

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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1645 Corinth Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90025

Saturday, August 19, 2017

10:00 am – 12 noon



Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Ivette Ale	Present 10:15 am	9	Brigette Kidd	Present by phone	9
Brian Allen	Present	2	Janet Kim	Present by phone	7
Liz Amsden	Present	8	Melanie Labrecque	Present by phone	12
Glenn Bailey	Present	2	Jon Liberman	Present	11
Adria Brodie	Present by phone	4	Michael Menjivar	Absent	4
Agnes Copeland	Present	5	William Morrison	Present	8
Carol Derby-David	Present	10	Carol Newman	Present	3
Kevin Davis	Present by phone	1	Robert Newman	Present 10:15 am	6
John DiGregorio	Present 10:15 am	1	Christopher Perry	Absent	9
Adrienne Nicole Edwards	Absent	6	Rick Ramirez	Present by phone	1
Don Evans	Absent	3	Barbara Ringuette	Present	7
Valaida Gory	Present	10	Estuardo Ruano	Present 10:15 am	7
Diedra Greenaway	Present	2	Danielle Sandoval	Absent	12
Jay Handal	Present	11	Patrick Seamans	Present left 11:40 am	5
James Hornik	Present	6	Eleanor Smith	Present 10:15 am	10
Jack Humphreville	Present by phone	5	Dr. Princess Sykes	Absent	12
Howard Katchen	Present 10:35 am	4	Lynda Valencia	Present by phone	8
Jacqueline Le Kennedy	Present	11	Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Excused	3

- 1. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Chair Jay Handal.
- 2. Roll Call:** A quorum of 29 board members was present (see list above). Also, John Darnell, DONE's Neighborhood Council Advocate, Budget Rep Garry Fordyce from North Hills West, and stakeholder Ramona Smith from Reseda, were present.
- 3. Public Comment** – None
- 4. Approval of Minutes from Meeting #3 (August 7th)**
Motion by **Liz Amsden** to table approval of the minutes as they were not circulated in a timely manner, second by **Carol Newman**, and passed with 21 ayes (Allen, Amsden, Bailey, Brodie, Davis, Gory, Greenaway, Handal, Hornik, Humphreville, Kennedy, Kidd, Kim, Labrecque, Liberman, Morrison, C. Newman, Ramirez, Ringuette, Seamans, and Valencia), 0 no, 0 abstentions, and 8 not yet present (Ale, Copeland, Derby-David, DiGregorio, Katchen, R. Newman, Ruano, and Smith).
- 5. Treasurer's Report and Motion to Approve. Update on issues with DONE** – Howard Katchen, Treasurer
Motion by **Liz Amsden** to table approval of the Treasurers Report, the report will be sent to Liz by Tuesday, August 29th, so it can be circulated with the agenda (on Thursday August 31st) for the Tuesday, September 5th meeting, second by **Carol Newman**, and passed with 28 ayes (Ale, Allen, Amsden, Bailey, Brodie, Copeland, Derby-David, Davis, DiGregorio, Gory, Greenaway, Handal, Hornik, Humphreville, Kennedy, Kidd, Kim, Labrecque,

Lieberman, Morrison, C. Newman, R. Newman, Ramirez, Ringuette, Ruano, Seamans, Smith. and Valencia), 0 no, 0 abstentions, and 1 not yet present (Katchen).

6. Identify which NCs are still missing Budget Reps and related concerns

- a. The list was reviewed and will be updated.
- b. The list will be addressed again at the next meeting.

7. Outreach committee report – John DiGregorio

- a. Appointment of someone to oversee website. They will appoint someone when they meet to send information to the webmaster for updating, and keeping the site current.
- b. Status Budget Advocate flyers. They will work on the existing tri-fold flyer when they meet.
- c. They have not had a meeting yet, though John hopes to meet every week, starting next week. He will send out a Doodle.

8. Bylaws committee report – Carol Newman

- a. Schedule on changes. Carol and Liz have gone over the proposed changes. The committee will review them when they meet, hopefully in the coming week.
- b. Grievance status.
 - i. Carol commented that they have received a letter stating a grievance, though it is not on the approved form.
 - ii. The following ad-hoc grievance panel was appointed/selected: Jon Lieberman, Glen Bailey, Agnes Copeland, Brian Allen, and Lynda Valencia. With Brigitte Kidd, James Hornik, and William Morrison as alternates.
 - iii. The grievance was referred to the ad-hoc grievance panel.

