

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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Meeting #11 Minutes – December 2, 2019

Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Kevin Davis	Present/Phone 7:21	1	Connie Acosta	Present 7:14	7
John DiGregorio	Present/Phone	1	Tony Michaelis	Excused	7
VACANT	----	1	Barbara Ringuette	Present/Phone	7
Brian Allen	Present	2	Dentis Fowlkes	Present/Phone	8
Glenn Bailey	Present	2	Brian McCain	Present	8
Garry Fordyce	Present	2	VACANT	----	8
Jeffrey Mausner	Present	3	Elias Garcia	Present	9
Carol Newman	Present	3	Evelyn Valdez	Absent	9
Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Excused	3	VACANT	----	9
Jeanette Hopp	Present	4	Tracey Brown	Absent	10
Howard Katchen	Present/phone 7:05	4	Carol Derby-David	Present	10
Brandon Pender	Present/Phone	4	Jennifer Goodie	Present	10
Jack Humphreville	Present	5	Jay Handal	Absent	11
Patrick Seamans	Excused	5	Jacqueline Le Kennedy	Absent	11
Charles Taylor	Present 7:20	5	Jon Liberman	Present 7:05	11
Ernesto Castro	Absent	6	Melanie Labrecque	Present/Phone	12
Nina Smith	Present 7:12	6	Danielle Sandoval	Absent	12
VACANT	----	6	Dr. Princess Sykes	Present	12

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Co-chair Carol Newman at 7:03 p.m. with a full Quorum by 7:05.

2. Roll Call: See above. In addition, Budget Representatives and stakeholders present were: Josh Nadel (Palms NC), Tina Chinakarn (Palms NC); and Kay Hartman (Palms NC. arriving at 7:12). Former Budget Advocate KJ Clark was present by phone at 7:05.

3. Public Comment: Josh suggested bringing food to the next meeting.

4. Approval of minutes from Meetings #7, 8, 9, and 10 (10/7/19, 10/19/19, 11/4/19, 11/16/19) (Carol Newman): Jacqueline Kennedy requested a change to Minutes #8. Jeanette Hopp moved, Jon Liberman seconded. MOTION PASSES.

5. Treasurer's Report (Howard Katchen): Howard Katchen moved for approval of the report, Jennifer Goodie seconded. One abstention, one opposition. MOTION PASSES.

6. Vacancies in Regions 1, 6, 8 and 9 (Carol Newman and Tony Michaelis): People in charge of the regions were asked to contact Melanie Labrecque to make sure she has the updated list of Budget Reps and to follow up with the NC's in their regions to choose their Budget Reps. Melanie will send the most updated list of Budget Reps to all Budget Advocates.

7. Status of Department reports (Ms. Newman and Kay Hartman):

a. **New** information can be submitted in a paragraph

8. Status of editing reports (Ms. Newman and Ms. Hartman): The status of editing the departmental reports was discussed.

9. Discussion of Departmental meetings (Ms. Newman): A discussion took place.

10. Motion to declare Mayor and City Council to be fiscally irresponsible (Jay Handal and Jack Humphreville): Jack Humphreville will prepare a letter and circulate it by e-mail so that the Budget Advocates can have read it and decide what to do about it at the next meeting. Carol Newman moved to postpone discussion of the motion, John DiGregorio seconded. One abstention, no oppositions. MOTION PASSES.

11. Status of CIS/Motion for the Budget to be presented by Feb. 1 (Ms. Humphreville): Postponed until the next meeting.

12. Theme for White Paper (Mr. Humphreville and Ms. Newman): A discussion took place on the issue.

13. Artwork for White Paper (Ms. Newman): Carol Newman requested a report from the Artwork Committee at the next meeting. All ideas were to be sent to Barbara Ringuette.

14. Attendance at Department meetings (Barbara Ringuette): Discussion on the issue.

15. Outreach (Danielle Sandoval): Danielle Sandoval will send Budget Day "Save the Dates" to webmasters so attendees can see something coming up in their Calendars.

16. Bylaws Committee (Mr. Michaelis): The Bylaws Committee will set up a meeting.

17. City Watch (Mr. Humphreville, Liz Amsden): A discussion took place on the status of the City Watch project.
18. Budget Day 2020 (Ms. Newman):
 - b. Reserving rooms (Glenn Bailey): John Darnell will contact the Council President to confirm that all necessary room reservations have been made.
 - c. Save-the-date letter handed out (Ms. Newman and Joanne Yvanek-Garb)
 - d. Identify possible speakers for Budget Day (Ms. Newman and Ms. Yvanek-Garb): Discussion postponed until the next meeting. / Budget Advocates should e-mail speaker suggestions to Carol Newman and Jack Humphreville.
19. Update on BA visits to NC's (Ms. Newman): Budget Advocates should plan to attend Neighborhood Council meetings in January and early February to make a ceremonious delivery of the White Paper (electronic copies will also be distributed on flash drives).
20. Housing Committee (Connie Acosta): Discussion on issue.
21. Point person for each Council district (Ms. Newman): Postponed until the next meeting.
22. Website – outdated, needs calendar, etc. (Ms. Newman): Postponed until the next meeting.
23. Working with Budget Reps (Ms. Newman): Postponed until the next meeting.
 - e. Meeting with Budget Reps
24. People to attend alliances and BONC: Request that any available Budget Advocates attend the BONC meeting tomorrow night, especially those from Region 6.
25. Updates from NC alliances, NC's, and BONC: Postponed until the next meeting.
26. Business cards (Melanie): Melanie Labrecque will bring the printed business cards to the third-Saturday meeting, unless they can be distributed before then.
27. New business: Glenn Bailey asked that the Budget Advocates keep up on important council files, but no one volunteered to take this on.

28. Adjournment: 8:53 p.m.

Next meeting – December 21, 2019

Deadline date for future agenda items to be submitted: December 18, 2019