

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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**West Los Angeles Civic Center
1645 Corinth Ave #201, Los Angeles, CA 90025
Saturday, April 20th, 2019 at 10 AM**



Meeting #19 Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Kevin Davis	By phone (10:30)	1	Tony Michaelis	By Phone	7
John DiGregorio	By Phone (10:28)	1	Barbara Ringuette	By Phone	7
Rick Ramirez	By Phone	1	Connie Acosta	Absent	7
Brian Allen	Present	2	Liz Amsden	Present	8
Glenn Bailey	Present	2	Jamie Tijerina	Absent	8
Diedra Greenaway	Absent	2	Jose Orozco Pelico	Absent	8
Jeffrey Mausner	Present	3	Chelsea McElwee	By Phone	9
Carol Newman	Present	3	Evelyn Valdez	Excused	9
Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Present	3	José Medina	Resigned	9
Jeannette Hopp	Present	4	Carol Derby-David	Present	10
Howard Katchen	Excused	4	Erick Morales	Excused	10
Brandon Pender	Present (10:06)	4	KJ Clark	Present (10:15)	10
Jack Humphreville	Present	5	Jay Handal	Present	11
VACANT	VACANT	5	Jacqueline Le Kennedy	By Phone (10:05)	11
Patrick Seamans	Excused	5	Jon Liberman	By Phone (10:07)	11
James Hornik	Present	6	Melanie Labrecque	Excused	12
Adrienne Nicole Edwards	Resigned	6	Danielle Sandoval	By phone (10:05)	12
Nina Smith	Present	6	Dr. Princess Sykes	Absent	12

1. Call to order: Jay Handal called the order to the meeting at 10:00 am.
2. Roll Call: see above for Budget Advocates. Garry Fordyce from North Hills West NC was present and John Darnell (DONE) attended by phone.
3. Public Comment: No public comment.
4. Approval of minutes from Meeting #11 (December 15th) and Meeting #18(April 1st): Approval of minutes for Meeting # 11 was tabled. MOTION: By Jeanette Hopp, seconded by Carol Newman to approve the minutes from Meeting #18 (April 1st). No-one opposed, 3 abstentions, motion passes.
5. Treasurer's report: (a) MOTION: By Joanne Yvanek-Garb, seconded by Jeffery Mausner for the approval of Treasurer's report for the current period. One (1) opposed, 3 abstentions, 1 objection, motion pass (b) MOTION: By Liz Amsden, seconded by Joanne Yvanek-Garb to approve up to \$12,000 to fund all Budget Day expenses. Motion passed unanimous; (c) tabled.
6. Discussion and possible motion to approve: (a) MOTION: By Liz Amsden, seconded by Jon Liberman to approve submission of the letter to the Mayor, copying the Budget and Finance

Committee, City Councilmembers and the Controller, strongly suggesting the Mayor's draft of the budget be released in February to allow for more review and input. No-one opposed, no-one abstained, motion passes unanimously; (b) MOTION: By Carol Newman, seconded by Joanne Yvanek-Garb to approve the paper addressing revenue opportunities for the City for submission to the Mayor and CAO as well as for general circulation. No-one opposed, two (2) abstentions, motion passes.

7. Identification of Budget Advocates who will be removed or are stepping down: (a) MOTION: By Carol Newman, seconded by Barbara Ringuette to remove the following Budget Advocates for violation of attendance requirements: Jose Orozco Pelico and Diedra Greenaway. Roll call was conducted there was 18 Budget Advocates in support, 4 abstentions, motion passes; (Adrienne Nicole Edwards and José Medina had resigned prior to the meeting); (b) the following Budget Advocates announced their intention to step down in June: Chelsea McElwee, KJ Clark, and Rick Ramirez.
8. First reading of Bylaws amendments: (a) the terms of Budget Advocates will continue until Budget Day 2020, with all subsequent full terms beginning and ending in even-numbered years; (b) the term of Budget Representatives will be changed from one year to 'until replaced pursuant to the wishes of their Neighborhood Council. Second reading and a vote will be agendized for the next meeting.
9. Budget Day 2019: (a) the City Hall Council Chambers has been confirmed for 6 am to 3 pm on Saturday, June 29th; John Darnell will advise final confirmation of the Rotunda and the 10th floor meeting rooms by Wednesday; (b) theme tabled; (c) Barbara Ringuette will invite and pursue confirmation or regrets of the Mayor, CAO, President of the City Council and other electeds; Jack Humphreville will invite Kerry Cavanaugh of the LA Times; (d) John DiGregorio brought a proposed Save-the-Date flyer and will circulate a revised version to the Executive Committee for approval before distribution; (e) he also discussed the RSVP platform and will work with Annemarie from DONE to create a drop-down menu of all the Neighborhood Councils before circulating it to the Executive Committee for approval; (f) once approved, John will send to DONE for inclusion in their newsletter, and to the all Councilmembers as well as the speakers to get out through their social media; he will also work with Liz Amsden on updating the tri-fold Budget Advocate / Budget Representative obligation list and creating a more detailed version of the position of Budget Representative to aid in the solicitation of Budget Reps from all NCs; (h) John Darnell will organize parking, and the rental of tables and chairs for breakfast; Joanne Yvanek-Garb will approach Herb Wesson's office about providing security; John DiGregorio will work on publicity materials including a video promo (see below); Jay Handal will arrange for catering and box lunches for the Budget Advocates' first meeting of 2019/20.

MOTION: By John DiGregorio, seconded by Liz Amsden to approve up to \$1,000 for costs to tape a promo that can be circulated as a link. No-one opposed, no one objected, motion passes.

10. Outreach: (a) the Harbor area Town Hall will be moved to May 11th - Danielle Sandoval will confirm the library and submit a budget and proposed agenda to the Co-Chairs; the East Valley Town Hall will be combined with the West Valley and Joanne Yvanek-Garb will work with John DiGregorio and provide the Co-Chairs with a budget, flyer, and proposed agenda to the Co-Chairs; John DiGregorio will follow up on the West LA and Fairfax Town Halls and advise; (b) John DiGregorio will attend all Town Halls to record the proceedings for posting to the Budget Advocate website; (c) John DiGregorio, KJ Clark and Barbara Ringuette will

develop a brief Power Point presentation and handout about the Budget Advocates for the DONE trainings for new Neighborhood Council board members and submit to the Co-Chairs for approval with John to alert Seme Park that this is in progress for delivery prior to the 2nd of May; Kevin Davis will report back on folding this into the City's Cornerstone training program currently being developed for online training of board members; (d) Budget Advocates are requested to send John DiGregorio a one-page three-point summary of their department reports to include in a deck to be submitted to the Budget and Finance Committee; the Budget Advocates are scheduled for 20 minute presentation is scheduled for May 6th at 9 am to discuss 3-point pitches for departments; (e) Jeffrey Mausner will request Ken Draper change the notation of 'paid content' to that the material was sponsored by the Budget Advocates; (f) next steps in the radio campaign will be addressed offline.

11. Status of obtaining data from City offices: tabled.

12. New Business: None, other than as included above.

Jay Handal adjourned the meeting at 12:15 pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:
CHELSEA MCELWEE
2018 - 2019 NCBA Secretary