

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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Zoom Meeting
Saturday, August 15, 2020, 9:30 a.m.
Meeting #5 Minutes



Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
John DiGregorio	Present until 12:27	1	Barbara Ringuette	Present	7
Lanira Murphy	Present	1	Connie Acosta	Present	7
Michael Ebenkamp	Absent	1	Seth Copenhaver	Present	7
Brian Allen	Present 9:39	2	Jamie Tijerina	Excused	8
Glenn Bailey	Present	2	Liz Amsden	Present	8
Garry Fordyce	Present	2	Clint Birdsong	Present	8
Carol Newman	Present	3	Elias Garcia	Absent	9
Lee Blumenfeld	Present	3	Albert Farias	Present	9
Pat Bates	Present	3	Leslie Gamero	Absent	9
Peter Haderlein	Absent	4	Jennifer Goodie	Present	10
Howard Katchen	Present	4	Edmond Warren	Present 9:44	10
Brandon Pender	Present	4	Hugo Rodriguez	Absent	10
Jack Humphreville	Present	5	Jay Handal	Present	11
Julia Moser	Present until 11:10	5	Jacqueline Le Kennedy	Present 9:43	11
Daniel Perez	Present	5	Jon Liberman	Present	11
Ernesto Castro	Absent	6	Danielle Sandoval	Present	12
Naira Harootunian	Excused	6	Claricza Ortiz	Absent	12
Margarita Lopez	Present	6	Gina Martinez	Present until 11:05	12

1. Call to order / Roll Call: The meeting was called to order by Co-chair Liz Amsden at 9:36 a.m., with a full quorum reached at that time. See above for Roll Call.

Budget Representatives present were Kay Hartman (Palms), Sarah Ramsawack (North Hollywood North East), KJ Clark (Empowerment Congress West) and Jason Hector (Porter Ranch). Also present were stakeholders Tracey Brown (Empowerment Congress West), Eric Bagdasarian (Granada Hills) and John Darnell (DONE).

2. Public Comment on non-agenda items:

- Budget Rep: Sarah Ramsawack
- Stakeholder: Tracey Brown

3. Motion to approve minutes for Meeting #4 (August 3, 2020):

Carol moved to approve the minutes. Howard seconded.
MOTION PASSED with 2 opposed and 5 abstentions.

4. Motion to approve a budget for the Budget Advocates: Extended discussion (to be addressed by the Budget & Finance Committee prior to the meeting in the future).

John DiGregorio moved to approve the Budget FY 20-21 Tab as-is. Seth seconded.

MOTION PASSED. Roll Call Vote with 20 yes, 2 no and 6 abstentions.

5. Motion to approve the Financial Report: Extended discussion (see above).

John DiGregorio moved to approve the Financial Report. Howard seconded.

MOTION PASSED. Roll Call Vote with 24 yes and 3 abstentions.

6. Motion to approve three papers from the Executive Committee:

Liz moved to approve the motion. Jon Liberman seconded.

Lee moved to split the question into three parts, instead of voting on three papers simultaneously. John DiGregorio seconded. There were no objections to dividing the question.

Liz moved that the Aspirations document be approved. Jon Liberman seconded.
MOTION PASSED. Roll Call Vote with 7 opposed and 2 abstentions.

Liz moved to approve the paper on Reaching Out to the Neighborhood Councils
Glenn seconded.

Danielle moved to amend the motion by replacing “including possible inclusion in CityWatch” with “in various types of media.” Jon Liberman seconded.

AMENDMENT PASSED with 1 opposition and no abstentions.

Vote on motion as amended: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

John DiGregorio moved to use the People’s Budget Los Angeles framework to guide the People’s Budget Los Angeles Committee. Jon Liberman seconded.

Lee moved to direct the committee to consider circumstances in which NCs do not want the budget cut, but instead want an increase. John DiGregorio seconded

Lee moved to table the discussion until a committee could be formed. Brian seconded.

MOTION WITHDRAWN by Lee.

Lee moved to postpone use of the framework until the next meeting, with the allowance that the Committee on the People’s Budget can take it under advisement. Brian seconded.

MOTION PASSED with 3 opposed and 1 abstention.

7. Status Trainings: Discussion. Jennifer and Barbara are to give Albert comments on the first training module by midweek and, subject to this, Albert will circulate it to all Budget Advocates by the weekend.
 8. Status committees: Committee meetings should be scheduled at least 72 hours in advance. John DiGregorio is to circulate an updated committee sign-up sheet with the missing and corrected committees. All committee chairs are to e-mail Liz with chair, mission, departments they plan to meet with and deadlines by Aug. 24 or earlier. Upon receipt of these details Liz will circulate a spreadsheet with info to date.
 9. Committee to address People's Budget Los Angeles

John DiGregorio moved that this be a formal ad hoc committee this year. Jon Liberman seconded.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Members are: John, Liz, Jon Liberman, Danielle, Kay Hartman, Albert, Tracey Brown, Connie, Hugo, Jennifer, Carol, Brandon and Sarah Ramsawack.
 10. Committee on BA Presentation to NCs

Brian moved to establish the committee. Glenn seconded.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Members are: Brian, Glenn, Danielle, Albert, Brandon and Jason Hector.
 11. Town Hall #1 Proposal: Discussion on the issue included a proposed date of October 3 on the topic of Equity. John will submit a proposal to the Executive Committee.
 12. Report on Budget Advocates inclusion in Congress of Neighborhoods event on September 26, 2020: Discussion. Jack to circulate an update after the afternoon Congress meeting.
 13. Status grievances: Carol provided an update on the four grievances received.
 14. Status of the Budget Advocate website and social media: Brief update given by Julia.
 15. New Business:

The Executive Committee will discuss a best practice to distribute e-mails.
 16. Adjournment: Jon Liberman moved for adjournment at 1:13 p.m. with no objections.
- The next Budget Advocate meeting will be on Monday, August 31st at 7 pm.
- Items for consideration should be submitted to the Co-Chairs by August 23rd.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Minutes of Budget Advocate meeting #5 (August 15)

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August 17, 2020

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