

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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West Los Angeles, CA 90045



January 18, 2020, 9:30 a.m.

Meeting #14 Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Kevin Davis	Present/Phone	1	Connie Acosta	Present	7
John DiGregorio	Excused	1	Tony Michaelis	Present/Phone	7
VACANT	-----	1	Barbara Ringuette	Present 9:35	7
Brian Allen	Present	2	Dentis Fowlkes	Absent	8
Glenn Bailey	Present	2	Brian McCain	Absent	8
Garry Fordyce	Present	2	Jamie Tijerina	Absent	8
Jeffrey Mausner	Present	3	Elias Garcia	Absent	9
Carol Newman	Present	3	Evelyn Valdez	Absent	9
Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Present	3	VACANT	-----	9
Jeanette Hopp	Present 10:15	4	Tracey Brown	Present	10
Howard Katchen	Excused	4	Carol Derby-David	Present	10
Brandon Pender	Present/Phone	4	Jennifer Goodie	Present	10
Jack Humphreville	Present	5	Jay Handal	Absent	11
Patrick Seamans	Present/Phone 9:35-11:10	5	Jacqueline Le Kennedy	Absent	11
Charles Taylor	Absent	5	Jon Liberman	Present	11
Ernesto Castro	Absent	6	Melanie Labrecque	Excused	12
Nina Smith	Absent	6	Danielle Sandoval	Present/Phone 10:00 In Person 10:21	12
VACANT	-----	6	Dr. Princess Sykes	Present/Phone 9:50	12

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 9:30 by Co-Chair Carol Newman with a full Quorum at that time.

2. Roll Call: See above. In addition, Budget Representatives present were: Pat Crone (North Hills West NC), Josh Nadal (Palms NC), Priscilla Anchondo (Reseda NC and former BA and Budget Rep; Currently on the Council for LADOT/ L.A. City and on the Pedestrian Advisory Committee), and Kay Hartman (Palms NC), arriving at 9:35. KJ Clark (former Budget Advocate) was present by phone at 9:35 and John Darnell (Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment) was present by phone at 10:07.

3. Public Comment: None.

4. Approval of minutes from Meetings #11, #12 and #13 (Carol Newman and Nina Smith): Postponed until the next meeting.

5. Treasurer's Report (Howard Katchen): Jon Liberman moved to approve, Jennifer Goodie seconded. One abstention, no oppositions. MOTION PASSED.

6. Vacancies in Regions 1, 6 and 9 (Carol Newman and Tony Michaels): Glenn Bailey will get a name from Arleta to Kevin. He asked that Region 1 handle it and that Kevin Davis contact the person.

7. Status of publishing the White Paper book (Carol Newman and Kay Hartman): Jack Humphreville will send Carol Newman the final draft of the cover memo for the White Paper early next week.

8. Artwork for White Paper (Carol Newman and Barbara Ringuette): Joanne Yvanek-Garb moved to accept the latest version of artwork, Jon Liberman seconded. No abstentions, one opposition. MOTION PASSED.

9. Budget Day (Carol Newman, Jack Humphreville, and Committee): Outreach Committee: Danielle Sandoval, Glenn Bailey, John DiGregorio, Joanne Yvanek-Garb, Tracey Brown, and maybe Melanie Labrecque.

Budget Day Committee: Barbara Ringuette, Glenn Bailey, Joanne Yvanek-Garb, Brian McCain, Josh Nadel, John DiGregorio (if he wants to do it), and Connie Acosta (new volunteer)

Carol Newman named Barbara Ringuette as chair of the Budget Day Committee and Danielle Sandoval was reaffirmed as chair of the Outreach Committee.

a. Proposed Speakers: Mayor Garcetti, Nury Martinez, Rich Llewellyn and/or others from CAO's office, Jay Handal, Los Angeles Times reporter Susan Shelley, Ron Galperin, Paul Krekorian.

Jack Humphreville will ask Diana Mangioglou on behalf of the Mayor; Joanne Yvanek-Garb will ask Nury Martinez; Jack Humphreville will ask Ackley Padilla (Nury's Chief of Staff); Carol Newman will ask Jay Handal; Barbara Ringuette will ask Ron Galperin; and Joanne Yvanek-Garb will ask Paul Krekorian. Also asked will be the CAO and Susan Shelley of the LA Daily News.

Budget Advocates must prepare speakers by asking them to limit speaking time to no more than 10 minutes and to keep their subject matter to budget-related conversations.

b. Current status

10. Outreach (Danielle Sandoval and Committee):

a. Getting save-the-date out to NCs and their webmasters.

