

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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**Zoom Meeting
May 4, 2020, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**



Meeting #21 Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Kevin Davis	Present 8:15	1	Connie Acosta	Present 7:18	7
John DiGregorio	Present	1	Tony Michaelis	-----	7
VACANT	-----	1	Barbara Ringuette	Present	7
Brian Allen	Present	2	Dentis Fowlkes	Present	8
Glenn Bailey	Present	2	Brian McCain	Present 7:09	8
Garry Fordyce	Present	2	Jamie Tijerina	Absent	8
Jeffrey Mausner	Present	3	Elias Garcia	Absent	9
Carol Newman	Present	3	Nikita Jones-Houston	Present	9
Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Present 7:16	3	Albert Farias	Present	9
Jeanette Hopp	Absent	4	Tracey Brown	Present 7:09	10
Howard Katchen	Present	4	Carol Derby-David	Present	10
Brandon Pender	Present 7:30	4	Jennifer Goodie	Excused, Present 8:05	10
Jack Humphreville	Absent	5	Jay Handal	Present 7:40	11
Patrick Seamans	Present	5	Jacqueline Le Kennedy	Present 7:32	11
Charles Taylor	Absent	5	Jon Liberman	Present	11
Ernesto Castro	Absent	6	Melanie Labrecque	Present	12
Nina Smith	Excused	6	Danielle Sandoval	Present	12
VACANT	-----	6	Dr. Princess Sykes	Absent	12

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Co-chair Carol Newman at 7:05 p.m., with a full quorum reached at 7:10.
2. Roll Call: See above. In addition, Budget Representatives present were: Josh Nadal (Stakeholder, Palms NC), Kay Hartman (Palms NC), Tina Chinakarn (Palms NC), and Lisa Hart (NC of Sustainability Alliance). Former Budget Advocate KJ Clark was present by phone at 7:18.
3. Public Comment: Glenn Bailey: Inventory list from Lisa Hart.
4. Approval of minutes from Meetings #19 and #20 (Carol Newman and Kay Hartman): John DiGregorio moved to amend minutes #19 and #20 by adding a footnote in the minutes and having the actual notes from the Budget Day Planning

Committee be an attachment. Jon Liberman seconded. MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION.

5. Treasurer's report (Howard Katchen): It is uncertain whether DONE is planning to continue their \$10,000 stipend. Funding from Neighborhood Councils exists in a permanent fund, up to a maximum of \$100,000 each. The motion being considered by City Council is not to set the dollar amount, but whether to permit all the money remaining as of June 20 to roll over into the next fiscal year. Howard Katchen requested, but did not received, from DONE an updated financial report for Budget Advocates. The last report was received in March. Howard Katchen asked those whose Neighborhood Councils are re-starting meetings to request agendizing a donation to Budget Advocates. Donations to Budget Advocates should be handled by talking to the funding representative at the City Clerk's office, and making sure they submit all paperwork by June 1. It's up to each individual Neighborhood Council to get webinar credentials from DONE in order to hold online meetings. Region 9 meetings should be split up between its new Budget Advocates according to who is available for, and who has connections in, which Neighborhood Council meetings. Howard Katchen moved to approve the report. Jon Liberman seconded. One abstention, no oppositions. MOTION PASSED.
6. Video in response to State of the City and Budget? (Jack Humphreville): John DiGregorio and Carol Newman agreed to move on without it.
7. Recruitment of Budget Representatives (Barbara Ringuette): Discussion on the issue. Carol Newman, Barbara and Danielle Sandoval agreed on a plan to send out the Tri-fold followed up with "A Call for a Few Good Women and Men." Danielle Sandoval will send the one-sheet to Barbara Ringuette and all will discuss plans from there.
8. Status of and plans for Budget Day (Carol Newman, Jack Humphreville, and Barbara Ringuette):

Barbara Ringuette indicated confirmed speakers include Jacob Wexler from the CAO and Bill Allen, CEO of the Economic Development Corporation. Barbara added that the Mayor and/or his representative should speak. Jack was to contact them.

Jay Handal moved to reconsider the motion by Danielle Sandoval from the 4/18/20 meeting to hold Budget Day on June 20. John DiGregorio seconded. Roll call vote, with 16 votes in favor and 9 votes opposed. No abstentions. MOTION PASSED.

Jay Handal moved to postpone Budget Day to a date to be determined. Jon Liberman seconded. Jay Handal moved to suspend the rules for a roll call vote. Four abstentions. MOTION PASSED to suspend the rules.

YES vote = voting in favor of postponing; NO vote = voting against postponing.
Roll call vote, with 16 votes in favor, 8 votes opposed, and one abstention.
MOTION PASSED to postpone Budget Day.

- a. Distribution of press release and save-the-date
 - b. [Confirmed speakers: Susan Shelley, Jack Humphreville, Tommy Newman (United Way --homelessness), Kelly Cavanaugh (L.A. Times – tentative), Jay Handal, Kevin James, Jacob Wexler – delete anyone?]
 - c. [Who else?]
 - d. [Video of Budget Advocates?]
 - e. Publicity and invitations for Budget Day – Danielle Sandoval and committee
 - f. Is DONE going to help us? Are we really all in this together?
9. Status of and plans for breakout sessions June 27 and 28 (Carol Newman, Jack Humphreville, and Barbara Ringuette): Breakout Sessions will remain on the afternoons of June 27 & 28. Date preferences:

Saturday:

Region 10 (Carole Derby-David), Region 11 (Jay Handal), Region 7 (Connie Acosta)

Sunday:

Region 3 (Jeff Mausner, Joanne Yvanek-Garb) - Have combined sessions with Regions 3 & 4 in the past.

Either:

Region 11 - Palms NC (Kay Hartman)

10. Bylaws committee – First reading of Bylaws changes already distributed (Brian Allen and Carol Newman): Carol Newman approved a change of wording from “Budget Day” to “Election Day.” Melanie Labrecque was asked to send Brian any verbiage regarding compliance for medical and health situations. Jeff Mausner requested a change in wording from “closed ballots” to “secret ballots” in Article 3, Paragraph 7. Carol Newman asked that the language of Article 3 be changed to be the first reading with the vote to take place at the next meeting. Jeff Mausner will send verbiage to Brian Allen regarding extending the terms of current Budget Advocates until elections. Brian Allen will circulate a revised draft of the bylaws with all changes. Changes from all members requested within 48 hours to give Brian Allen the ability to call a Bylaws Committee meeting if needed.
11. Outreach (Danielle Sandoval and Committee):
- a. Trifold
 - b. What documents will we be distributing for Budget Day?
 - c. Other matters

12. Updates from NC alliances, NCs, and BONC: Glenn Bailey announced that he and John DiGregorio shared details at Tuesday's BONC meeting about Budget Day being postponed and about elections still being held on June 27 and 28. Glenn Bailey invited any Budget Advocates with an interest in the Commission to attend this or future meetings.
13. New business: Postponed until the next meeting.
14. Adjournment: at 9:44 p.m.

Next meeting – May 16, 2020

Deadline date for future agenda items to be submitted: May 12, 2020