



Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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Zoom Meeting

June 5, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting #22

Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Kevin Davis	Present	1	Barbara Ringuette	Present	7
Cindy Cleghorn	Present	1	David Hunter	Absent	7
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Brian Allen	Present	2	Lynda Valencia	Present	8
Garry Fordyce	Present	2	Samantha McBride	Absent	8
Scott Wright	Present	2	-----	-----	8
Glenn Bailey	Present	3	Elias Garcia	Present	9
David Uebersax	Absent	3	-----	-----	9
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Howard Katchen	Present	4	Jennifer Goodie	Present	10
Brandon Pender	Present	4	-----	-----	10
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Jack Humphreville	Absent	5	Jay Handal	Present	11
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Ernesto Castro	Absent	6	Sheryl Akerblom	Present	12
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- I. Welcome and Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Jennifer Goodie at 7:03 p.m., with a quorum of 15 in attendance.
- II. Roll Call: See above for board member attendance, Lionel Mares (Sun Valley Neighborhood Council) was also in attendance.
- III. Approval of minutes from meeting #21 Sunday May 21st, 2023
Jay moved to approve the minutes from meeting #21 on Sunday, May 21, 2023. Howard seconded. MOTION PASSED, with 12 yes, 0 no, and 2 abstentions.
- IV. Public Comment on non-agenda items within subject matter jurisdiction – None
- V. Announcements
 - A. Please ask your NCs to post to Nextdoor and Social Media about Budget Day

- B. Announcements from DONE – John Darnell – Not present.
- C. Vacancies, seeking Budget Advocates for the following regions – One each in regions 1, 3, 4, 7, and 8, two each in regions 5, 6, 9, 10, and 12
 - 1. Reach out to Glenn, Kay, and Jennifer
 - 2. Elections will be held at Budget Day
- D. Officer Elections are coming up soon. Please take a look at the job descriptions in the bylaws and think about running

VI. Updates – No updates.

VII. New Business

A. Congress of Neighborhoods

- 1. Workshop – Kay Hartman has reserved a spot in the queue for Budget Advocates to present a workshop.
Glenn Bailey moved that the Budget Advocates hold a workshop at the annual Congress of Neighborhoods. Howard Katchen seconded.
MOTION PASSED, with 14 yes, 1 no, and 0 abstentions.
- 2. Tabling – Jennifer Goodie moved to take the early tabling shift, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm.
Barbara Ringuette seconded.
MOTION PASSED, with 15 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstention

B. July 3rd Budget Advocates meeting

Jennifer Goodie moved to reschedule the July 3 meeting and to send out a doodle poll after elections, so new board members can vote. Sheryl Akerblom seconded.
MOTION PASSED with 14 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstention

VIII. Old Business

A. Department meetings

- 1. Budget Requests
- 2. Spreadsheet
- 3. White Paper
 - a) Theme is Restart, Reform, Refocus...
 - b) MOTION to approve white paper – Postponed to next meeting, once the paper is complete.

B. CF 11-1020-S3 – Elise told Kay Hartman during the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC) retreat that she was thinking about just striking the language that the Budget Advocates don't like and she suggested appealing to BONC to change the policy language that feels unsupportive. BONC is currently claiming that they have no authority over alliances (including Budget Advocates), which leaves DONE in charge.

Kay has continued trying to schedule a meeting with Petty and Vanessa to ask that all monies donated to the Budget Advocates be received by the Budget Advocates. The payments denied were done so by funding representatives, who Petty said were new and following the law to the letter, instead of allowing for appropriate considerations. Three payments were intended for Budget Advocates but approved for budget advocacy. Two others intended for Budget Advocates were denied.

C. Discussion with Hydee Feldstein Soto – No updates have been requested, in accordance with Stacy Shore's recommendation to work things out with Vanessa Serrano first.

D. Discussion with Vanessa Serrano – Kay is still trying to schedule a meeting with Vanessa and Petty. She continues reminding Vanessa about the request.

