

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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Zoom Meeting
October 4th, 2021, 7:50 p.m.
Meeting #6 Minutes



Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Kevin Davis	Present 8:25	1	Barbara Ringuette	Present	7
Lanira Murphy	Present	1	Ronee Reece	Present	7
Emilie Hill	Present	1	David Hunter	Present	7
Brian Allen	Excused: Present till 7:59 Returned 8:16	2	Jamie Tijerina	Absent	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	Present	9
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Howard Katchen	Present 7:53	4	-----	-----	10
Brandon Pender	Present	4	Hugo Rodriguez	Absent	10
Jack Humphreville	Present	5	Jay Handal	Absent	11
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Daniel Perez	Absent	5	Jon Liberman	Present	11
Ernesto Castro	Present	6	Danielle Sandoval	Present	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 7:51pm, with a full quorum reached at that time.
- II. Roll Call: See above for Roll Call.

Also present were: Lynda Valencia (Arroyo Seco NC), Reina Cerros McCaughey (Woodland Hills Corner Center NC), Denny Schneider (Westchester/Playa NC), and Ian McMillan (Park Mesa Heights NC).

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

IV. Elections To Fill Vacancies: Election notices were distributed to Region 8. Former Budget Advocate Lynda Valencia was recommended and has expressed interest in filling the position, with expectation of receiving appointment as a Budget Rep at her next Neighborhood Council board meeting. Other Councils will still be notified.

Carol Ann Rose has volunteered to represent Region 4. Howard and Brandon are seeking clarification from North Hollywood West on whether she is a Budget Rep, or could become one. Regions 3, 5, 6 and 10 will be contacted next, in that order.

V. White Paper/Department Reports:

A. Theme Suggestions: Everyone should be reviewing reports on the website from previous years to consider a theme for this year. This will also help frame conversations in department meetings.

B. Editing Team: David will join Carol, Elice, Liz, Kay and Sheryl on the editing team to review reports and the White paper. Before proceeding, the team will prepare and publish an exact format for elements such as margins, type and font.

C. Updates-Barbara: Budget Advocates and Budget Reps can sign up on the Google Document to participate in additional departmental teams. Please request any needed training sessions, additional details, or individual help. Members must inform Barbara which team members are fulfilling which roles within the committee, the meeting date and progress of meetings and reports.

VI. Congress of Neighborhoods Recap - Saturday, September 25, 2021, including Workshop and Virtual Exhibit: Attendees should complete event surveys to assist in future planning. Next year's Congress will take place on September 24, 2022. Videos from all sessions will be posted on the webpage at Neighborhoodcongress.la, including the workshop Jack and Liz held on the budget.

Jennifer moved to approve Jack's paper "Critical Analysis of the City's Budget II" with slight edits to turn it into an article, rather than a talk. Jon seconded.

Garry moved to amend the motion to approve this document and the paper containing Liz's comments together. Jennifer and Jon rejected the amendment.

MOTION PASSED, with 14 for and 3 abstentions.

Kay moved to approve the paper “Robbing Peter to Pay Paul” with Liz’s comments and to include it together in one paper with Jack’s. Carol seconded. MOTION PASSED, with 15 for, 1 opposed and 2 abstentions.

Both articles will include a statement saying, “Comments by Liz Amsden and Jack Humphreville at Congress of Neighborhoods,” along with the date.

VII. Committee Reports:

A. Outreach-Kay:

1. Sign ups for Outreach Committee: Kay is leading the committee, with Lanira, Brandon, Jamie participating. Those interested in joining should contact Kay.
2. Town Halls: Town Halls are being scheduled for the upcoming quarter, with discussion starting after the Outreach Committee meets. All Budget Advocates should to submit their suggestions to Kay within the week.
3. SLAANC presentation: Budget Advocates have been invited to present at SLAANC’s November meeting on the third Thursday of the month, for 45 minutes. Budget Advocates from Region 9 & 10 are especially encouraged to attend. Contact Jennifer with interest in helping present.
4. Quarterly Region Meetings: Planning will start for quarterly regional meetings, based on requests from Budget Day breakout room sessions. A date will be determined in November, or early December, likely beginning with Region 1.

B. Bylaws Committee:

The committee resumed meetings after Budget Day and is working on Membership and on Article 4, putting forward an amendment to change requirements for the financial report from presentation once every meeting, to once a month, to reflect the group’s lack of a P-Card and the lack of regular updates from DONE.

The first reading of the amendment will be on October 16, with its second reading at the November meeting.

C. Budget Committee:

1. July 2021 and August 2021 Financial Statements:

Kay move to approve the report, including both documents. David Hunter seconded.

MOTION PASSED, with a Roll Call vote of 19 for, 1 opposed and no abstentions.

Budget Advocates will resume conversation with DONE to seek monthly financial reports and bills paid upon receipt.

D. Publication Process/Procedures Ad Hoc Committee: Jon, Lee and Brandon created a procedural flow chart to regulate the approval and publication of articles under the Budget Advocate byline. The document follows the customary flow of publication and will not apply to other documents.

1. Report back - Proposed Publication Flow Chart and Review Criteria:
The flow chart details the path a proposed article will take through committees and for approval to publication. Papers will be reviewed based on the criteria of Form and Function and will be rejected for Function concerns, when lacking cited backup sources. Submissions will be reviewed within 14 days and minority positions will be required within a designated time limit. Rejections will be accompanied with detailed explanation.

Approval of the item was tabled to the next meeting. All suggestions and modifications should be submitted to Lee, Kay and Brandon in advance.

VIII. Adjournment: Jennifer will circulate a roster with updated emails and phone numbers. Jennifer adjourned the meeting at 9:33pm.

Next meeting is October 16th 9:30 am

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Minutes of Budget Advocate meeting #6 (Oct. 4)

ELSPETH WEINGARTEN
Oct. 15, 2021