

# Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates 2019-20

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Eagle Rock City Hall, 2035 Colorado Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90041

Saturday, July 20, 2019 (Retreat)

12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

## Meeting #2 Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Kevin Davis	Present (12:40)	1	Brian McCain	Present	8
Ann Job	Present	1	Dentis Fowlkes	Present	8
John DiGregorio	Present	1	Liz Amsden	Present	8
Brian Allen	Excused	2	Elias Garcia	Absent	9
Glenn Bailey	Present	2	Evelyn Valdez	Present	9
Garry Fordyce	Present	2	Jason Franklin	Absent	9
Jeffrey Mausner	Present	3	Carol Derby-David	Present	10
Carol Newman	Present	3	Tracey Brown	Present	10
Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Present	3	Jennifer Goodie	Present	10
Jeanette Hopp	Present 12:45	4	Jay Handal	Absent	11
Howard Katchen	Present	4	Jacqueline Le Kennedy	Excused	11
Brandon Pender	Present (12:47)	4	Jon Liberman	Present (12:20)	11
Jack Humphreville	Present	5	Melanie Labrecque	Excused	12
Patrick Seamans	Absent	5	Danielle Sandoval	Present (12:20)	12
Charles Taylor	Present (2:12)	5	Dr. Princess Sykes	Present (12:30)	12
James Hornik	Absent	6			
Nina Smith	Present	6			
Ernesto Castro	Present	6			
Tony Michaelis	Present	7			
Barbara Ringuette	Present	7			
Connie Acosta	Present (2:05)	7			

1. Call to order: Co-Chair Carol Newman called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Quorum was met at 12:00 p.m. with 20 members present. Additional members arrived after the start of the meeting as set forth above. Emmitt Rivers and Kay Hartman, Budget Representatives, and Farsheed Farhang of Playa Vista were also present.
3. Public Comment (2 minutes max. per speaker with 10-minute aggregate max): Kay Hartman, one of the Palms NC Budget Representatives, introduced herself.

4. Discussion of meeting dates and times (Carol Newman and Jack Humphreville):

- Joanne Yvanek-Garb moved to retain the first Monday of the month at 7 pm and third Saturday morning of the month as the Budget Advocate meeting dates and times, Carol Newman seconded, **motion passed unanimously.**
- John DiGregorio made a motion that the Saturday morning meetings would begin at 9 a.m. instead of 10 a.m., Connie Acosta seconded. Vote count was 12 in favor, 9 against, and 2 abstentions. **Motion passed.**
- The Budget Advocates' next meeting and all future Monday evening meetings will be at City Hall, 200 North Spring Street, 20<sup>th</sup> floor, L. A., 90012 at the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE) office.
- The Saturday, August 17, 2019 meeting will be held at the West Los Angeles Civic Center, 1645 Corinth Ave #201, Los Angeles, CA 90025, the same location where the meetings have been held on the third Saturday. The group will discuss future meeting locations, and Glenn Bailey will send out an e-mail asking the Budget Advocates to suggest alternative meeting locations.

5. Ratification of new Budget Advocates provisionally chosen since Budget Day (Carol Newman & Tony Michaelis):

- As of the last meeting, there was one vacancy in Region 8, one in Region 9, and it was thought there were two vacancies in Region 10, but this was an error, as Tracey Brown had been elected as a Budget Advocate in Region 10 at Budget Day, and therefore there was only one vacancy.
- At Budget Day, in Region 8, the name of Dentis Davis Fowlkes should have been placed in nomination, and there would have been no opposition. Accordingly, at this meeting he was confirmed and ratified as a Budget Advocate by acclamation.
- Following the last meeting, Parliamentarian Tony Michaelis conducted elections in Regions 9 and 10. In Region 9, Elias Garcia was the only candidate running but he was not present for this meeting, and there were questions as to whether he was a duly chosen Budget Representative for his Neighborhood Council (Central Alameda). Accordingly, his ratification was postponed.
- In Region 10, Jennifer Goodie was confirmed and ratified as a Budget Advocate by acclamation. Initially both she and Emmitt Rivers had run in Region 10 when it was thought there were two openings, but when it became clear that an error had been made, Mr. Rivers stepped aside. When an opening becomes available, he is welcome to run.

6. Motion to hire Notetaker (Carol Newman): Treasurer Howard Katchen moved to hire a notetaker for Budget Advocate meetings, seconded by Barbara Ringuette. **Motion passed by acclamation.**

7. Discussion of mission statement and goals for 2019-20 (Barbara Ringuette, Ms. Newman and Mr. Humphreville): The Mission Statement was read, and Ms. Newman emphasized that the Budget Advocates are responsible for producing a result (the White Paper) every year. There will be no report card/ survey this year because it was considered to be too much effort for too little result.
8. Introductions –BA’s:
  - (a) BA’s introduced themselves, identified the Neighborhood Council they’re representing, and shared their skills, strengths, professional experiences and interests.
  - (b) Which NC’s each BA will cover: Budget Advocate duties include visiting the Neighborhood Councils and describing in detail what we do and what we have accomplished. The Budget Advocates in each region should meet and decide who will be responsible for each Neighborhood Council. A Budget Advocate who fails to do this can be replaced – this may entail a Bylaws change.
9. Working effectively with NC’s and Budget Representatives (Ms. Ringuette): This is the responsibility of all Budget Advocates. This subject will continue to be discussed at future meetings.
10. Executive Committee meeting dates (Ms. Newman): The Executive Committee will meet immediately following every third Saturday meeting.
11. Photos for website (Ms. Newman): All new Budget Advocates, and any Budget Advocate who doesn’t have a good clear photo on the website, must submit their photograph to Melanie Labrecque for the website.
12. Plans for meeting with the Mayor July 24 (Mr. Humphreville): Jack Humphreville discussed his plans for the meeting with the Mayor. The Budget Advocates interested in attending the meeting should email Ms. Newman.
13. Brief report on regional priorities from Budget Day (Connie Acosta): There are concerns across the regions regarding homelessness, but the regions differ on the specifics. There are sanitation concerns, call for regulating e-scooters, and concerns about cannabis and graffiti. The Budget Advocates asked Ms. Acosta to e-mail out the submitted information from the Budget Day breakout sessions. Ms. Acosta did not have notetakers’ notes from Regions 1 and 2, and 9 and 10.
14. Incorporating the regional priorities into the future efforts of Budget Advocates: Ms. Acosta will email to the Budget Advocates the lists of concerns from the regions from Budget Day.
15. How we will approach the White Paper this year (Ms. Newman and Mr. Humphreville): Ms. Newman described the White Paper and discussed the co-chairs’ expectations of how the City department meetings will be conducted and what results are expected. The goal is that the White Paper (including all departmental reports) will be completed by December 31, 2019.

16. Initial training and preview of future training (Ms. Ringuette): Ms. Ringuette began the process of disseminating information regarding doing the research necessary to prepare for department meetings.
17. Mentoring of new Budget Advocates (Ms. Ringuette): Ms. Ringuette handed out a list of departments ranked by priority for the Budget Advocates to choose from.
18. Parliamentarian (Tony Michaelis): Tony Michaelis will be putting together a Bylaws Committee. All persons interested should contact him.
19. Outreach plans (Danielle Sandoval): Danielle Sandoval will be putting together an Outreach Committee. John DiGregorio volunteered to be part of Outreach to assist with Facebook and other social media. Everyone interested should contact Ms. Sandoval.
20. Items to be approved for payment (Howard Katchen) CONSENT CALENDAR: The following routine matters can be acted upon by one motion. Individual items may be removed by the Board for separate discussion. Items removed for separate discussion will be heard following the motion on the remaining items:
  - (a) Motion to approve up to \$100.00 for beverages and sundry items for Budget Advocate educational and organizational retreat Saturday, July 20, 2019.
  - (b) Motion to approve up to \$125.00 per month (\$1,500.00 per annum) to pay The Mailroom or any other Budget Advocate board-approved vendor to host and maintain the ncbala.com website and keep current with all information submitted for posting.
  - (c) Motion to approve up to \$5,000.00 for fiscal year to pay staffing company for a professional notetaker who will attend Budget Advocate Retreat and twice-monthly regularly scheduled Budget Advocate meetings, record and edit meeting minutes, summarize discussion on agenda items, motions, vote counts, and sundry meeting information and submit to the Budget Advocates Recording Secretary for review and distribution to the Budget Advocates Board members.
  - (d) Motion to approve up to \$1,700.00 to pay City of Los Angeles City Printing Services for business cards for each Budget Advocate.
  - (e) Motion to approve up to \$700.00 for Budget Advocate administrative items.
  - (f) Motion to approve up to \$2,300.00 for printed, bound copies of the Budget Advocates fiscal year 2019-20 White Paper to distribute to Neighborhood Councils, the Mayor, City Council members, and department General Managers with whom Budget Advocates have met.

Item 20(d) was pulled from the consent calendar.

Mr. Humphreville moved to approve items 20. a, b, c, e, and f in the consent calendar. Jon Liberman seconded. Jeanette Hopp abstained. **Vote [27-0-1] MOTION PASSED.** Kevin Davis was not in the room.

*Motion d. was pulled from the Consent Calendar:*

(d) Motion to approve up to \$1,700.00 to pay City of Los Angeles City Printing Services for business cards for each Budget Advocate. Jon Liberman moved to approve this item. Mr. Davis was not in the room. **Vote: [26-1 (Bailey)-1 (Hopp)], MOTION PASSED.**

*Amendment to motion 20 d:* Ms. Sandoval made a motion to allocate the money for the cards now, but to have the Outreach Committee prepare a card design for the Budget Advocates' review. **VOTE: [27-0-1 (Hopp)], Amendment PASSED.** Mr. Davis was not in the room.

21. People to attend alliances and BONC: Postponed until the next meeting.

22. Parking Passes (Ms. Newman in Ms. Labrecque's absence): Melanie Labrecque will take care of this task.

23. Business cards (Carol Newman): See above.

24. New business: NONE

25. Adjournment: 4:03 p.m.