

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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**Zoom Meeting
April 6, 2020, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**



Meeting #19 Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Kevin Davis	Absent	1	Connie Acosta	Absent	7
John DiGregorio	Present	1	Tony Michaelis	-----	7
VACANT	-----	1	Barbara Ringuette	Present	7
Brian Allen	Present	2	Dentis Fowlkes	Present	8
Glenn Bailey	Present	2	Brian McCain	Present	8
Garry Fordyce	Present	2	Jamie Tijerina	Present	8
Jeffrey Mausner	Present	3	Elias Garcia	Present 7:21	9
Carol Newman	Present	3	VACANT	-----	9
Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Absent	3	VACANT	-----	9
Jeanette Hopp	Present 7:26	4	Tracey Brown	Present	10
Howard Katchen	Present	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 7:43 – 8:53	5	Jacqueline Le Kennedy	Present	11
Charles Taylor	Absent	5	Jon Liberman	Present	11
Ernesto Castro	Present	6	Melanie Labrecque	Excused	12
Nina Smith	Absent	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 7:03 p.m. with a full quorum reached at that time.

2. Roll Call: See above. In addition, Budget Representatives present were: Josh Nadel (Stakeholder, Palms NC), Kay Hartman (Palms NC), and Tina Chinakarn (Palms NC).

3. Public Comment: None.

4. Approval of minutes from Meetings #13, 17 and 18 (Carol Newman and Kay Hartman): Jon Liberman moved for the approval of minutes #13, #17 and #18. Dentis Fowlkes seconded. Four abstentions, no oppositions. MOTION PASSED.

5. Treasurer's Report (Howard Katchen): Item postponed by Howard Katchen until the next meeting.
6. Update on "meetings" of the Budget Advocates (Carol Newman): Future meetings will take place on Zoom until further notice, unless a better platform can be identified.
7. Report from Brian Allen on Region 9 election: Brian Allen moved to appoint Albert Farias (President, Voices NC) and Nikita Jones-Houston (Treasurer, CANNNDU NC) as Region 9 Budget Advocates. Jon Liberman seconded. MOTION PASSED. Brian Allen then withdrew the motion because the region hadn't yet voted. Item postponed by Carol Newman until the next meeting.
8. Distribution of hard copy of White Paper to NCs (Carol Newman): BAs will distribute hard copies of the White Paper if possible, but co-chairs will understand if board members are unable to do so given the emergency.
9. Status of and plans for Budget Day (Carol Newman, Jack Humphreville, and Barbara Ringuette): An agreement was reached to begin planning a virtual Budget Day on June 20th. Further plans will be discussed at an Executive Committee meeting to be announced shortly.

[a. Previously confirmed speakers: Susan Shelley, Jack Humphreville, Tommy Newman (United Way – homelessness), Kelly Cavanaugh (L.A. Times – tentative), Jay Handal, Kevin James, Jacob Wexler – delete anyone?]

b. Who else? Suggestions:

- Raquel Beltran, the DONE general manager, to give a welcoming statement.
- Paul Krekorian to share what challenges are being anticipated and what challenges have already happened.
- LAPD Chief Michel Moore to talk about bringing the homeless indoors.
- LAFD Chief Ralph Terrazas to discuss the challenges of COVID, what's found to be needed, and what's coming up in the future.
- CAO staff to discuss budget details and resources needed.
- The Economic Workforce.
- The group that does the economic forecasting.
- The Housing & Community Investment Department to talk about those testing positive.
- Someone from LAHSA.
- Someone from the L.A. Chamber of Commerce to discuss the economics of COVID.
- Ron Galperin.
- The general manager of the Emergency Management Department.
- Nury Martinez to speak about how the City Council expects to handle this.

Speakers should be limited in number and limited to people who have expertise in COVID-19, the budget, and the economy. It must be announced to those already

invited to speak (confirmed or not) that the focus will now be solely on COVID-19.

Barbara Ringuette will speak to the Mayor's office and ask them who can speak to the issue.

Suggestions were made by the Budget Day Planning Committee to have videos of speakers and to develop an archive of speaker videos, and/or a reprise of Budget Day to post on the Budget Advocate website.

c. Video of Budget Advocates? To be further considered. In the past, a Budget Advocate had spoken at Budget Day to spark interest in becoming a Budget Advocate.

d. Publicity and invitations for Budget Day: Confirmed language, "planning a virtual meeting for June 20th" to use on save-the-dates.

e. Breakout sessions? Item postponed by Carol Newman to be discussed in Executive Committee.

10. Plans to hold elections for Budget Advocates if Budget Day does not take place (Carol Newman and Brian Allen): Discussion on issue. Item postponed by Carol Newman to be discussed in Executive Committee meeting.

11. Outreach (Danielle Sandoval and Committee):

- a. Trifold
- b. Other matters
- c. Thumb drives – (a) purchase accomplished?
(b) what should be on the thumb drive?

12. Bylaws Committee – new proposed bylaws? (Brian Allen): Postponed until the next meeting.

13. City Watch (Jack Humphreville, Carol Newman): Postponed until the next meeting.

14. Updates from NC alliances, NCs, and BONC: Postponed until the next meeting.

15. New business: Congress of Neighborhoods (usually held in September) is cancelled this year so whatever BAs do for Budget Day becomes even more important because we won't have the opportunity to discuss the budget at the Congress.

16. Adjournment: at 9:31 p.m.

Next meeting – April 18, 2020

Deadline date for future agenda items to be submitted: April 15, 2020