Danielle Sandoval e-mailed Save the Date messages to the City Council People a long time ago and now needs to e-mail the Neighborhood Councils. She will send these to Carol Newman, Jack Humphreville, and the Budget Day committee and then will send them out to Neighborhood Councils.

b. Thumb drives

Carol Newman instituted moving forward with the existing deal on the thumb drives.

11. Attendance at Department meetings (Barbara Ringuette):

Barbara Ringuette recognized Jack Humphreville, Garry Fordyce, Jeff Mausner, Howard Katchen, Barbara Ringuette, Carol Newman, Liz Amsden, Dentis Fowlkes, Evelyn Valdez, Carol Derby-David, Tracey Brown, Josh Nadel, and Kay Hartman for attending their meetings.

12. Bylaws Committee (Tony Michaelsis):

The Bylaws Committee will meet February 3 at 4:00 p.m. at the DONE offices on the 20th floor of City Hall prior to the next Budget Advocates meeting. The committee will review material for bylaw changes, in order to make recommendations either at that meeting or the following meeting and will request specific language to be reviewed at the meeting.

13. City Watch (Jack Humphreville and Carol Newman):

Jack Humphreville moved to extend the CityWatch contract through the end of June. The contract fee costs \$1,000 per month, totaling \$5,000 for this extension. Joanne Yvanek-Garb seconded. Two abstentions, no oppositions. MOTION PASSED.

14. Update on BA visits to NCs (Carol Newman):

North East Valley, Region 1 – Kevin Davis:

- Kevin Davis goes every other month to Sun Valley and Mission Hills
- John DiGregorio is assigned to Panorama City and was supposed to cover North Hills East
- Ann Job was previously covering Arleta, Sun Valley, Pacoima, and Sunland Tujunga

North West Valley, Region 2 – Glenn Bailey:

All eight councils have been seen in person and have seen a BA either monthly, or every other month, though not always for a report.

Region 3 – Jeff Mausner:

- Jeff Mausner: Lake Balboa, Encino (attends every other meeting – e-mails president to see if they want him to attend), Woodland Hills, Tarzana (attends every meeting - home council)
- Joanne Yvanek-Garb: West Hills, Woodland Hills, Canoga Park, Winnetka (Been to all at least three times).

Region 4 – Jeanette Hopp:

- Jeanette Hopp: Went to Reseda Council a couple times.
- One NC (can't remember which) is not seeing BAs at all because they couldn't find the location.
- Brandon Pender is the other BA assigned to the region and not attending.

Region 5 – Jack Humphreville:

- Jack Humphreville is covering all the councils.
- Has attended all except East Hollywood.

Region 6:

No one in attendance.

Region 7:

-Connie Acosta: Echo Park and Elysian Valley. Volunteered to cover Atwater for Tony Michaelis.

-Barbara Ringuette: Silverlake.

-Brian Allen volunteered to cover Los Feliz for Tony Michaelis.

Josh Nadel and Jack Humphreville will prepare monthly talking points for Neighborhood Council visits for Budget Advocates. Both will work with Danielle Sandoval to come up with a plan and will send it to the point people for each NC Region.

Reports at Neighborhood Council meetings should include:

- 1) What we have done/ just finished.
- 2) What we're doing now.
- 3) What is coming up in the future.

15. Point person for each Council district (Carol Newman): Postponed until the next meeting.

16. Outreach podcast project (Brandon Pender and Josh Nadal): Postponed until the next meeting.

17. Working with Budget Reps (Carol Newman): Postponed until the next meeting.
a. Meeting with Budget Reps

18. Website – outdated, needs calendar, etc. (Carol Newman and Melanie Labrecque): Postponed until the next meeting.

19. Housing Committee (Connie Acosta): Postponed until the next meeting.

20. People to attend alliances and BONC: Postponed until the next meeting.

21. Updates from NC alliances, NC's and BONC: Postponed until the next meeting.

22. New business:

a. Decide at one of the next two meetings how the White Paper copies get handed out.

b. Discussion of how many copies of the White Paper need to be printed:

All BA's

99 for NC's

Copies for all departments (someone will have to distribute to all the offices)

Council members

CAO, Controller (2 copies per office)

Copies for Budget Day (will decide number)

c. Danielle Sandoval will look into prices for an amplifier to help those on the phone hear table discussion more clearly.

23. Adjournment: 11:35 p.m.

Next meeting – February 3, 2020

Deadline date for future agenda items to be submitted: January 31, 2020