

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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200 N. Spring Street #2005, Los Angeles, CA 90012
Monday, June 4, 2018 - 7 pm



Meeting #22 Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Brian Allen	Present (7:15)	2	Branden Pender	Present (7:20)	4
Liz Amsden	Present	8	William Morrison	Absent	8
Glenn Bailey	Present	2	Carol Newman	Present	3
Freddy Cupen-Ames	Present	4	Robert Newman	Absent	6
Carol Derby-David	Present	10	Christopher Perry	Absent	9
Kevin Davis	Present (7:40)	1	Rick Ramirez	Present	1
John DiGregorio	Present	1	Barbara Ringuette	Present	7
Adrienne Nicole Edwards	Present (7:20)	6	Danielle Sandoval	Absent	12
Valaida Gory	Present	10	Patrick Seamans	Absent	5
Diedra Greenaway	Present	2	Dr. Princess Sykes	Present (8:10)	12
Jay Handal	Present	11	Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Absent	3
James Hornik	Present	6	Open		3
Jack Humphreville	Excused	5	Open		7
Howard Katchen	Present (7:20)	4	Open		7
Oren Katz	Absent	5	Open		8
Brigette Kidd	Present	9	Open		9
Melanie Labrecque	Present (7:20)	12	Open		10
Jon Liberman	Present (7:20)	11	Open		11

- The meeting was called to order by Jay Handal at 7:09 PM
- Jay Handal called roll and 13 members were present. John Darnell, representing Empower LA, was present.

BA ITEM 2 Roll Call		
Present-13	Excused-01	Absent – 15
Amsden, Bailey, Cupen-Ames, Derby-David, DiGregorio, Gory, Greenaway, Handal, Hornik, Kidd, C. Newman, Ramirez, Ringuette	Humphreville	Allen, Davis, Edwards, Labrecque, Liberman, Katchen, Katz, Morrison, R. Newman, Pender, Perry, Sandoval, Seamans, Sykes, Yvanek- Garb

Brian Allen joined the meeting at 7:15 PM. A quorum of 14 Members was reached at 7:15 PM.

- Public Comment on items NOT on the agenda (max: 10 minutes/2 minutes per person). None. Adrienne Edwards, Howard Katchen, Melanie Labrecque, Jon Liberman and Brandon Pender, joined the meeting at 7:20 PM.
- Treasurer’s report and motion to approve. Treasurer Katchen reviewed footnoted report and move of funds rolled back into operations.

BA ITEM 4 Motion to approve Treasurer’s report Moved: DiGregorio Second: Liberman			
Yes-19	No-00	Abstain-00	Absent – 10
Allen, Amsden, Bailey, Cupen-Ames, Derby-David, DiGregorio, Edwards, Gory, Greenaway, Handal, Hornik, Katchen, Kidd, Labrecque, Liberman, C. Newman, Pender, Ramirez, Ringuette			Davis, Humphreville, Katz, Morrison, R. Newman, Perry, Sandoval, Seamans, Sykes, Yvanek- Garb

- a. Report-back on funding from Neighborhood Councils. Not all monies have been received.

5. Motion to approve \$3,000 to continue the Budget Advocates’ CityWatch deal through September.

BA ITEM 5 Approve up to \$3,000 to continue the Budget Advocates’ CityWatch deal through September. Moved: Liberman Second: DiGregorio			
Yes-19	No-00	Abstain-00	Absent – 10
Allen, Amsden, Bailey, Cupen-Ames, Derby-David, DiGregorio, Edwards, Gory, Greenaway, Handal, Hornik, Katchen, Kidd, Labrecque, Liberman, C. Newman, Pender, Ramirez, Ringuette			Davis, Humphreville, Katz, Morrison, R. Newman, Perry, Sandoval, Seamans, Sykes, Yvanek- Garb

6. Introduction of Brandon Pender as new BA for Region 4

7. Report-back on getting Neighborhood Councils to appoint Budget Representatives prior to Budget Day – two per NC. BAs need to send the appointed representatives’ names and contact info to Jay Handal and Liz Amsden.

Kevin Davis joined the meeting at 7:40 PM.

- 8. Discussion and assignment of responsibilities for Budget Day
 - a. Publicizing of Budget Day – John DiGregorio is working on 2 minute promos / Jay Handal has a DVD with the Mayor and LADWP from a few years ago and will send to John DiGregorio to use. Will be using YouTube, EmpowerLA weekly newsletter, City Watch, Los Angeles Times and Press Releases.
 - b. Status event portal for registration – Freddy Cupen-Ames showed registration on Eventbrite.
 - c. Report on working with Council District offices – Budget Advocates who have not yet done so need to get the name and contact info on the person who works with each Councilmember on budget issues as well as the outreach contact to get Budget Day information into their weekly newsletters.
 - d. Matt Szabo from the Mayor’s office, Herb Wesson, Paul Krekorian, Rich Llewellyn, Grayce Liu, Joy Atkinson and Ron Galperin are all confirmed as speakers

Dr. Sykes joined the meeting at 8:10 PM.

Item 9 was moved to after new business and Item 10 was moved up.

10. Motion to approve Budget Advocate Exit Survey.

BA ITEM 10 Approve Budget Advocate Survey Moved: C. Newman Second: Derby-David			
Yes-21	No-00	Abstain-00	Absent – 8
Allen, Amsden, Bailey, Cupen-Ames, Davis, Derby-David, DiGregorio, Edwards, Gory, Greenaway, Handal, Hornik, Katchen, Kidd, Labrecque, Liberman, C. Newman, Pender, Ramirez, Ringuette, Sykes,			Humphreville, Katz, Morrison, R. Newman, Perry, Sandoval, Seamans, Yvanek- Garb

11. Report-back on working with DONE on a presentation on the Budget Advocates to be included as a featured component of every DONE training for new NC board members. Tabled to after Budget Day.

A hand out with an organizational chart detailing how Budget Advocates interact with the City Budget was reviewed and will need more work. The updated trifold from last Budget Day will be used for Budget Day.

12. Report-back on letter to the Mayor concerning the Budget Advocates’ exclusion from the City Council Chambers for the State-of-the-City address and confirming meetings with the Mayor and his budget team going forward. Waiting till after review of the list of who was invited and who actually attended.

13. New business. None.

9. Roundtable on Budget Advocates organization – what works, what doesn’t, what are our goals for 2018-2019? The Budget Advocates broke up into three groups to discuss.

14. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned after roundtable discussions at 9:00 PM.

Our next scheduled meeting will be to finalize Budget Day and will be on Saturday, June 16th at 10 am at the West Los Angeles Municipal Building.