



Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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Zoom Meeting

March 18, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

Meeting #17 Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Kevin Davis	Present	1	Barbara Ringuette	Present 10:00	7
Cindy Cleghorn	Present	1	David Hunter	Absent	7
Vacant Seat	-----	1	Vacant Seat	-----	7
Brian Allen	Present 9:50	2	Lynda Valencia	Present	8
Garry Fordyce	Present	2	Samantha McBride	Absent	8
Scott Wright	Absent	2	Vacant Seat	-----	8
Glenn Bailey	Excused	3	Elias Garcia	Present	9
David Uebersax	Present	3	Vacant Seat	-----	9
Vacant Seat	-----	3	Vacant Seat	-----	9
Howard Katchen	Absent	4	Jennifer Goodie	Present	10
Brandon Pender	Absent	4	Vacant Seat	-----	10
Myrra Bolla	Absent	4	Vacant Seat	-----	10
Jack Humphreville	Present	5	Jay Handal	Present	11
Vacant Seat	-----	5	Kay Hartman	Present	11
Vacant Seat	-----	5	Adriana de la Cruz	Present	11
Ernesto Castro	Absent	6	Sheryl Akerblom	Present 10:06	12
Vacant Seat	-----	6	Vacant Seat	-----	12
Vacant Seat	-----	6	Vacant Seat	-----	12

- I. Welcome and Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Jennifer Goodie at 9:37 a.m., with 11 members in attendance.
- II. Roll Call: See above.
Also in attendance was Budget Representative Miran Kalaydjian (Woodland Hills Warner Center Neighborhood Council).
- III. Approval of minutes from meeting #15 February 18th, 2023 and meeting #16 March 6th, 2023
Jay Handal moved to approve the minutes for meetings #15 on February 28, 2023, and #16 and March 6, 2023. Jack Humphreville seconded.
MOTION PASSED, with 12 for and 2 abstentions.
Jennifer will update the agenda template to represent the year 2023, instead of 2022.
- IV. Public Comment: 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

VI. Updates

- A. Update of CF 11-1020-S3 – A discussion on the council file was slated for this week, but not scheduled. Discussion date is still undetermined.
 - 1. Ordinance suggested by Ellise Ruden
 - 2. Elise has resigned
 - a) Elise Ruden is no longer the City Attorney for BONC, but has been reassigned within the department that services DONE. A new City Attorney will be announced at Monday's BONC meeting.
- B. Update on meetings with newly elected officials
 - 1. No updates. Councilmember Blumenfield scheduled an appointment with the Budget Advocates last week, but the meeting was later cancelled.

VII. New Business

- A. 3rd Financial Status Report released – CF22-0600-S101 – The report was released on March 10.
- B. Controller's Revenue Forecast
 - 1. Jack Humphreville provided a brief report on the document, projecting that revenues will rise about a point, but expressing concerns regarding ULA and other City responsibilities. Revenues of a projected 600 million or more will be collected starting April 1.

VIII. Old Business

- A. Department meetings
 - 1. Budget Requests
 - 2. Spreadsheet
 - 3. White Paper
 - a) Theme is Restart, Reform, Refocus...
- B. Budget Advocates at a crossroads
 - 1. The executive Committee decided to proceed with: writing to Stacy Shore for advice regarding the City Attorney's Office; and meeting with Interim General Manager Vanessa Serrano to discuss reinstating the Budget Advocates on the contribution form. A brief history of the Budget Advocates' interactions with Raquel is being composed.
- C. December 19 meeting with Raquel Beltran to discuss Budget Advocates funding
 - 1. At the December 19 meeting, Kay Hartman and Jennifer Goodie requested written documentation reflecting the General Manager's proposal on Budget Advocates funding, Since Raquel has now vacated the position, the subject will be discussed in general terms with the Interim General Manager.

IX. Committee Reports

- A. Executive Committee - Co-chairs Jennifer Goodie & Kay Hartman
 - 1. Letter to support SB-411
 - 2. Letter to support restoration of NC funding
 - I. If able, Glenn will work on the letter to support the restoration of Neighborhood Council funding, which will then be sent out, once available.
- B. Finance Committee – Treasurer Brian Allen
All the Financial Reports were distributed for review. Brian will be creating financial reports to post on the webpage covering the past two years, along with the documents provided at this meeting. The Finance Committee will discuss details of the 2022-23

Budget in relation to these existing numbers, which reflect expenses during COVID.
Email Brian to participate.

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

Brian moved to approve the financial statements, Jay Handal seconded.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, with 14 for and 0 abstentions.

C. Outreach – Vice Chair of Communications Samantha McBride – Not present

D. Bylaws – Chair Glenn Bailey – Not present

E. Budget Day – Chair Kay Hartman

Speakers and panelists are still being secured.

1. Volunteers needed for committee
2. Meetings are 2nd and 4th Saturdays

F. Training and Education – Vice Chair of Development Barbara Ringuette

1. Barbara sent out ideas to help members get started on writing and structuring reports. She is available to consult individually, as well.

G. Ad Hoc Editing – Chair David Hunter

1. Editing work has not yet started, as reports are still being collected.

H. Ad Hoc Restructuring – Chair David Hunter – Not present

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

E. 3rd Financial Status Report released – [CF 22-0600-S101](#)

XI. Upcoming Meetings and Events

A. BONC Monday March 20th, 2023 1:00 p.m.

B. LANCC Saturday April 1st, 2023 10:00 a.m.

C. Budget Advocates April 3rd, 2023 7:00 p.m.

D. BONC Tuesday April 4th, 2023 6:00 p.m.

E. Budget Advocates Saturday April 15th, 2023 9:30 a.m.

F. LANCC Saturday May 6th, 2023 10:00 a.m.

G. Budget Day June 17, 2023 9:30 a.m.

XII. Items for Future Meeting Agendas – Please send items for future agendas to labudgetadvocates@gmail.com

XIII. Adjournment – Jennifer Goodie adjourned the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

Next meeting April 3, 2023 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of Budget Advocate meeting #17 (March 18)

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March 26, 2023