

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates 2019-20

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Monday, November 4, 2019

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Meeting #9 Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Kevin Davis	Present/Phone	1	Brian McCain	Present	8
Vacant	-----	1	Dentis Fowlkes	Present/Phone	8
John DiGregorio	Present	1	Liz Amsden	Present/Phone	8
Brian Allen	Present	2	Elias Garcia	Present	9
Glenn Bailey	Present/Phone	2	Evelyn Valdez	Absent	9
Garry Fordyce	Present	2	Vacant	-----	9
Jeffrey Mausner	Present	3	Carol Derby-David	Excused	10
Carol Newman	Present	3	Tracey Brown	Present 7:20	10

Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Excused	3	Jennifer Goodie	Present	10
Jeannette Hopp	Absent	4	Jay Handal	Present/Phone	11
Howard Katchen	Present/Phone 7:05	4	Jacqueline Le Kennedy	Present/Phone	11
Brandon Pender	Present/Phone	4	Jon Liberman	Absent	11
Jack Humphreville	Present	5	Melanie Labrecque	Present/Phone	12
Patrick Seamans	Present/Phone 7:20 Left 8:30	5	Danielle Sandoval	Present	12
Charles Taylor	Present 7:20	5	Dr. Princess Sykes	Excused	12
James Hornik	Absent	6			
Nina Smith	Excused	6			
Ernesto Castro	Present/Phone	6			
Tony Michaelis	Present	7			
Barbara Ringuette	Present	7			
Connie Acosta	Present 7:05	7			

1. Call to order: Co-chair Carol Newman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Quorum was met at 7:02 p.m. with 21 members present at that time. Other members arrived after the start of the meeting. Budget Representatives present were: Josh Nadel (Palms NC), Tina Chinakarn (Palms NC); and Kay Hartman (Palms NC).
3. Public Comment: None.
4. Approval of minutes from Meetings #7 and #8 (Nina Smith): Postponed until the next meeting.
5. Treasurer’s Report (Howard Katchen): Jennifer Goodie moved to approve the report and Barbara Ringuette seconded. **Motion passed** with one opposed.
6. Vacancies in Regions 1 and 9 (Carol Newman and Tony Michaelis): It is everyone’s responsibility to fill these positions, not just that of the Budget Advocates in Regions 1 and 9.
7. Action to remove Budget Advocate James Hornik in Region 6 (Ms. Newman & Mr. Michaelis): Jack Humphreville moved with reluctance to replace James Hornik, a longtime Budget Advocate, on the grounds of excessive absences, and Barbara Ringuette seconded. **Motion passed unanimously**. Tony Michaelis was asked to send out the election notice to replace Mr. Hornik.
8. Status of Department Reports (Ms. Newman): Drafts have been received of the following reports: Aging, Animal Services, City Attorney, Convention and Tourism, Economic and Workforce Development, Cannabis, Emergency Management, Ethics, Fire, General Services, ITA, Pensions, Planning, Public Works, Sanitation, Street Lighting, Street Services, and Transportation. Budget Advocates will have until November 8, 2019 to submit their remaining reports.

9. Discussion of Departmental Meetings (Ms. Newman): A discussion took place regarding issues that were perceived to be common (shared) among Departments.

10. First Financial Status Report (Jack Humphreville): A discussion took place about the first F.S.R., which showed a huge deficit already two months into the fiscal year, and what to do about it.

11. Outreach (Danielle Sandoval):

a. Giveaway key chains with thumb drive – cost: Danielle Sandoval moved to purchase 250 thumb drives of 2 gigs each from the City vendor, with an item cost of \$6.43 each, plus the \$125 setup charge, not to exceed \$2,000 total, seconded by Charles Taylor. **Motion passed** with one opposed.

12. Bylaws Committee (Mr. Michaelis): Carol Newman requested that the Bylaws Committee meet to discuss the following topics, among others: 1) cutting back on excused absences, and 2) the possibility of having additional grounds to remove Budget Advocates, such as enforcing attendance minimums at Neighborhood Council meetings.

13. CityWatch (Mr. Humphreville): A discussion took place regarding the status of the 3-month CityWatch project. All proposed articles should be sent to Liz Amsden.

14. Budget Day 2020 (Ms. Newman):

a. Reserving rooms (Glenn Bailey): Glenn Bailey and Joanne Yvanek-Garb have both requested that President Wesson reserve the 10th floor rooms for Budget Day on June 20, 2020, but John Darnell will follow up on that.

b. Danielle to prepare letter for Joanne to hand out: Danielle Sandoval will prepare a save-the-date letter to be handed out to City officials and their staffs.

c. Joanne: Wesson, Krekorian, Mayor, Galperin, CAO: Joanne Yvanek-Garb will hand out the save-the-date letter to City officials and their staffs.

15. Website – hire graphics consultant? (Ms. Newman): Postponed until the next meeting.

16. Working with Budget Reps (Ms. Newman):

a. Meeting with Budget Reps: Postponed.

17. People to attend alliances and BONC: Postponed.

18. Updates from NC alliances, NC's, and BONC: Postponed.

19. Business cards (Melanie Labrecque): Postponed.

20. New business:

- a) Charles Taylor reported a \$500 contribution to the Budget Advocates from Central Hollywood NC.
- b) Connie Acosta is starting a Housing Committee. Interested members should contact her directly.
- c) Jack Humphreville announced intentions to arrange a meeting with the editorial board of the LA Times to discuss Structural Deficit, Service Deficit and Intergenerational Theft. He also plans to approach the Daily News and KPCC's Larry Mantle with the topics.

21. Adjournment: at 8:53 p.m.

Next meeting – November 16, 2019

Deadline date for future agenda items to be submitted: November 13, 2019