9. Update on committee meetings with Departments

- a. Brigitte has set a meeting with the Cannabis Department on August 28th at 3:00 pm.
- b. Jay commented that the first meeting with departments should be an introductory meeting prior to the Mayor's memo to Departments to let them know that we want to be involved in how they formulate their budget.

10. Update on White Paper plans – Jack Humphreville

- a. Jack was appointed as chair of the White Paper Committee, with Carol N., Patrick, John D. and Adria as committee members.
- b. Now that the committee is official formed they will meet and report back.

11. Confirmation of training – Barbara Ringuette

- a. The training is confirmed for Wednesday, August 23rd, at 6:30 pm in DONE's office.
- b. If you need a parking pass send a parking request to Patricia.Mares@lacity.org in DONE's office.
- c. The training will be videotaped.

12. Update on working with Mayor's Budget team – Jay Handal

- a. Jay commented that the Mayor is now not willing to include the Budget Advocates.
- b. Brian will try to meet with Matt Szabo on the issue.

13. Revenue committee report –

Motion by **Barbara Ringuette** to approve a letter to the City Council stating that the Budget Advocates strongly oppose an increase in Land Use Appeals Fee until; 1) release a comprehensive breakdown of all costs to justify the new fees, and 2) to allow a minimum of 60 days for NCs to weigh in on the council file, per the City Charter, second by **Jack Humphreville**, and passed with 29 ayes (Ale, Allen, Amsden, Bailey, Brodie, Copeland, Derby-David, Davis, DiGregorio, Gory, Greenaway, Handal, Hornik, Humphreville, Katchen, Kennedy, Kidd, Kim, Labrecque, Lieberman, Morrison, C. Newman, R. Newman, Ramirez, Ringuette, Ruano, Seamans, Smith. and Valencia), 0 no, and 0 abstentions.

14. Report on how much money has gone back to the General Fund by Department – Jack Humphreville reported that he does not have this specific information.

15. Congress of Neighborhoods workshop report – Jay Handal

- a. The purpose of the BA session is to explain to the public why the budget is so important to them.
- b. If you are interested in speaking let Jay know.

16. Regional Budget Day committee report

- a. Dates.
- b. Status list of concerns from Budget Day regional sessions.
- c. Other
- d. There is no report yet. The committee wants to look at the information from prior years from stakeholders for direction for this year.

17. Status evaluating video conferencing options – Brian Allen

- a. Brian commented that he is waiting for a shipping date confirmation for the demo system.

18. Housekeeping

- a. Rescheduling of Monday meetings in September (Labor Day) and January (New Year's Day) to the following days: Tuesday, September 5 and Monday January 8.
- b. Status parking passes – Liz commented that the controller released the funds and they are supposed to receive passes next week. The list of people who have passes that Liz received is clearly incorrect.
- c. Status BA business cards & e-mail addresses – Jay commented that the business cards have been ordered and most people's email is working.
- d. Mentoring – There will be a mentoring session immediately after this meeting.
- e. Update on file drawers and moving Budget Advocate assets from DONE to West Los Angeles. Jay reported that the file drawers are on sight, but not yet accessible.

19. New Business

Motion by **Brian Allen** to approve an amount not to exceed \$200.00 for the purchase of a wireless speaker for conference calls, second by **Barbara Ringuette**, and passed with 28 ayes (Ale, Allen, Amsden, Bailey, Brodie, Copeland, Derby-David, Davis, DiGregorio, Gory, Greenaway, Handal, Hornik, Humphreville, Katchen, Kennedy, Kidd, Kim, Labrecque, Liberman, Morrison, C. Newman, R. Newman, Ramirez, Ringuette, Ruano, Smith. and Valencia), 0 no, 0 abstentions, and 1 left meeting early (Seamans).

20. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm. The next scheduled meeting is TUESDAY, September 5th at 7 pm in the DONE offices.

Respectfully submitted, Sheryl Akerblom
for the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates