

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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**West Los Angeles Civic Center
1645 Corinth Ave #201, Los Angeles, CA 90025
Saturday, February 16th, 2019 at 10 AM**

Meeting #15 Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Kevin Davis	By phone	1	Tony Michaelis	By phone	7
John DiGregorio	Present	1	Barbara Ringuette	Present	7
Rick Ramirez	Present	1	Connie Acosta	Present (11:45)	7
Brian Allen	Excused	2	Liz Amsden	Present	8
Glenn Bailey	Present	2	Jamie Tijerina	Present (10:30)	8
Diedra Greenaway	Absent	2	Jose Orozco Pelico	Absent	8
Jeffrey Mausner	By phone	3	Chelsea McElwee	Present	9
Carol Newman	Present	3	Evelyn Valdez	Absent	9
Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Present	3	VACANT	--	9
Jeanette Hopp	Present (10:16)	4	Carol Derby-David	Present	10
Howard Katchen	Present (10:11)	4	Erick Morales	Absent	10
Brandon Pender	By phone/Present	4	KJ Clark	By phone (10:13)	10
Jack Humphreville	By phone	5	Jay Handal	Present	11
VACANT	--	5	Jacqueline Le Kennedy	Present	11
Patrick Seamans	By phone (11:23)	5	Jon Liberman	Present	11
James Hornik	By phone	6	Melanie Labrecque	Excused	12
Adrienne Nicole Edwards	Absent	6	Danielle Sandoval	By phone (10:10)	12
Nina Smith	Present (11:05)	6	Dr. Princess Sykes	Present	12

1. Call to order: Chair Jay Handal called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.
2. Roll Call: see above. In addition, Ben Carson (?? NC) and Julien Antelin (DONE) attended in person, and Garry Fordyce, Budget Rep from North Hills West NC, by phone.
3. Public Comment: Glenn Bailey circulated save-the-date cards for the 2019 Congress of Neighborhoods on September 28th and noted that the planning committee was already setting up break-out sessions.
4. Approval of minutes from Meeting #14 (February 4th): MOTION: By Chelsea McElwee, second by Jon Liberman to approval the minutes from meeting #14 (February 4th). No-one opposed, no abstentions, motion passes unanimously.
5. Treasurer's report: MOTION: By Jon Liberman, seconded by John DiGregorio for the approval of Treasurer's report for the current period. No-one opposed, one abstention (Glenn Bailey), motion passes.

6. White Paper:

Jay Handal will discuss cover concepts with the graphic artist recommended by Jamie Tijerina.

MOTION: By John DiGregorio, seconded by Dr. Princess Sykes to send suggestions for White Paper cover to graphic designer. No vote taken but Jay Handal will follow up and any Budget Advocates with ideas other than those discussed are to send them to the Co-Chairs asap. The cover needs to be finalized by the last week of February to allow for printing.

This meeting's recap will address why the Budget Advocates will now be presenting the White Paper to the Budget and Finance Committee instead of the Mayor.

Presentation to the Budget and Finance Committee will be during public comment, tentatively on March 4th, coupled with a request for the Committee members to read the report and agendize a response asap.

A press conference will be scheduled after the presentation and Budget Advocates should request Budget Representatives from the Neighborhood Councils for which they are responsible, as well as interested board members and stakeholders, join the Budget Advocates at the press conference.

Following presentation to the Budget and Finance Committee, hard copies will be distributed to the Mayor and City Councilmembers. All Neighborhood Council board members on DONE's distribution list will be sent an electronic copy. One hard copy will be given to each Neighborhood Council by their Budget Advocate at their next board meeting.

KJ Clark will contact the City Clerk's office as part of an effort to determine into what other languages if any, the White Paper should be translated to reach people with limited English-language reading proficiency.

Jay Handal will follow up on engaging a PR firm or person to help with releases and media placement.

Every Budget Advocate should e-mail John DiGregorio with contact info on neighborhood-specific media outlets (community papers, blogs, etc.).

The Outreach Committee will prepare and distribute a plan to publicize and advertise the White Paper and promote the Town Halls prior to the next meeting.

7. Outreach: Logistics for the Town Halls were discussed but most are not finalized. Point people for each Town Hall should update the google doc but not until plans are confirmed. People needing translation at the Town Halls should contact the Co-Chairs. Proposed agendas are to be submitted to the Co-Chairs for approval.

MOTION: By Jon Liberman, seconded by John DiGregorio to approve up to \$1,500 for a digital camera and accessories to record the Town Halls and future Budget Advocate events. One opposed (Howard Katchan), one abstention (Connie Acosta), motion passes.

John DiGregorio will discuss best practices for the Budget Advocates to work under the DONE umbrella with John Darnell and Julien Antelin, and will circulate a proposal to the Budget Advocates prior to the next meeting.

8. 'The Legacy of Redlining in Los Angeles' paper:
MOTION: By Jamie Tijerina, seconded by John DiGregorio that the Outreach Committee distribute a proposal for publicizing and distributing the paper prior to the next meeting. No-one opposed, no abstentions, motion passes unanimously.
9. Getting our message out: Tabled.
10. Collating Budget Advocate recommendations/progress: Tabled.
11. Bylaws Committee: Draft of revised Budget Advocate elections procedures will be circulated for discussion.
12. Tasks for Budget Advocates: Jay Handal reminded Budget Advocates to start submitting articles related to their City Department reports to CityWatch.
13. Housekeeping: Tabled indefinitely
14. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:
CHELSEA MCELWEE
2018 - 2019 NCBA Secretary