

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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**West Los Angeles Civic Center
1645 Corinth Ave #201, Los Angeles, CA 90025
Saturday, January 19th, 2019 at 10 AM**

Meeting #13 Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Kevin Davis	Present	1	Tony Michaelis	By phone	7
John DiGregorio	Present	1	Barbara Ringuette	By phone/Present	7
Rick Ramirez	By phone	1	Connie Acosta	Present (10:13)	7
Brian Allen	Present	2	Liz Amsden	Present	8
Glenn Bailey	Excused	2	Jamie Tijerina	Present (10:38)	8
Diedra Greenaway	Absent	2	Jose Orozco Pelico	Absent	8
Jeffrey Mausner	Present	3	Chelsea McElwee	By phone	9
Carol Newman	Present	3	Evelyn Valdez	Absent	9
Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Excused	3	VACANT		9
Jeanette Hopp	Excused	4	Carol Derby-David	Present	10
Howard Katchen	Present (10:20)	4	Erick Morales	Excused	10
Brandon Pender	By phone	4	KJ Clark	Present	10
Jack Humphreville	Absent Present	5	Jay Handal	Present	11
VACANT		5	Jacqueline Le Kennedy	By phone (10:54)	11
Patrick Seamans	By phone (11:09)	5	Jon Liberman	By phone	11
James Hornik	Absent	6	Melanie Labrecque	By phone	12
Adrienne Nicole Edwards	By phone	6	Danielle Sandoval	Absent	12
Nina Smith	Present (10:27)	6	Dr. Princess Sykes	By phone	12

1. Call to Order: Jay Handal called the meeting to order at 10:02am.
2. Roll Call: See above for Budget Advocates.

Also in attendance: Garry Fordyce of North Hills West NC, Eleanor Smith of Park Mesa Heights NC, Ben Johnson of Reseda NC, Eric Preven of Studio City NC, and Dan Weissman. John Darnell of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment attended by phone.

3. Public Comment: Garry Fordyce is now one of the Budget Reps from North Hills West NC. John Darnell advised that the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment will sponsor a workshop on February 27th about how to get a city job, how to get on a city commission, and how to run for higher office. people who want to run for NCs need to register. There will be a workshop on how to apply for City jobs including openings for commissioners. Empowerment Congress North NC is developing a meeting to look at how opportunity zones are impacting Los Angeles.
4. Approval of minutes: Approval of minutes for Meeting #11 (December 15th) tabled as they have yet to be distributed.
MOTION: By Jon Liberman, seconded by KJ Clark to approve the minutes from meeting #12 (January 7th). No-one opposed or abstained, motion passes.

5. Treasurer’s report: Tabled. No changes from last meeting.
6. White Paper: Discussion on including reference to the FBI investigation of certain City officials in the White Paper. Budget Advocates will address impact on services and budget once there has been some resolution.

Brian will draft a paragraph to be approved by the Co-Chairs for distribution to Budget Advocates setting forth the Budget Advocates’ policy on the issue. There was consensus that since there have been no convictions, or even indictments, no individuals (or positions) should be named in the paragraph

There is a general consensus that a document identifying what the Budget Advocates have accomplished over the past 7 or 8 years is needed to help individual Budget Advocates respond to questions at NC meetings they attend. Those interested in putting this together should contact the Co-Chairs.

A new title for the White Paper was discussed.

MOTION by John DiGregorio, seconded by KJ Clark to rename the White Paper: “The Cost of Failed Leadership: The Solution, A City Manager”. Jon Liberman opposed. Jamie, ~~Jack~~, Connie, Tony and Liz abstained. Motion passes.

MOTION by Jon Liberman, seconded by Carol Newman, to approve the White Paper as circulated on January 18th with the addition of a reference to the current FBI investigation of City officials. Connie opposed, Jack abstained, motion passed.

7. Status Budget Advocate White Paper presentation to the Mayor: The Mayor’s office has yet to schedule a date.
8. Distribution of the White Paper. Following presentation to the Mayor:
 - (a) Neighborhood Council board members will be e-mailed a copy, and Budget Advocates will deliver one hard copy to each Neighborhood Council when they do their presentation of the White Paper. An outline for such presentation will be developed and distributed.
 - (b) Budget Advocates will deliver one hard copy to each Councilmember’ office following the meeting with the Mayor
 - (c) Budget Advocates who chaired meetings will be responsible for e-mailing a complete copy of the White Paper and its reports to all Department personnel with whom they met; will receive a hand delivered copy of the White Paper;
 - (d) Jack and Liz will prepare a press release to be sent along with an electronic copy of the White Paper to media outlets.
9. Redlining in Los Angeles position paper: Jaime Tijerina is adding a section on Opportunity Zones and will distribute prior to the February 4th Budget Advocate meeting for discussion. In the event the paper cannot be circulated prior to the 4th, this will be tabled until February 16th. Jamie and KJ will develop an Outreach event to release and publicize the paper.

10. Department meetings next year: Budget Advocates were asked to request specifics on why Departments want additional staff and funding as well as their suggestions on how to fund any increases. Committee members should also inquire about the elimination or reallocation of monies from the previous budget and the impact, if any, of the Mayor requesting across-the-board cuts. Additionally, those on committees were asked to resolve differences of opinion prior to submission of reports to the White Paper Committee.
11. Grayce Liu to answer Budget Advocates' questions: Grayce will be attending the meeting on February 4th.

A suggestion was made to request that the City Clerk and DONE refrain from setting meetings that are in conflict with standing meetings.

12. Updates:

- (a) There were approximately 1,250 responses to the survey. John has provided a PowerPoint of the survey results but is waiting for info from a contact at USC to break out the results by Council District and Region. A suggestion was made to reopen with a Spanish-language version and adding a question about how people heard about the survey.
- (b) Budget Advocate Town Halls will be scheduled between February 23rd through March to discuss the White Paper and survey results. They should be scheduled at different times and days to allow participation by as many stakeholders and Budget Advocates as possible. These will be a good opportunity to build the Budget Advocates e-mail list. Once dates are confirmed they will be circulated.

13. Outreach: Additional ideas tabled due to time constraints.

14. New Business: There are vacancies in several Regions. Budget Advocates were requested to talk to potential candidate and if they are interested to forward names and contact information to the Co-Chairs. Budget Advocates s in violation of the attendance requirements will be contacted by the Co-Chairs.

A question was raised about if the City would be on the hook for any costs in connection with the LAUSD strike.

15. Jay motioned for adjournment at 12:14 pm

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:
CHELSEA MCELWEE
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