



Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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Zoom Meeting
January 21, 2023, 9:30 a.m.
Meeting #13 Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Kevin Davis	Present	1	Barbara Ringuette	Present 9:41	7
Cindy Cleghorn	Present	1	David Hunter	Present till 11:27	7
Vacant Seat	-----	1	Vacant Seat	-----	7
Brian Allen	Present	2	Lynda Valencia	Present	8
Garry Fordyce	Present	2	Samantha McBride	Absent	8
Scott Wright	Absent	2	Vacant Seat	-----	8
Glenn Bailey	Present	3	Elias Garcia	Present till 11:00	9
David Uebersax	Present	3	Vacant Seat	-----	9
Vacant Seat	-----	3	Vacant Seat	-----	9
Howard Katchen	Present till 11:35	4	Jennifer Goodie	Present	10
Brandon Pender	Present 10:11	4	Vacant Seat	-----	10
Myrra Bolla	Present	4	Vacant Seat	-----	10
Jack Humphreville	Absent	5	Jay Handal	Absent	11
Vacant Seat	-----	5	Kay Hartman	Present	11
Vacant Seat	-----	5	Adriana de la Cruz	Present	11
Ernesto Castro	Absent	6	Sheryl Akerblom	Present till 11:32	12
Vacant Seat	-----	6	Vacant Seat	-----	12
Vacant Seat	-----	6	Vacant Seat	-----	12

- I. Welcome and Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Jennifer Goodie at 9:36 am, with a full quorum in attendance.
- II. Roll Call: See roll call above.
Also in attendance: Budget Representative Tess Taylor (Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council) and guest Mark.
- III. Approval of minutes from meeting #12 January 2nd: The minutes for Meeting #12 on January 2, 2023, postponed for consideration at the next meeting.
- IV. Public Comment: None.
- V. Vacancies, seeking Budget Advocates for the following regions – One each in regions 1, 3, 7, and 8, two each in regions 5, 6, 9, 10, and 12
 - A. Reach out to Glenn, Kay, and Jennifer – Anyone interested, or aware of someone interested in participating, should contact Glenn, Kay and Jennifer. Glenn will begin the process of conducting an email election in Region 12. Sheryl is helping collect information on the Budget

Representatives for each region. Details are appreciated. Candidate interest was expressed for Region 1.

B. Region 12 election forthcoming

VI. Administrative Secretary:

A. Adriana De La Cruz has resigned as Administrative Secretary but will remain a Budget Advocate

B. Election of replacement Administrative Secretary – Nominations were taken to fill the position vacated by Adriana De La Cruz.

Kay nominated Cindy Cleghorn as Administrative Secretary. Cindy accepted the nomination.

MOTION PASSED BY AFFIRMATION to approve Cindy Cleghorn as Administrative Secretary.

VII. Town Hall on DONE's FY 2023-24 Budget Request

A. February 11th at 12:30 pm

I. The Town Hall on DONE's FY 2023-24 Budget Request has been scheduled for February 11th at 12:30pm. Registration will be posted on the website. Members are asked to register and to request their Neighborhood Councils do the same.

II. Questions for the event may be sent to labudgetadvocates@gmail.com and will be consolidated the week of February 6. Those interested in participating will be sent the Zoom webinar link. The DONE Committee will be invited.

B. Registration

I. December 19 meeting with Raquel Beltran to discuss Budget Advocates funding – Jennifer Goodie and Kay Hartman met with Raquel on December 19, 2022, to discuss ground rules regarding both new and existing Budget Advocates funds moving forward. They have requested her proposal of how she envisions the funds being administered in writing and will respond accordingly, upon receipt.

VIII. Update on CF 11-1020-S3 – No changes have been made to the Council File. A meeting has been requested with Councilmember Bob Blumenfield's team, with no response as yet.

A. Ordinance suggested by Elise Ruden.

IX. Update on meetings with newly elected officials – Mayor Karen Bass, Heidi Feldstein Soto and Kenneth Mejia have been contacted to meet with the Budget Advocates. Follow up will continue.

X. Department meetings: Members provided status updates on reports and department meetings.

A. Budget Requests

B. Spreadsheet

C. White Paper

I. Theme is Restart, Reform, Refocus...

1. David Hunter volunteered to write the theme paper on the subject of "Restart, Reform, Refocus..." Reports must be submitted to provide the needed details.

XI. Task force to attend meetings of NCs with two vacancies to make ourselves known to those NCs and increase interest and possible participation – Budget Advocates are asked to attend an additional Neighborhood Council meeting to accommodate regions with only one representative. A spreadsheet specifying meeting details will be distributed for signup.

XII. Committee Reports:

A. Executive Committee – Jennifer Goodie & Kay Hartman

1. Neighborhood Councils are slated to begin meeting in person starting March 1. Virtual meetings could be resumed by June, if the urgency bill on the matter passes.

B. Finance Committee – Brian Allen

1. Reconciliation with DONE – Brian is in reconciliation with DONE regarding the financials and will be establishing a Budget Committee this week. He is working through paying additional invoices.

2. November 2022 Financial Report – Vote on the Financial Reports tabled until next meeting, when reports from November 2022 through January 2023 will be considered for approval.

C. Outreach – Samantha McBride – Not in attendance

- D. Bylaws – Glenn Bailey
 - 1. Members will be receiving the current Bylaws and are asked to review the document. Feedback will be incorporated.
- E. Budget Day – June 17th, 2023 – No chair yet appointed
 - 1. Volunteers needed for chair and committee
 - I. Upon an informal meeting, plans are being made to hold the event in person. Raquel is being consulted on expenses. The Mayor, the Controller, Councilmember Blumenfield and Councilmember Krekorian have been contacted to speak. Volunteers are needed for chair and committee members and may contact Kay or Jennifer at labudgetadvocates@gmail.com to participate.
- F. Training and Education – Barbara Ringuette
 - 1. The committee met with the new CAO, who spoke on the City's budget and plan to address homelessness. The CAO expressed a desire to coordinate with the Budget Advocates, moving forward.
- G. Ad Hoc Editing – David Hunter
 - 1. A committee has been created to edit the White Paper and department reports. David Hunter is Chair. Kay will participate. Email labudgetadvocates@gmail.com to join.
- H. Ad Hoc Restructuring – David Hunter
 - 1. The committee met and has begun discussion on the possible restructuring of the Budget Advocates' workflow.

XIII. 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 – [CF 22-0600-S96](#)
- C. 2nd Financial Status Report released – [CF 22-0600-S99](#)

XIV. Upcoming Meetings and Events:

- A. Budget Advocates February 6th, 2023 7:00p.m.
- B. BONC February 7th, 2023 6:00p.m.
- C. Budget Advocates Town Hall on DONE Budget February 11th, 2023 12:30p.m.
- D. Budget Day June 17, 2023

XV. Future Meeting Agendas: Send items for future agendas to labudgetadvocates@gmail.com.

XVI. Adjournment: Jennifer Goodie adjourned the meeting at 11:58 am.

Next meeting February 6th, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Minutes of Budget Advocate meeting #13 (January 21)
ELSPETH WEINGARTEN
January 29, 2023