

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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Los Angeles City Hall, DONE Office
200 N. Spring Street 20th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012
Monday, March 4th, 2019 at 7 PM



Meeting #16 Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Kevin Davis	Present (7:08)	1	Tony Michaelis	Present	7
John DiGregorio	Present	1	Barbara Ringuette	Present	7
Rick Ramirez	Present (7:03)	1	Connie Acosta	Present	7
Brian Allen	Present	2	Liz Amsden	Present	8
Glenn Bailey	Present (7:08)	2	Jamie Tijerina	Absent	8
Diedra Greenaway	Absent	2	Jose Orozco Pelico	Absent	8
Jeffrey Mausner	Present	3	Chelsea McElwee	Absent	9
Carol Newman	Present (7:10)	3	Evelyn Valdez	Present (7:15)	9
Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Present (7:19)	3	VACANT	VACANT	9
Jeannette Hopp	Excused	4	Carol Derby-David	Present	10
Howard Katchen	Present (7:08)	4	Erick Morales	Present	10
Brandon Pender	Absent	4	KJ Clark	Present	10
Jack Humphreville	Present	5	Jay Handal	Absent	11
VACANT	VACANT	5	Jacqueline Le Kennedy	Present	11
Patrick Seamans	Present (7:19)	5	Jon Liberman	Present	11
James Hornik	Absent	6	Melanie Labrecque	Present	12
Adrienne Nicole Edwards	Absent	6	Danielle Sandoval	Present (7:30)	12
Nina Smith	Present (7:16)	6	Dr. Princess Sykes	Absent	12

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Co-Chair Liz Amsden.
2. Roll Call: At the beginning of the meeting, a quorum of 14 Budget Advocates were present. 9 more Budget Advocates joined the meeting later, bringing the total to 23. John Darnell from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, Ms. Eleanor Smith from Park Mesa Heights NC, Mr. Garry Fordyce from North Hills West NC, Mr. Bryan Ochoa from LADOT, and Mr. Richard Brady from Matrix Consulting also joined the meeting.
3. Public Comment: Mr. Ochoa spoke on LADOT's Vision Zero, which is looking to partner with community based organizations and resident leaders to facilitate outreach. Anybody interested is invited to contact Mr. Ochoa [at bryan.ochoa@lacity.org](mailto:bryan.ochoa@lacity.org).
4. Approval of the Minutes from Meeting #15 (February 16th):

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MOTION: Mr. Liberman moved to approve the minutes subject to changes. Vice-Chair Ringuette seconded.
SUPPORT: 15 votes
OPPOSE: 0 votes
ABSTAIN: 3 votes (Secretary Morales, Ms. Clark, and Mr. Allen)
MOTION PASSED. MINUTES FOR MEETING #15 APPROVED.

5. Treasurer's Report:

Vice-Chair DiGregorio and Mr. Liberman will work with Treasurer Katchen on facilitating the camera purchase.

MOTION: Secretary Morales moved to approve the Treasurer's report for the most current period. Mr. Liberman seconded the motion.

SUPPORT: 18 votes

OPPOSE: 1 votes (Mr. Allen)

ABSTAIN: 0 votes

MOTION PASSED.

6. Matrix Consulting Group: Mr. Brady presented Matrix's study of LAPD basic car area boundaries. Matrix's study will include soliciting community input from the neighborhood councils and community police advisory boards.

7. White Paper Meeting with Mayor Garcetti: Co-Chair Amsden announced that this meeting will occur on March 14th at 4 PM. The Budget Advocates will receive a Doodle poll soon regarding their availability.

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The following Budget Advocates volunteered to study the following topics for discussion at the meeting: Mr. Humphreville on the structural deficit and an earlier release of the budget; Vice-Chair DiGregorio on personnel.

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8. White Paper: Co-Chair Handal is working on the cover for the White Paper. 165 copies will be printed to be distributed to each neighborhood council, city council office, the Mayor, and each Budget Advocate. Treasurer Katchen will print at Office Depot when he receives the final version.

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The Budget Advocates are waiting on information from Co-Chair Handal regarding the press conference.

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9. Legacy of Redlining in Los Angeles Position Paper: Co-Chair Amsden asked for an update on this item.

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10. Outreach: Ms. Clark spoke on the upcoming Budget Advocates town halls being planned throughout the city. Ms. Amsden noted that any agenda needs to be run through the Co-Chairs before publication. All financial information needs to be directed to Treasurer Katchen. Ms. Clark will have all town hall facilitators send their event budgets to Treasurer Katchen.

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Ms. Amsden asked how copies of the redlining position paper to be distributed at the town halls would be printed. Ms. Clark responded that funds to print the position paper copies were included in the budget.

Vice-Chair DiGregorio announced that he would meet with DONE by the end of the month to address any concerns about the last Budget Advocates survey. Co-Chair Amsden asked that Vice-Chair DiGregorio coordinate with DONE regarding what DONE requires for the survey to be sent out on their official channels. Vice-Chair DiGregorio also stated that he would look into putting the survey on Controller Ron Galperin's city-wide NextDoor.

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Co-Chair Handal is working with a PR firm for a press release. If Co-Chair Handal does not report back on this, Mr. Pender will write up a one-page press release and send to his media contacts. Co-Chair Amsden will add funding for radio ads as an item on the next agenda.

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11. Bylaws Committee: an amendment to conduct the Budget Advocates elections before Budget Day was presented by Parliamentarian Newman. Any concerns should be emailed to the Parliamentarian and Co-Chairs. The item will be placed on the next agenda for a second read.

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12. Budget Day 2019 Discussion: This item was postponed.

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13. Budget Advocates Fellowship Program: Mr. Michaelis presented a potential program that would link graduate students in public policy with the Budget Advocates. Mr. Michaelis is currently in contact with CSULA regarding this potential program.

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MOTION: Vice-Chair Ringuette moved to authorize Mr. Michaelis to continue discussing a potential Budget Advocates Fellowship program with CSULA and to bring back a proposal for the program to the Budget Advocates Board. Mr. Allen seconded the motion.

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SUPPORT: 22 votes

OPPOSE: 0 votes

ABSTAIN: 0 votes

MOTION PASSED.

14. Report-back from discussions with Fernando Campos; this item was postponed for a future meeting.

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15. Motion to hire someone to collate the Budget Advocates recommendations for the past five years: this item was postponed for a future meeting.

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16. Budget Advocates Tasks: this item was postponed for a future meeting.

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17. New Business: Secretary Morales requested that the Executive Committee consider a committee to evaluate the Budget Advocates structure and effectiveness. Secretary Morales volunteered to chair any such potential committee.

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18. Adjournment: All other items were postponed. Co-Chair Amsden adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM.

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:
ERICK M. MORALES
2018 - 2019 NCBA Secretary