



Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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Zoom Meeting

August 7, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting #2 Minutes

| Board Members | Roll Call | Region | Board Members | Roll Call | Region |
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| Kevin Davis | Absent | 1 | Barbara Ringuette | Present | 7 |
| Cindy Cleghorn | Present | 1 | David Hunter | Present | 7 |
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| Brian Allen | Absent | 2 | Lynda Valencia | Present | 8 |
| Garry Fordyce | Present 7:22 pm | 2 | ----- | ----- | 8 |
| Scott Wright | Present | 2 | ----- | ----- | 8 |
| Glenn Bailey | Present | 3 | Elias Garcia | Present | 9 |
| David Uebersax | Present | 3 | ----- | ----- | 9 |
| Jamie York | Present | 3 | ----- | ----- | 9 |
| Howard Katchen | Present | 4 | Jennifer Goodie | Present | 10 |
| Brandon Pender | Present 7:16 pm | 4 | Skei Saulnier | Present | 10 |
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| Jack Humphreville | Present till 7:44 pm | 5 | Jay Handal | Present | 11 |
| ----- | ----- | 5 | Kay Hartman | Present | 11 |
| ----- | ----- | 5 | Adriana de la Cruz | Absent | 11 |
| 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 Kay Hartman at 7:04 p.m., with a full quorum in attendance.
- II. Roll Call – See above.
Also in attendance were Budget Representatives: Miran Kalaydjian (Lake Balboa Neighborhood Council/ President, Winnetka Neighborhood Council), Xcevio Zuniga (Mid City West Neighborhood Council) and Lionel Mares (Sun Valley Neighborhood Council).
- III. Approval of minutes from meeting #1 July 15, 2023
Howard Katchen moved to approve the minutes from meeting #1 on July 15, 2023. Jay Handal seconded.
MOTION PASSED, with 14 yes, 0 no, and 2 abstentions.
- IV. Public Comment on non-agenda items within subject matter jurisdiction – None
- V. Announcements
 - A. Announcements from DONE – John Darnell not in attendance

- B. Vacancies, seeking Budget Advocates for the following regions – One each in regions 1, 4, 7, 10 and 12, and two each in regions 5, 6, 8, and 9
 - 1. Reach out to Co-Chairs and Parliamentarian
 - a) Cindy is preparing elections. Those interested may self-nominate. Potential candidates will be asked to provide proof of their status as Budget Representatives. The first deadline is August 11, followed by August 18.
- C. City Council Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee schedule has changed now meets on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m.
 - 1. Those interested can subscribe to get the agenda. Co-chairs can send the link, if needed.

VI. Updates – None

VII. New Business

- A. MOTION to authorize the Budget Advocates to spend up to \$200 to print flyers for the exhibitor table at the Congress of Neighborhoods

Jay Handal moved to support the item. Howard Katchen seconded.
MOTION PASSED, with 17 yes, 0 no, and 1 abstention.
- B. MOTION to set the date for Budget Day 2024 (third Saturday is June 15, 2024) – Budget Day 2024 will be held in person at City Hall.

Jay Handal moved to approve the date of June 15, 2024. Jack Humphreville seconded.
MOTION PASSED, with 16 yes, 0 no, and 2 abstentions.
- C. Our next Monday meeting is scheduled for September 4 at 7:00 p.m., the last day of the Labor Day weekend. Do we want to keep this date or move to another?

Glenn Bailey will check projected attendance among those who frequently attend. The matter of quorum will also be agendized for the retreat.
Kay Hartman moved to keep the regular meeting date of September 4. Glenn Bailey seconded.
MOTION PASSED, with 13 yes, 4 noes, and 1 abstention.

VIII. Old Business

- A. DISCUSSION on topics to agendize for the Budget Advocates Retreat. What would you like to see agendized?
 - 1. The retreat will be three hours and it will be made available as a hybrid meeting. Discussion will be held regarding committees. Members brought forward the following subjects to be agendized:
 - a) Jamie York is interested in the group advocating for more tools to be provided for the public, including tools to make City Council and City Hall accessible; and in learning more about Council District-specific income and expenditures.
 - b) Skei Saulnier has interest in what City services has been spending in various categories, such as maintaining streets, sidewalks, crosswalks, and in various City services across different Council Districts.
 - c) Garry Fordyce shared that the DONE on-boarding session provided a good model by which the Budget Advocates might consider addressing the learning curve experienced by new members.
 - d) Glenn Bailey asked that Jack share recommendations with the group about where he finds his information; and about how to monitor the committees and better anticipate their schedules, regarding ballot measures.
 - e) Jamie York has interest in looking into the department for centralization of data within the City; in how Budget Advocates can be proactive, instead of reactive, about the budget process; in how the group can communicate more effectively to the Neighborhood Councils; and in advocating that the City Clerk open the Council budget file much earlier than they do, to allow Neighborhood Councils more flexibility in registering their statements.
- B. Congress of Neighborhoods - Saturday, September 23, 2023 at City Hall
 - 1. Exhibitor Fair Shift 1, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We have a table inside
 - 2. Registration opens on August 19

- IX. Committee Reports – Chairs may check the [Committee Spreadsheet](#) to view members currently registered:
- A. Executive Committee – Kay Hartman and Glenn Bailey Co-chairs
 - I. Members are asked to respond to Kay’s Doodle poll to arrange meeting times. The plan is to hold one meeting before the retreat, then to begin a regular meeting schedule after that.
 - B. Finance Committee – Brian Allen Chair – not in attendance
 - C. Outreach Committee – Jennifer Goodie Chair – No new information
 - D. Bylaws Committee – Cindy Cleghorn Chair
 - I. Cindy asked that interested members join the committee and weigh in on possible meeting times. She has proposed meeting on the second Saturday of each month, after the PlanCheck meeting. Current members include Cindy, Kay, Glenn, Garry and Jennifer.
 - E. Training and Education Committee – Kevin Davis Chair – Not present
 - F. Ad Hoc Editing Committee – Kay Hartman and Glenn Bailey Co-chairs
 - I. Members currently include: Jay Handal, Jennifer Goodie, Melanie Labrecque, Brandon Pender, Kay Hartman and Glenn Bailey.
 - G. Ad Hoc Budget Day Committee – Kay Hartman and Jay Handal Co-chairs
 - I. John Darnell will meet with the committee in November, to begin planning. A prior meeting date will be scheduled in October, to prepare for the meeting.

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. L.A. REPAIR Cohort 1 Program design and voting results. - [CF 21-1187](#)
- G. 4th Financial Status Report released - [CF 22-0600-S104](#)
- H. [Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes](#)

XI. Upcoming Meetings and Events:

- A. Budget Advocates Retreat Saturday, August 19, 2023, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (in-person at West Los Angeles Municipal Building, 1645 Corinth Avenue, Los Angeles 90025)
- B. BONC: Monday, August 21, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.
- C. City Council Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee: Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.
- D. LANCC: Saturday, September 2, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
- E. Congress of Neighborhoods: Saturday, September 23, 2023

XII. Items for Future Meeting Agendas

- A. Send items for future agendas to labudgetadvocates@gmail.com.

XIII. Adjournment – Co-chair Kay Hartman adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Next regular meeting will be the Board Retreat on August 19, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. In-person at the West Los Angeles Municipal Building, 1645 Corinth Avenue, Los Angeles 90025

Minutes of Budget Advocate Meeting #2 (August 7)
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August 12, 2023