

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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1645 Corinth Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90025

Saturday, November 19, 2016

10:00 am – 12 noon



Draft Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Ivette Ale	Absent	9	Jacqueline Kennedy	Present	11
Brian Allen	Absent	2	Brigette Kidd	Present	9
Liz Amsden	Present (10:10 am)	8	Keith Kirkwood	Present by Phone	5
Simone Best	Absent	3	Jon Liberman	Present by Phone	11
Julie Burg	Absent	10	Monica Massey	Absent	12
Kjiel Carlson	Present by Phone	10	Michael Menjivar	Present (10:20 am)	4
Kevin Davis	Present by Phone	1	William Morrison	Present	8
Adrienne Edwards	Present by Phone	6	Carol Newman	Present	3
Amy Foell	Absent	7	Christopher Perry	Present (10:20 am)	9
Cindy Wu Freeman	Absent	2	Ava Post	Present	6
Craig Goldfarb	Absent	12	Rick Ramirez	Present by Phone	1
Valaida Gory	Absent	10	Barbara Ringuette	Absent	7
Jay Handal	Present	11	Marcus Rodriguez	Absent	7
Jeanette Hopp	Absent	4	Danielle Sandoval	Present by Phone	12
James Hornik	Present	6	Patrick Seamans	Absent	5
Jack Humphreville	Absent	5	Krisna Velasco	Absent	2
Ann Job	Present	1	Lynda Valencia	Present by Phone	8
Howard Katchen	Present (10:30 am)	4	Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Present (10:25 am)	3

1. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by Co-Chair Jay Handal.
2. **Roll Call** – A quorum of 21 board members was present (see list above). No budget representatives were present. Mike Fong, DONE’s Director of Policy and Government Relations, was present by phone.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Approval of Minutes from Meetings #8 (November 7th)** Motion by **Jon Liberman** to approve the minutes from the November 7th, meeting #8, seconded by **Carol Newman**, and passed with 14 ayes (Carlson, Edwards, Handal, Hornik, Job, Kennedy, Kirkwood, Liberman, Morrison, Newman, Post, Ramirez, Sandoval, and Valencia), 0 no, 0 abstention(s), and 7 not yet present (Amsden, Davis, Katchen, Kidd, Menjivar, Perry, and Yvanek-Garb).
5. **Treasurer’s Report** – Treasurer Howard Katchen
 - a. No report. Still waiting for more information from Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) to finalize the report.
6. **Housekeeping** – Jay Handal
 - a. Speaker Phone – No phone system has yet been purchased.
 - b. Status of BAs’ Certifications – If you have not completed, please do so.
 - c. Website – Is up and working well.
 - d. Headshots – If you have not yet provided a headshot please get one to Liz. Kevin Davis, Ava Post, Ivette Ale, Kjiel Carlson, Craig Goldfarb and Monica Massey do not have theirs posted.
 - e. Filing Cabinet – Jay may be able to get one donated.

