

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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**Zoom Meeting
September 18, 2021, 9:30 a.m.
Meeting #5 Minutes**



Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Kevin Davis	Present 10:22	1	Barbara Ringuette	Present	7
Lanira Murphy	Present 9:53-10:58	1	Ronee Reece	Present	7
Emilie Hill	Present	1	David Hunter	Present 10:58	7
Brian Allen	Present 9:40	2	Jamie Tijerina	Excused	8
Glenn Bailey	Present	2	Liz Amsden	Present	8
Garry Fordyce	Present	2	-----	-----	8
Carol Newman	Present	3	Elias Garcia	Present	9
Lee Blumenfeld	Present	3	Elice Hennessee	Absent	9
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Howard Katchen	Present	4	-----	-----	10
Brandon Pender	Present 9:39	4	Hugo Rodriguez	Present	10
Jack Humphreville	Present	5	Jay Handal	Present 9:39 Returned 10:07	11
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Daniel Perez	Present	5	Jon Liberman	Present	11
Ernesto Castro	Absent	6	Danielle Sandoval	Present 10:04	12
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Margarita Lopez	Present	6	Gina Martinez	Absent	12

I. Welcome and Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Jennifer Goodie at 9:33am, with a full quorum reached at that time.

II. Roll Call: See above for Roll Call.

Peter Lasky (Northridge West NC) and Denny Schneider (Westchester/Playa NC) and a representative from Echo Park NC were also present.

III. Public Comment on non-agenda items: None.

IV. Congress of Neighborhoods - Saturday, September 25, 2021:

A. Exhibitor Booth: what time slot do we want? Budget Advocates have the second time slot of the Exhibitor's Fair, 10:25am –1:25pm. More volunteers are needed to take half-hour shifts participating in the Zoom room.

B. Volunteers for Congress ad-hoc committee: The committee needs more volunteers. The group has met and will provide details to the Planning Committee. Kay, Jennifer and Glenn are point of contacts.

V. Budget Day:

A. Wrap up 2021: Item postponed to next meeting.

B. Setting date for 2022 – third Saturday in June?: Item postponed to next meeting.

1. Do we have Budget Day in 2022?

C. Regional follow-ups – Several regions expressed interest in meeting more than annually: Item postponed to next meeting.

1. Email survey
2. Quarterly meetings for regions' Budget Reps

VI. Committee Reports:

A. Outreach-Budget Advocate promo video: A volunteer is needed to take over the video project from Liz. A Publication Committee is proposed to approve reports directly to publication. A set of publication standards will be determined.

B. Bylaws Committee update: Item postponed to next meeting.

C. Finance & Budget Committee update: This year's potential budget was distributed and based on actuals from last year. Lanira will add a column for Projected Revenues and will consider adding columns to show when expenses were submitted to DONE versus when they were paid, and "future contributions from Neighborhood Councils that have not yet been committed to."

Kay moved to approve the budget. Jay seconded.

Jon moved to amend the motion to state, "...to accept the proposed budget as presented, with the addition of proposed revenues."

Glenn seconded the amendment.

VOTE on the amendment:

MOTION PASSED, with 17 for, 2 opposed and no abstentions.

VOTE on the motion as amended:
MOTION PASSED, with 14 for, 2 opposed and 3 abstentions.

VII. NCBA Committees:

A. Sign-up for committees:

1. Outreach: Item postponed to next meeting.
2. Finance & Budget: Item postponed to next meeting.
3. Budget Day: Item postponed to next meeting.
4. Budget Report/White Paper: More committee members are needed for departments including: City Attorney, Building and Safety, Cannabis, CAO, Controller, Finance, Information Technology, Personnel, City Planning, Transportation and the Retirement System.
5. Publications: Desire to restart a committee designated to approve documents for publication, to avoid the process of seeking approval from the entire board. Liz, Carol and Lee volunteered to participate in the committee.

Carol will research the Bylaws regarding the process of such approval. Lee, Jon and Brandon will participate in determining a process by which to publish, and through which the Budget Advocates can use their own byline. A vote to form the committee will take place at the next meeting.
6. Departmental: Item postponed to next meeting.

VIII. Upcoming trainings: Barbara will be distributing information on training and coaching regarding how departments are set up and how to interview them, take notes and prepare reports, in order to have successful meetings and documents. The handbook will be sent out shortly. Jacob Wexler will lead trainings discussing where to find needed budget information.

Department meetings will start at the beginning of October. A point person with experience should be selected from each team to call meetings, organize notes and to lead the meeting. A list of final talking points should be sent one-to-three days before the meeting.

Kay will compile a list of comments from Budget Day breakout sessions. Members must e-mail Barbara within a day or two specifying additional departments they can cover.

Trainings are scheduled for October 4 at 5:30pm, before the next full meeting. The regular Zoom ID will apply, and can be shared with Budget Reps.

IX. End of Fiscal Year 2020-21 Financial Report: No Financial Reports were distributed with the agenda. Item postponed to next meeting.

X. Minutes Meeting #2 July 17, 2021 and Meeting #3 August 2nd, 2021: Jay move to approve item 7. Jon seconded.

Garry proposed corrections to the names Linda Gravani and Steve Slutzah in minutes #2 and #3.

Jay moved to approve the item as corrected by Garry on item 7. Jon seconded as corrected.

MOTION PASSED, with 19 for and no abstentions.

XI. 2020-21 Wrap Up: Item postponed to next meeting.

- A. What did we do right?
- B. What do we need to improve?

XII. Upcoming Town Halls: Item postponed to next meeting.

XIII. Adjournment: Jay move to adjourn at 11:14am. Jon seconded.

Next meeting Oct. 4th 9:30am

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Minutes of Budget Advocate meeting #5 (Sept. 18)

ELSPETH WEINGARTEN
Oct. 4, 2021