

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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**West L.A. Regional Branch Library
11360 Santa Monica Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90025
February 15, 2020, 9:30 a.m.**



Meeting #16 Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Kevin Davis	Absent	1	Connie Acosta	Present	7
John DiGregorio	Present/Phone 10:00 In Person 10:22	1	VACANT	-----	7
VACANT	-----	1	Barbara Ringuette	Present	7
Brian Allen	Present	2	Dentis Fowlkes	Present/Phone	8
Glenn Bailey	Present	2	Brian McCain	Present Left 11:20	8
Garry Fordyce	Present	2	Jamie Tijerina	Excused Present/Phone 11:33	8
Jeffrey Mausner	Present	3	Elias Garcia	Present	9
Carol Newman	Present	3	Evelyn Valdez	Absent	9
Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Present	3	VACANT	-----	9
Jeanette Hopp	Absent	4	Tracey Brown	Present	10
Howard Katchen	Present	4	Carol Derby-David	Present Left 11:30	10
Brandon Pender	Absent	4	Jennifer Goodie	Present	10
Jack Humphreville	Excused	5	Jay Handal	Absent	11
Patrick Seamans	Present/Phone Left 10:45	5	Jacqueline Le Kennedy	Absent	11
Charles Taylor	Absent	5	Jon Liberman	Present	11
Ernesto Castro	Absent	6	Melanie Labrecque	Present	12
Nina Smith	Present 10:05	6	Danielle Sandoval	Present/Phone In Person 10:07	12
VACANT	-----	6	Dr. Princess Sykes	Present	12

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Co-chair Carol Newman at 9:48 a.m. with a full Quorum at that time. The start of the meeting was delayed because the originally scheduled location for the meeting, 1645 Corinth, was inaccessible. It appeared that the locks had been changed to the inner office without our knowledge.

2. Roll Call: See above. In addition, Budget Representatives and stakeholders present were: Josh Nadel (Palms NC), Kay Hartman (Palms NC) and Priscilla Anchondo (Reseda NC and former BA and Budget Rep for Region 3; Currently on the Council for LADOT/ L.A. City and on the Pedestrian Advisory Committee). Visitor present was Alex Olivier (Olympic Park NC – Region 6).

3. Public Comment: Discussion by Kay Hartman on Council File #19-1571; discussion by Connie Acosta on RSO units.
4. Approval of minutes from Meetings #11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 (Carol Newman): Postponed until the next meeting.
5. Treasurer's Report (Howard Katchen): Howard Katchen will circulate a document detailing how much each Neighborhood Council donated to Budget Advocates. Carol Newman moved to approve the report, Dr. Sykes seconded. One abstention, no oppositions. MOTION PASSED.
6. Vacancies in Regions 1, 6, 7 and 9 (Carol Newman):
 - a. Report from Brian Allen on Region 9 election
Melanie Labrecque will send Brian Allen a list of all Budget Advocates and Budget Reps. Brian will contact Tony Michaelis for information and Carol Newman will send Brian Allen documents of what Tony Michaelis has done in the past to fill vacancies mid-term. Glenn Bailey will send Brian Allen a list of all board members from Region 9. Brian Allen will then create a procedure for how to get the election process going for the three people he has running. Carol Newman asked to see progress in filling vacancies by the next meeting and asked that the focus be kept on Regions 9 and 7 to start. Connie Acosta will ask Elysian Valley NC (Region 7) if anyone is interested in running.
7. Meeting with the Mayor Feb. 21, 2020, at 12:45 – list of those attending (Carol Newman and Jack Humphreville): The new date proposed for the meeting with the Mayor is **March 5, at 4:15 pm.**, with 22 people interested in attending.
8. Distribution of White Paper electronically to BAs, Mayor, and CAO (Carol Newman): John DiGregorio will write a proposed cover sheet and send it to Carol Newman to review. Howard Katchen will also send a prepared cover letter to all BAs after the meeting and Carol will review. The Ex Comm will make a decision which cover letter to use. Danielle Sandoval and John DiGregorio will complete the work to enable the White Paper to be sent to all Neighborhood Council board members by the next meeting. Neighborhood Councils will be asked to agendize the White Paper with the Council File number #20-0600. Carol Newman will send the White Paper to the Mayor and CAO and Melanie Labrecque will put it on the BA website.

