

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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Zoom Meeting
Tuesday, September 15, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
Meeting #7 Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
John DiGregorio	Present	1	Barbara Ringuette	Present	7
Lanira Murphy	Excused	1	Connie Acosta	Excused	7
Michael Ebenkamp	Present	1	Seth Copenhaver	Present	7
Brian Allen	Present 7:25	2	Jamie Tijerina	Present 7:18	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	Albert Farias	Excused	9
Pat Bates	Present 7:54	3	Leslie Gamero	Present	9
Peter Haderlein	Excused	4	Jennifer Goodie	Present	10
Howard Katchen	Present	4	Edmond Warren	Absent	10
Brandon Pender	Absent	4	Hugo Rodriguez	Absent	10
Jack Humphreville	Present	5	Jay Handal	Excused	11
Julia Moser	Present	5	Jacqueline Le Kennedy	Excused	11
Daniel Perez	Present	5	Jon Liberman	Excused	11
Ernesto Castro	Absent	6	Danielle Sandoval	Present	12
Naira Harootunian	Absent	6	Claricza Ortiz	Excused	12
Margarita Lopez	Present	6	Gina Martinez	Present	12

1. Call to order / Roll Call The meeting was called to order by Co-chair Liz Amsden at 7:11 p.m., with a quorum of 19 reached at that time. See above for Roll Call.

Budget Representatives Sarah Ramsawack (North Hollywood North East NC), Jason Hector (Porter Ranch NC), David Lasher (Porter Ranch NC), KJ Clark (Empowerment Congress West Area NDC) and Steve Slutzah (Canoga Park NC) were present along with stakeholders: Tracey Brown (Empowerment Congress West Area NDC), David Pugo (Boyle Heights NC) and Chloé Ziegler (Eagle Rock NC). Also in attendance were Leida Alvarado and Yessica Ruiz (Spanish interpreters), and David Cunningham (note-taker).

2. Public Comment on non-agenda items –
 - for Budget Reps – Kay Hartman
 - for stakeholders – none noted

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3. Motion to approve minutes for Meeting #6 (August 31st) - postponed until the next meeting.
4. Motion to approve Financial Report - postponed until the next meeting.
5. Motion to approve \$10,000 for CityWatch for October 2020 through July 2021 – Motion by Garry, seconded by Jay. MOTION PASSED 13-7-2.
6. Motion to approve up to \$2,500 for LAPD Committee video – Motion by Daniel, seconded by John to approve. Following discussion, motion by Jennifer, seconded by Liz to circulate the proposed script and production details and postpone the vote until the next meeting. MOTION PASSED 15-5-0.
7. State of the City Budget – Jack reports the City is facing a financial crisis due to increased labor costs compounded by the reduction in revenues due to the pandemic.
8. Status BA presentation for Congress on 26 September – Budget Advocates are invited to attend the plenary presentation which includes a segment on the budget, as well as participate in the subsequent networking session on the Real City Budget.
9. Status grievances – Grievance #1 was heard and report is being drafted for consideration at the October 5th meeting. Grievance #2 was heard on Sunday, September 13th and the will continue this Sunday, September 20th. Grievances #3 and #4 have panelists in place but have not yet been scheduled.
10. Status Town Hall #1 – The Town Hall planned for October 3rd has been postponed to November.
11. Status Trainings – report postponed until the next meeting.
12. Update on Budget Advocate website including name, and social media – There is an option to select .org or .com for the new website. Motion by Glenn, seconded by Lee and Jamie to use .org as the domain name i.e. www.BudgetAdvocates.org. MOTION PASSED 12-3-2. Julia to talk to Jason Hector about Google analytics. Budget Advocates who have not submitted a photo should provide one to Julia or a generic silhouette will be used.

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13. Brief review of any committee paper(s) ready for distribution – Discussion on People’s Budgets – A History paper. Liz will take comments sent on the current draft under advisement and resubmit. Discussion on procedures and distribution.
14. Status committees [Liz] – postponed until the next meeting.
15. New Business – Greater Wilshire NC is presenting City Council 101 on September 23rd with Nick Greif, Chief of Staff for CD4 Councilmember David Ryu. Anyone can attend.
16. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

The next Budget Advocate meeting will be on Monday, October 5th at 7 pm

Please submit items for consideration to the Co-Chairs by September 29th

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

GLENN BAILEY

NCBA APPROVED: November 2, 2020