no oppositions. MOTION PASSED.
6. Video in response to State of the City and Budget? (Jack Humphreville): Jack said he could put together a couple minutes of video in response to the State of the City and the Budget except we're all in position of not knowing exactly what's going on. He suggested putting out a monthly newsletter for Neighborhood Councils to give Council presidents some information.
7. Recruitment of Budget Representatives (Barbara Ringuette): Postponed until the next meeting.
8. Notifying previously confirmed speakers that Budget Day has been cancelled:
Confirmed speakers: Susan Shelley, Jack Humphreville, Tommy Newman (United Way --homelessness), Kelly Cavanaugh (LA Times – tentative), Jay Handal, Kevin James, Jacob Wexler:

Agreeing to contact people to tell them they're not going to be speaking for Budget Day:
Howard Katchen: Kevin James
Glenn Bailey: Kelly Cavanaugh
Jack Humphreville: Susan Shelley, Tommy Newman
Barbara Ringuette: Already spoke to Jacob Wexler. Will speak to Bill Allen.
9. Status of and plans for breakout sessions and elections June 27 and 28 (Carol Newman, Jack Humphreville, Barbara Ringuette): Melanie Labreque will give John DiGregorio her full list of Budget Reps so he can consolidate it. Glenn Bailey will communicate with the DONE office, telling John Darnell (or Mike Fong if John Darnell is not available) what the Budget Advocates plan is for the Breakout Sessions. Glenn agreed to be the liaison for this communication and will find out on Monday if an alternate person has been assigned in place of John Darnell.

Jay Handal moved to proceed, using the agreed upon Zoom ID for breakout sessions, with a public invitation listing no password and to have the Executive Committee put together a protocol sheet outlining procedures for removing

participants should they become disruptive. Jon Liberman seconded. No abstentions, no oppositions. MOTION PASSED.

a. Publicity regarding breakout sessions and elections:

Carol Newman said that those leading breakout sessions should talk with other BAs in their region and make sure they're getting the word out to Neighborhood Councils in that region. Glenn Bailey will find out if Ann-Marie Homan is in charge of posting information on DONE's Nextdoor account. Danielle Sandoval will send Jay Handal the flyer and Jay will then get the flyer to Nextdoor, all Neighborhood Councils, and to the General Manager and ask that it be included in her newsletter.

Carol Newman decided on proceeding with a single flyer that lists all breakout session dates and times for all regions. At bottom of the flyer, it will say, "see attached sheet for different regions." People can also download the mapping of NCs to regions from the DONE website to learn which region they're in so they will know when and where their breakout session will be held. The group will then also consider doing something further (creating an additional flyer) for the individual regions. The flyer title will be: City Services Regional Town Hall and Budget Advocate Elections. Danielle Sandoval will get her template to Jack Humphreville, Barbara Ringuette, and Carol Newman ASAP so it can be finalized and sent out. When Danielle and Jay Handal have a finalized version, Danielle will send the flyer out to all Budget Advocates.

Jay Handal will write a press release and send the flyers out with it, as well as forwarding the information to Ken. Danielle Sandoval will make sure to get the regional flyers out before the need.

Brandon Pender will work with John DiGregorio to create a radio ad for breakout sessions and will come back with a wide spectrum of sessions to make sure that all regions get covered.

Jon Liberman will price an ad in L.A. Times and Howard Katchen will price an ad in The Daily News. Both will have details available at the next meeting (how much will it cost, the size, what we need to give the papers). The ad will be no more than a quarter page in size. Glenn Bailey reminded everyone that many publications, such as the Daily News, provide free information every Monday, such as publishing a list of Neighborhood Council meetings.

Howard Katchen asked BAs to please continue diligent efforts in requesting donations from Neighborhood Councils and those affiliated in each region.

10. Bylaws Committee – Second reading of Bylaws changes already distributed (Brian Allen and Carol Newman): Postponed by Brian Allen until the next meeting.
11. Outreach (Danielle Sandoval and Committee): Postponed until the next meeting.
 - a. Trifold
 - b. Other matters
12. Updates from NC alliances, NC's, and BONC: Postponed until the next meeting.
13. New business:
-Report from the Mayor's Office (Jack Humphreville and Barbara Ringuette):

The speech Barbara Ringuette presented to the City Council Budget and Finance Committee has been sent to CityWatch. It should also be posted on the Budget Advocates website. The Office of Finance thinks the budget could be off by up to \$4 million and spoke about this being a placeholder budget, saying that property tax will likely rise while utility taxes decrease. Constant updates are expected this year, instead of just a mid-year status report. It's a very fluid situation. The next step will be a meeting on May 20th for the City Council to review the budget.

Jack Humphreville expressed concern that nothing will be safe from those in charge. He expressed concern about them raiding the pension plan and about early retirement for some employees which could then lead to rehiring, with a savings for that of \$226 million. He also discussed the discrepancy between virus related expenses (for which the city can be reimbursed) and other expenses such as lost hotel revenue, which cannot be reimbursed.

14. Adjournment: at 12:08 p.m.

Next meeting – June 1, 2020

Deadline date for future agenda items to be submitted: May 27, 2020