7. **Review List of NCs which have NOT been visited by a current Budget Advocate**
 People should use the Google doc to report their attendance – some Councils seem to be well covered, others not at all. Everyone is requested to make a real effort – the Budget Advocates are responsible to the NCs. Contact Jay to update for you if you have a problem with the link:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1x9E6Zo3JN7Ux8GTDkM8tQ-CFsv0zGckAzwp0gY7F3ls/edit#gid=0>
8. **Reports on material issues regarding connecting with Budget Reps, Neighborhood Councils and Alliances** – Nothing reported. According to the foregoing, many have not be visited by their BA.
9. **Outreach**
 - a. Newsletter Status: Jay reported that the second newsletter went out shortly after the second survey.
 - b. Facebook & Twitter: Adrienne Edwards reported that people are ‘liking’ the BA Facebook page, though it needs more visitors. She has posted the newsletter and the new survey to the page.
 - c. Need to encourage NCs, City council offices and departments to post a link to the NCBA website on *their* websites to allow stakeholders to access the survey and increase traffic in general.
10. **Survey Update**
 - a. Response so far has been poor with less than 40 responses to the first survey. Need to encourage NCs and boards to get the word out at their meetings and by posting on their websites. Additionally, Jay will ask Ken Draper from CityWatch to post a link.
 - b. All BAs should contact the NCs they speak for to add a link to the survey in their newsletters and on their websites, Jay will ask Joanne to reach out to the various Council offices’ media person to do the same.
 - c. BAs need to think about more people and places outside the City & NC systems to get a more representative sampling. Carol Newman suggested every BA post on Nextdoor in their respective neighborhoods
 - d. Jay will have cards shortly and will arrange to get them to the BAs.
11. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Reports are coming in slowly. Please get them to Jack Humphreville and Marcus Rodriguez asap, copying Jay and Liz, and update the Committees google doc:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1XTRQ_MRnwm-UsRdM6i1V8c7IT6j_r9yf4wN0iNWYdJY/edit?ts=57b0ef28#gid=750880003
 - b. People experiencing problems doing so, please e-mail Liz with the information and she will input it and Jay for technical help.
 - c. The following meetings still need to be set: Building & Safety (Barbara), Controller (Joanne), Convention Center (Jon), Employee Relations Board (Joanne), Engineering (Joanne), General Services (**tbd**), Unions: Coalition (Jay), Unions: Engineers & Architects (Jay) and Zoo (Jon). Report drafts need to be expedited out of courtesy to those working on the White Paper.
 - d. The following meetings are scheduled through the end of November and the report drafting needs to be expedited as well: Animal Services, City Clerk, Inspector General and Police.
12. **White Paper Update**
 - a. Need committee reports to be submitted as soon as possible so they can be edited and core information incorporated into the White Paper. All reports are due by November 30th so the draft White Paper can be approved at the December 17th meeting and BAs will be able to use it at Regional Budget Days for discussion and further input.
 - b. Relevant comments will then be incorporated into the final draft of the White Paper prior to the Budget Advocates’ meeting with the Mayor.
13. **Status of letter to LAHSA to discuss homelessness concerns**
 Barbara has reached out to them a couple of times with no response. Jay will try his contacts as there is now an additional issue – that under outstanding policy 13 thousand ‘affordable’ units are/will be going to market rate which people will not be able to afford; with an estimate of

3 people/unit, an additional 39 thousand Angelenos could become homeless, more than doubling the current population on the streets, what are they planning to do about this?

14. **Regional Budget Days**

- a. Due to conflicts with holidays and other meetings, Regional Budget Day meetings will now be held on Saturday, February 25th from 9:00 am to noon.
- b. The following are to confirm spaces (including parking) and times and report by to Jay no later than our next meeting on December 5th so Jay can have Save-the-Date artwork and cards designed and distributed. Regions 1, 2, 3, 4 – Joanne Yvanek-Garb with the assistance of Krisna Velasco and Jeanette Hopp (Van Nuys City Hall); Regions 5 & 6 – Adrienne Edwards; Regions 7& 8 – Lynda Velasco (Glassell Park Senior Center); Regions 9 & 10 – Brigette Kidd and Christopher Perry; Region 11 – Jacqueline Kennedy & Jay Handal; Region 12 – Danielle Sandoval.
- c. Content will focus on the needs and interests of the Regions using the White Paper as a tool to start discussion. Jay and Liz to develop an agenda for discussion and approval at the next meeting.

15. **Create position/ appoint administrator to relay messages to BAs**

Issue to be handled another way.

16. **New Business**

- a. A committee was struck to develop a survey for the Mayor, Miguel Santana, City Councilmembers and mayoral/council seat candidates asking about core services and minimum levels of staffing: Bridget Kidd, Jon Liberman, William Morrison, and Danielle Sandoval. They are to present it for approval at the December 5th meeting to go out to its targets later that week (following the culling of candidate in the Mayoral and odd-numbered Council seats races).
- b. This can be expanded to compare responses with those of the core departments and to address planning for the next recession,
- c. There was discussion on bylaw changes regarding BAs missing meetings (what are excused and unexcused absences) and William will email the language for the proposed bylaws changes to the board for review.

17. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 pm. The next meeting is Monday, December 5, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the DONE offices .

Respectfully submitted, Sheryl Akerblom
for the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates