



Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting #18 Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Kevin Davis	Present 7:28	1	Barbara Ringuette	Present	7
Cindy Cleghorn	Present	1	David Hunter	Present 7:12	7
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Brian Allen	Present 7:25	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
Myrra Bolla	Resigned	4	-----	-----	10
Jack Humphreville	Excused	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 7:06 p.m., with 13 members in attendance at that time.
- II. Roll Cal: See above. Also in attendance was John Darnell, Neighborhood Empowerment Advocate, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.
- III. Approval of minutes from meeting #17 on March 18th, 2023 – Postponed due to lack of quorum.
- IV. Public Comment on non-agenda items within subject matter jurisdiction – None.
- V. Announcements
 - A. Announcements from DONE (John Darnell)
 1. Happy 6th DONE-iversary, John!
 - a) John Darnell gave a brief report announcing that Neighborhood Council meetings are now being held in person and that the first BONC meeting will be held in person tomorrow at 6:00 p.m., at city hall in room 1060 of the 10th floor.

b) Elections have been held for regions 11 and 12. Today is the last date to register to vote for Region 4. John will continue to be the contact person for the Budget Advocates.

B. Resignation of Myrra Bolla – Myrra Bolla resigned from the Budget Advocates, leaving a vacancy in region 4.

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

VI. Updates:

A. Update on meetings with newly elected officials – None

VII. New Business Last night Kay distributed the April report to Neighborhood Councils, which included a link to a survey on Neighborhood Council priorities. This survey is also available on the Budget Advocates' webpage. Members are asked to complete the survey and pass it on to Neighborhood Councils in their region. All stakeholders are invited to participate and to detail anything they'd like to see from the Budget Advocates, as well as any concerns with City Hall, or with the budget overall.

A. [April Report to NCs](#)

B. [Survey on NC priorities](#)

VI. Old Business

A. Department meetings Members provided status updates on reports and department meetings. Completed reports are requested ASAP.

1. [Budget Requests](#)

2. [Spreadsheet](#)

3. [White Paper](#)

a) Theme is Restart, Reform, Refocus... – David Hunter is working on the theme paper.

B. [Budget Advocates at a crossroads](#)

1. Update on letter to Stacy Shure – Kay spoke to Stacy Shure about approaching the City Attorney and was advised not to approach any elected officials, but to speak with Vanessa first. The contribution form will be included in any discussion.

IX. Committee Reports:

A. Executive Committee – Jennifer Goodie & Kay Hartman, Co-chairs

1. Letter to support restoration of NC funding – Jennifer will be sending a draft to the board for comments and for discussion on whether it should be sent out individually, or from the Budget Advocates. Jennifer will also be providing the Mayor with an analysis of Neighborhood Council spending over the last five years, sent from the Budget Advocates.

B. Finance Committee – Brian Allen, Treasurer

1. March 2023 Financial Report – No March Financial Report available.

a) Webmaster Kristina Smith has not been paid this fiscal year. Vanessa is looking into the matter.

C. C. Outreach – Samantha McBride, Chair – Not present

D. Bylaws – Glenn Bailey, Chair

1. Glenn reminded everyone to please review the Bylaws and submit any comments for consideration in setting the committee agenda.

E. Budget Day – Jennifer Goodie & Kay Hartman, Co-chairs

1. Volunteers needed for committee

a) Speakers are being locked in. The EventBrite is up and was included in the Monthly Report. Please register.

2. Meetings are 2nd and 4th Saturdays

a) April 8th meeting canceled – The next will be on Saturday, April 22 at 5:00 p.m.

F. Training and Education – Barbara Ringuette, Chair

1. Barbara is available to help those trying to get started on writing or structuring a report.

G. Ad Hoc Editing – David Hunter, Chair

1. The committee is waiting for reports, accordingly they have not yet begun editing.

H. Ad Hoc Restructuring – No update

IX. 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](#)

X. Upcoming Meetings and Events

- A. BONC: Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
- B. Budget Advocates: Saturday, April 15, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.
- C. BONC: Monday, April 17, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. – BONC has arranged an option for stakeholders to continue participating virtually. Until further notice, meetings will be held at City Hall.
- D. LANCC: Saturday, May 6, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
- E. Budget Day: Saturday, June 17, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

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

XII. Adjournment – Jennifer adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Next meeting April 15, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Minutes of Budget Advocate meeting #18 (April 3)

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