E. SB-411

- 1. Senator Portantino will be hosting a Zoom Session on the status of Senate Bill 411 this upcoming Wednesday, June 7th at 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. [Registration Link](#).
- 2. As of last meeting, the bill had passed in the Senate, but had not yet been officially moved to the Assembly. This bill affects the ability to attend meetings virtually, as well as in person. Members are encouraged to add comments in the week prior to the hearing by

having a pdf ready to submit as soon as comments are open. The registration link is above.

IX. Committee Reports

- A. Executive Committee – Jennifer Goodie and Kay Hartman, Co-chairs – Discussion topics have been covered throughout the agenda.
- B. Finance Committee – Brian Allen, Treasurer – Item postponed until next meeting, in hopes of receiving more complete numbers from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE). Treasurer, Brian Allen is still reconciling with DONE and will provide reports to match the past budgets posted on the website. Payments to Kristina Smith/The Mailroom are being addressed and were delayed due to the City Clerk’s claim of an outdated BTRC. AppleOne has sent the NCBA account to collections. Anyone wanting to discuss next year’s budget should contact Brian. The committee currently includes Jennifer Goodie, Kay Hartman, Glenn Bailey, and Garry Fordyce.
 - 1. March 2023 Financial Report
 - 2. April 2023 Financial Report
 - 3. May 2023 Financial Report
- C. Outreach – Samantha McBride, Chair – Not present.
- D. Bylaws – Glenn Bailey, Chair – Nothing will be presented for this term, due to lack of time for the required two readings. Pressing changes were addressed last term.
- E. Budget Day – Jennifer Goodie and Kay Hartman, Co-chairs – June 17th, 2023
 - 1. Volunteers needed for committee – Committee members are needed. Meetings are held on second and fourth Saturdays, with more frequent meetings moving forward.
 - 2. Meetings are 2nd and 4th Saturday’s
 - a) Event Planning
 - I. Mayor Bass and Council President Paul Krekorian are confirmed as keynote speakers. Bob Blumenfield’s office provided a graphic for advertising (taken as confirmation), Kenneth Mejia remains unconfirmed. Jennifer Goodie will follow up through Wednesday, Vanessa Serrano has submitted a video.
 - II. Ray Regalado, Scott Wright, Jennifer Goodie and Kay Hartman are confirmed as plenary speakers. The panel includes Jacqueline Hamilton and Bernyce Hollins (Mayor’s budget team), Matt Szabo and Jacob Wexler (CAO’s Office), Rick Cole (Controller’s Office) and Omar Cardenas (Civil & Human Rights and Equity Department; L.A. REPAIR), with Elizabeth Chou (LA Public Press, former City Hall beat reporter) moderating.
 - III. Graphics will be sent to DONE and to Budget Advocates members. These are to be shared with Neighborhood Councils for use in social media posts. Members should be reminding Neighborhood Councils about Budget Day in their regional announcements. EventBrite emails are going out, as well as a social media campaign featuring individual speakers. Glenn Bailey will continue asking that DONE post the event to the EmpowerLA calendar.
 - IV. Neighborhood Councils still have the ability to appoint Budget Representatives before Budget Day. If Budget Representatives have not been appointed or are absent, treasurer and president may vote.
- F. Training and Education – Barbara Ringuette, Chair – No new information.
- G. Ad Hoc Editing – David Hunter, Chair – Kay Hartman is working on final edits and is rewriting a last report.
- H. Ad Hoc Restructuring – David Hunter – No new information.

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 - [CF22-0600-S96](#)
- C. 2nd Financial Status Report released - [CF22-0600-S99](#)

- D. [Controller's Revenue Forecast](#)
- E. [3rd Financial Status Report released - CF22-0600-S101](#)
- F. [4th Financial Status Report released - CF22-0600-S104](#)
- G. [Chief Legislative Analyst report 23-05-0278, dated May 31, 2023, relative to the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget Special Studies - CF 23-0600-S18](#)

XI. Upcoming Meetings and Events

- A. BONC: Tuesday June 6, 2023 at 6:00p.m.
- B. Budget Day: June17, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.
- C. BONC: Monday, June19, 2023 at 1:00p.m.

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

XIII. Adjournment – Jennifer Goodie adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Next meeting Budget Day! June 17th.

Minutes of Budget Advocate Meeting #22 (June 5)
ELSPETH WEINGARTEN
June 14, 2023