

# Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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**Zoom Meeting**  
**Monday, February 1, 2021, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Meeting #16 Minutes**

Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Punam Gohel	Present	1	Barbara Ringuette	Present	7
Lanira Murphy	Present	1	-----	-----	7
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Brian Allen	Present	2	Jamie Tijerina	Excused	8
Glenn Bailey	Present	2	Liz Amsden	Present	8
Garry Fordyce	Present	2	Clint Birdsong	Absent	8
Carol Newman	Present	3	Elias Garcia	Present	9
Lee Blumenfeld	Present	3	-----	-----	9
Pat Bates	Present 7:07	3	Leslie Gamero	Present	9
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Howard Katchen	Present	4	Edmond Warren	Absent	10
Brandon Pender	Present 7:32	4	Hugo Rodriguez	Absent	10
Jack Humphreville	Present	5	Jay Handal	Present	11
Julia Moser	Excused	5	Kay Hartman	Present	11
Daniel Perez	Present	5	Jon Liberman	Present	11
Ernesto Castro	Present	6	Danielle Sandoval	Present 7:14	12
Naira Harootunian	Absent	6	-----	-----	12
Margarita Lopez	Present	6	Gina Martinez	Excused	12

1. Call to order / Roll Call: The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Liz Amsden at 7:02pm, with a quorum reached at that time. See above for Roll Call.

Budget Reps present were: Noreen Ahmed (North Westwood NC), KJ Clark (ECWANDC) and Kevin Davis (Foothill Trails District NC). Public guests present were: Lisa Hart (Silverlake/NC Sustainability Alliance) and an anonymous call-in guest.

2. Public Comment on non-agenda items:
  - Budget Reps: None
  - Stakeholders: Lisa Hart
3. Minutes:

Garry moved to approve minutes for Meeting #15. Jon seconded.  
MOTION PASSED, with 19 for and 3 abstentions.

Jon moved to approve minutes for Meeting #14. Garry seconded.  
MOTION PASSED WITH 19 for and 3 abstentions.

Jon moved to approve minutes for Meeting #13. Garry seconded.  
MOTION PASSED, with 19 for and 3 abstentions.

Glenn will provide a draft of remaining minutes before the next meeting.

4. Payments / Financial Statements: Lanira will continue following up with Man-Qin once a week to request DONE financial statements.
5. Financial Report: Lanira reported that outstanding invoices are starting to get paid. Jay offered to mediate the issue of Brian's concerns.

Brian moved to postpone the vote on approval of the Financial Report. Jon seconded and discussion followed.  
MOTION PASSED, with 18 for, 4 opposed and 2 abstentions.

6. Neighborhood Council Funding: Lanira and Howard will review how this has been handled in previous years.
7. Committees: There has been good progress. Committees should email Liz with updates and when papers can be expected.
8. Outreach to Departments: The Policies and Goals Committee is reaching out to Departments in order to provide the Mayor and others with brief reports; 11 are in process. Anyone interested in helping should contact Jack and Liz.
9. State of the City: Jack gave a brief report on the City's ongoing financial challenges. The recently released Comprehensive Annual Financial Report is Council File 21-0127.
10. Federal Funding: It looks unlikely for the City to receive anything in the near future.
11. CIS: None.
12. Town Halls: Julia has been in touch with Kevin de León's office to discuss dates. Those interested in helping, or with speaker suggestions, should contact Julia.
13. Budget Rep and NC contacts: Item tabled to next meeting.
14. NC Assignments and Reporting: Item tabled to next meeting.

15. Priorities: 1) Getting department reports to the Mayor. 2) Town Halls: Julia is working on these; dates are needed. 3) Committee Reports: more are needed; communicate with Liz about status. 4) Presentations to Neighborhood Councils.
16. Budget Advocate Replacements: Kay has been confirmed as the third Budget Advocate in Region 11. The next election will be in Region 12. Other openings still exist in Regions 1, 4, 7 and 9.
17. Formalization was discussed. Jay will set a meeting shortly.
18. New Business: Lanira will be tracking when invoices are sent to DONE and when paid.
19. Adjournment: Jay moved to adjourn at 8:18pm. Jack seconded.

The next Budget Advocate meeting will be on Saturday, February 20 at 9:30 am  
Please submit items for consideration to the Co-Chairs by February 12<sup>th</sup>

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Minutes of Budget Advocate meeting #16 (February 1)

ELSPETH WEINGARTEN  
February 8, 2021

NCBA APPROVED: March 1, 2021