9. Outreach (Danielle Sandoval and Committee):

a. Getting save-the-dates out to NCs and their webmasters:

John DiGregorio moved to approve the Save-the-Date draft shown by Danielle. Jon Liberman seconded. MOTION PASSED unanimously. Once it's been tweaked, Danielle will send it out to all Neighborhood Councils.

b. Thumb drives – (a) Purchase accomplished?

Danielle received them today, but is still having the company put information on them.

(b) What should be on the thumb drives?

Discussion on the issue (unresolved).

c. How to distribute the White Paper:

The White Paper will be distributed to all Neighborhood Councils so they have it by the time of their March board meetings.

John DiGregorio and Josh will create a video to leverage along with the CityWatch articles.

- How many hard copies?
Barbara Ringuette moved to print 210 copies of the White Paper, Jon Liberman seconded.. Jon Liberman then amended the motion to request the printing of 250 copies, Connie Acosta seconded. No abstentions, two oppositions. MOTION PASSED.
- Who gets hard copies, who gets electronic copies, and who is responsible for distributing them?
Discussion on the issue (unresolved).

10. Budget Day (Carol Newman, Jack Humphreville, and Committee): Kay Hartman and John DiGregorio will prepare bullet points for marketing at Budget Day to attract new people to run for Budget Advocates/Budget Representatives.

Discussion on creating and using a promotional video: having 10 people prepared with a speech to talk about “what being a BA means to you.”

a. Confirmed Speakers:

Susan Shelley, Jack Humphreville, Tommy Newman
(United Way – homelessness), Kelly Cavanaugh (L.A. Times – tentative), Jay Handal (revenue generation, cannabis)

b. Proposed Speakers:

Mayor Garcetti – Jack Humphreville
Nury Martinez – Jack Humphreville (Ackley Padilla)
Rich Llewellyn and/or others from CAO's office – Barbara Ringuette
Other L.A. Times reporters – Jack Humphreville
Ron Galperin – Barbara Ringuette
Paul Krekorian – Joanne Yvanek-Garb
HHH/ homeless speaker – Tracey Brown

David Ryu – Barbara Ringuette
Kevin James – Howard Katchen
Any others?

c. Current status?

d. Review of Liz Amsden's Budget Day Manual (Carol Newman): Postponed.

11. Bylaws Committee (Brian Allen): Postponed until the next meeting.
12. CityWatch (Jack Humphreville, Carol Newman): Postponed until the next meeting.
13. Update on BA visits to NC's – (Carol Newman): Postponed until the next meeting.
14. Point person for each Council district (Carol Newman): Postponed until the next meeting.
15. Outreach podcast project (Brandon Pender and Josh Nadel): Postponed until the next meeting.
16. Working with Budget Reps (Carol Newman): Postponed until the next meeting.

a. Meeting with Budget Reps

17. Housing Committee: Postponed until the next meeting.
18. People to attend alliances and BONC: Postponed until the next meeting.
19. Updates from NC alliances, NCs, and BONC: Postponed until the next meeting.

20. New business:

-Josh Nadel will talk to a person who has a beer license and works city events.

-Carol Newman will obtain the new key for 1645 Corinth since the library is not always available for the meeting.

-Further discussion of video at the next meeting.

-Brian Allen asked that anyone with ideas for bylaw changes send them to him immediately so he can make changes before the next meeting.

21. Adjournment: at 12:02 p.m.

Next meeting – March 2, 2020

Deadline date for future agenda items to be submitted: February 26, 2020