



Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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Zoom Meeting

March 6, 2023, 7:00 9:00 p.m.

Meeting #16 Minutes

| Board Members | Roll Call | Region | Board Members | Roll Call | Region |
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| Kevin Davis | Present | 1 | Barbara Ringuette | Present | 7 |
| Cindy Cleghorn | Present | 1 | David Hunter | Present till 7:48 | 7 |
| Vacant Seat | ----- | 1 | Vacant Seat | ----- | 7 |
| Brian Allen | Present 7:11 | 2 | Lynda Valencia | Present | 8 |
| Garry Fordyce | Present | 2 | Samantha McBride | Absent | 8 |
| Scott Wright | Present | 2 | Vacant Seat | ----- | 8 |
| Glenn Bailey | Present | 3 | Elias Garcia | Absent | 9 |
| David Uebersax | Absent | 3 | Vacant Seat | ----- | 9 |
| Vacant Seat | ----- | 3 | Vacant Seat | ----- | 9 |
| Howard Katchen | Present | 4 | Jennifer Goodie | Present | 10 |
| Brandon Pender | Present 7:17 p.m. | 4 | Vacant Seat | ----- | 10 |
| Myrra Bolla | Absent | 4 | Vacant Seat | ----- | 10 |
| Jack Humphreville | Absent | 5 | Jay Handal | Present | 11 |
| Vacant Seat | ----- | 5 | Kay Hartman | Present | 11 |
| Vacant Seat | ----- | 5 | Adriana de la Cruz | Present 7:38 p.m. | 11 |
| Ernesto Castro | Absent | 6 | Sheryl Akerblom | Present | 12 |
| Vacant Seat | ----- | 6 | Vacant Seat | ----- | 12 |
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- I. Welcome and Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Jennifer Goodie at 7:06 p.m., with 13 members in attendance.
- II. Roll Call See above – Also in attendance Budget Representative Miran Kalaydjian (Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council).
- III. Approval of minutes from meeting #14 February 6th, 2023 and meeting #15 February 18th, 2023
Howard Katchen moved to approve the minutes for meeting #14 on February 2. Sheryl Akerblom seconded.
MOTION PASSED, with 14 for and 1 abstention.
Consideration of meeting #15 February 28, 2023 minutes, postponed to next meeting.
- IV. Public Comment on non-agenda items within subject matter jurisdiction – None.
- V. Announcements
 - A. Vacancies, seeking Budget Advocates for the following regions – One each in regions 1, 3, 7, and 8, two each in regions 5, 6, 9, 10, and 12

1. Reach out to Glenn, Kay, and Jennifer
2. Region 12 election forthcoming

VI. Updates

- A. December 19 meeting with Raquel Beltran to discuss Budget Advocates funding
 1. On December 19. Co-chairs Kay Hartman and Jennifer Goodie met with Raquel Beltran to discuss Budget Advocates funding. The General Manager was asked to provide her request in writing but has now vacated the position. Discussion will be held at next Friday's Executive Committee meeting on how to pursue the issue moving forward.
- B. Update on CF 11-1020-S3
 1. Ordinance suggested by Elise Ruden
- C. Update on meetings with newly elected officials

VII. New Business

- A. March NC Report
 1. The March Neighborhood Council report was distributed last week and was copied to Budget Advocate members representing each region. Members should forward information from anyone expressing interest in becoming a Budget Advocate. Discussion on the Controller's Revenue Forecast is postponed to next meeting.
- B. Controller's Revenue Forecast

VIII. Old Business

- A. Department meetings – Members provided status updates on reports and department meetings. Completed reports are requested by Friday.
 1. Budget Requests
 2. Spreadsheet
 3. White Paper
 - a) Theme is Restart, Reform, Refocus...
 - I. David Hunter volunteered to write the theme paper.
- B. Update on Council File 23-1200-S6
 1. Josh Nadel was asked by the mayor to withdraw from his nomination to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners. Those interested are encouraged to apply to the mayor for the position.

IX. Committee Reports

- A. Executive Committee –Kay Hartman and Jennifer Goodie, Co-chairs
 1. Letter to support SB-411
 - a) The Budget Advocates voted last meeting to support SB-411, once amended. The Executive Committee will compose a letter of support.
 2. Letter to support restoration of NC funding
 - a) The Executive Committee will be compose a letter of support, which will then be shared at the next board meeting for discussion.
- B. Finance Committee –Brian Allen, Treasurer
 1. November 2022 Financial Report
 2. December 2022 Financial Report
 3. January 2022 Financial Report
 4. February 2022 Financial Report
 5. FY 2022-23 Budget
- C. Outreach – Samantha McBride, Chair – Not present
- D. Bylaws – Glenn Bailey, Chair
 1. Once department reports are complete work will begin. Until then, committee members and all Budget Advocates are asked to read the Bylaws and submit recommendations.
- E. Budget Day – Jennifer Goodie, Chair – The event will be held virtually this year, with the promise of an in-person event next year. Committee meetings will be held the second and fourth Saturday of every month, at 5:00 p.m. Members may attend to contribute input regarding speakers. Additional volunteers are needed, and the Chair position is available to anyone

interested. Potential speakers include Matt Szabo, Jacob Wexler, Ray Regalado and possibly Kenneth Mejia, with Liz Chau of the L.A. Public Press as panel moderator.

1. Volunteers needed for committee
2. Going to be virtual with promise of in-person next year
3. Format and speakers
4. Chair: Jennifer Goodie
5. Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

F. Training and Education – Barbara Ringuette, Chair

1. Barbara will be sending out a memo with recommendations on writing reports.

G. Ad Hoc Editing – David Hunter, Chair

1. Kay Hartman, David Hunter, Tess Taylor are on the committee. Reports are not yet available for editing.

H. Ad Hoc Restructuring – David Hunter, Chair

1. David will schedule a meeting soon.

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 – [CF 22-0600-S96](#)
- C. 2nd Financial Status Report released – [CF 22-0600-S99](#)
- D. [Controller's Revenue Forecast](#)

XI. Upcoming Meetings and Events

- A. BONC Tuesday March 7th, 2023 6:00 p.m.
- B. Budget Advocates Saturday March 18th, 2023 9:30 a.m.
- C. BONC Monday March 20th, 2023 1:00 p.m.
- D. LANCC Saturday April 1st, 2023 10:00 a.m.
- E. Budget Day June 17, 2023 9:30 a.m.

XII. Items for Future Meeting Agendas: Send items for future agendas to labudgetadvocates@gmail.com

XIII. Adjournment: Jennifer adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Next meeting March 20th, 2023 9:30 a.m.

Minutes of Budget Advocate meeting #16 (March 6)

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March 13, 2023