

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates 2019-20

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1645 Corinth Ave #201, Los Angeles, CA 90025

Saturday, Aug. 17, 2019 – 9 am

Minutes #4

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

1. **Call to order:** Carol Newman called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.
2. **Roll Call:** See list above. Quorum was met at 9:01 a.m. Also present were Josh Nadel (Palms NC) and Budget Representative Kay Hartman (Palms NC).

3. **Public Comment:** No comment.
4. **Approval of minutes from Meetings #1, #2, and #3:** Postpone until the next meeting.
5. **Treasurer's report (Howard Katchen):** Jay Handal will follow up on the BAs' phone equipment, which was missing from the office where the meeting was being held. A suggestion was made to set up an ad hoc Budget Committee, which was to be agendized for the next meeting.
Dr. Princess Sykes moved to approve the treasurer's report, Jon Liberman seconded. Brian Allen and Glenn Bailey opposed, Joanne Yvanek-Garb, Evelyn Valdez, and Patrick Seamans abstained. **Motion passed.**
6. **Report on close of fiscal year 2018-19 (Mr. Katchen):** There was a rollover of \$60,692.75 from last fiscal year. Dr. Princess Sykes moved to approve the report, Jon Liberman seconded. Brian Allen opposed, Patrick Seamans abstained. **Motion passed.**
7. **Date and location of first meeting in September (Carol Newman):** Assuming DONE's conference room is available, the first-Monday-of-the-month meeting which would otherwise have taken place on Labor Day will instead take place on August 28, 2019. If not, then the meeting will take place on Sept. 3.
8. **Locations of 3rd Saturday meetings (Ms. Newman):** Going forward, because of uncertainty relating to ensuring access to the location, the third-Saturday meetings which had been taking place at 1645 Corinth Avenue will instead take place at new locations. For September and October 2019, the third-Saturday meetings will take place in the conference room on the second floor of the West LA Library on Santa Monica Boulevard. Because the Library does not open until 9:30, the meetings there will start at 9:30 instead of 9:00 a.m. When that location is not available (for example, November 2019), the meetings will have to take place at a different location. The Library conference room can only be reserved three months in advance. Different locations in different parts of the City will continue to be considered for future meetings.
9. **Report on departmental assignments (who is meeting with which departments) (Barbara Ringuette):** All departmental meetings must be scheduled by the September 21, 2019 meeting. That does not mean that the meeting must already have taken place, but the date must be scheduled. All committees should already have decided, by that date, who will write the report and who will lead the meeting, although all committee members should participate and be prepared to write the report if necessary.
10. **Update on trainings (Ms. Ringuette):** No dates for the trainings with the CAO's office have yet been fixed, although that is in process. An email will be sent out to confirm. All Budget Advocates should attend. The trainings will be videotaped for those who absolutely can't

attend, so there will be no excuse for not viewing the trainings. Last year's trainings are still available on the Budget Advocates website. The trainings will be held on the 20th floor at DONE.

11. **Mentoring of new Budget Advocates (Ms. Ringuette)**: Any new Budget Advocate who has questions should direct the questions to Ms. Ringuette, but if she is not able to answer the questions or not available, contact the Co-Chairs. Nobody should have questions which aren't answered.
12. **Recommendations to the Mayor (Jack Humphreville)**: A discussion took place regarding Jack's memorandum to the Mayor following up on the July 24 meeting with the Mayor. After the discussion, Jay Handal moved to allow Jack Humphreville to send the memo to the Mayor with a few changes. Dr. Sykes seconded. Friendly amendment to the motion: The letter will go to the Mayor and be cc'd to all the Neighborhood Councils. **Motion passed unanimously.**
13. **Scheduling of Budget Day 2020 (Ms. Newman)**: Jay Handal moved to schedule Budget Day for June 20, 2020, Barbara Ringuette seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**
14. **Assignment of Neighborhood Councils (Ms. Newman)**: Postponed until the next meeting.
15. **Mechanism to report on BA's visiting NC's (Ms. Newman)**: Postponed until the next meeting.
16. **Outreach (Danielle Sandoval)**: The Budget Advocates need to add or replace their photographs on the website as soon as possible. Ms. Sandoval recommended that the Budget Advocates buy their own projector, screen and wireless microphone.
17. **People to attend alliances and BONC**: : Postponed until the next meeting.
18. **Updates from NC alliances and BONC**: : Postponed until the next meeting.
19. **City Watch**: Postponed until the next meeting.
20. **Parking passes (Melanie Labrecque)**: Melanie is working on this. She has collected the information needed for placard distribution if possible. The Budget Advocates will be contacted if any questions arise. No promises can be made about getting parking passes.
21. **Business cards (Howard Katchen)**: A discussion took place about why the business cards for the Budget Advocates are so expensive. After the discussion, a decision was

made to stay with the City's printer (Piper Tech) despite the cost. The cards generally are only good for one year (i.e., the City requires them to have one-year expiration dates). Proofs will be submitted to the Budget Advocates and will need to be approved ASAP so that the cards can be ready before the departmental meetings.

22. New business: No discussion.

23. Adjournment (Ms. Newman): 11:27 a.m.

Next meeting set for August 28 or Sept 3, 7 pm, at the DONE office.