

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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Zoom Meeting
Monday, August 3, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
Meeting #4 Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
John DiGregorio	Present	1	Barbara Ringuette	Present	7
Lanira Murphy	Present	1	Connie Acosta	Present	7
Michael Ebenkamp	Present until 8:55	1	Seth Copenhaver	Present	7
Brian Allen	Present	2	Jamie Tijerina	Present 7:50	8
Glenn Bailey	Present	2	Liz Amsden	Present	8
Garry Fordyce	Present	2	Clint Birdsong	Present 7:18 – 7:45	8
Carol Newman	Present	3	Elias Garcia	Present	9
Lee Blumenfeld	Present	3	Albert Farias	Present	9
Pat Bates	Present	3	Leslie Gamero	Absent	9
Peter Haderlein	Excused	4	Jennifer Goodie	Present	10
Howard Katchen	Present	4	Edmond Warren	Present	10
Brandon Pender	Present 7:27	4	Hugo Rodriguez	Present 7:10	10
Jack Humphreville	Present	5	Jay Handal	Present	11
Julia Moser	Present	5	Jacqueline Le Kennedy	Absent	11
Daniel Perez	Present	5	Jon Liberman	Present	11
Ernesto Castro	Absent	6	Danielle Sandoval	Present 7:18	12
Naira Harootunian	Absent	6	Claricza Ortiz	Present	12
Margarita Lopez	Present	6	Gina Martinez	Present	12

1. Call to order / Roll Call: The meeting was called to order by Co-chair Liz Amsden at 7:04 a.m., with a full quorum reached at that time. See above for Roll Call. Also present were Budget Representatives: KJ Clark (ECWA), Kay Hartman (Palms), Josh Nadel (Palms), Nahian Arfin (North Westwood) and Steve Slutzah (Canoga Park), as well as stakeholder Tracey Brown. Also present was Spanish-English Interpreter Mila Maren.
2. Public Comment on non-agenda items:
 - Budget Reps: KJ Clark, Kay Hartman, Josh Nadel, and Steve Slutzah.
3. Motion to move the 1st Monday meeting in September, which falls on Labor Day, to the previous Monday, August 31st, and to move the 3rd Saturday meeting, which falls during Rosh Hashanah, to the previous Tuesday, September 15th.

Jay moved to approve. Barbara seconded. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Motion to approve the minutes for Meeting #3 (July 18, 2020):

Jay moved to approve the minutes, Jon Liberman seconded. One opposition, three abstentions. MOTION PASSED.

5. Financial Report:

- Motion to approve the FY 2020-21 Budget for the Budget Advocates

Jay moved to approve the FY 2020-21 Budget for the Budget Advocates. Barbara seconded. Discussion on the motion.

Brian moved to postpone approval of the Budget pending changes to track allocations and Lanira receiving clarification from DONE. Jay seconded.

Initial motion withdrawn by Jay and Barbara.

Roll Call Vote on postponing approval of the Budget. MOTION PASSED with 21 yes, 7 no and no abstentions.

- Motion to approve the Financial Report

Jon Liberman moved to postpone approval of the Financial Report. Barbara seconded. Discussion on the motion.

Initial motion withdrawn by Jon and Barbara.

Following discussion, Jay moved to approve the Financial Report. Brian seconded. MOTION PASSED. Roll Call Vote with 28 yes and 1 abstention.

- Status of P-Card and funding from DONE

Lanira to follow up and report back next meeting.

6. Establish Grievance Panels to address three (3) grievances received by the Budget Advocates:

Brief discussion, followed by the Parliamentarian polling each Budget Advocate on their availability to serve.

7. Objectives for the coming year:

Jack requested committees keep papers under two pages to encourage more people to read them. Liz will provide guidelines for writing them. All papers are to be submitted to

the Executive Committee for review and approval prior to being voted on by all the Budget Advocates.

Jack will draft a Policy and Goals paper with recommendations from the Budget Advocates for the Mayor to consider prior to issuing his Budget Policy and Goals Memo to the departments.

8. Making your mark with your Neighborhood Councils:

- What to do: People with questions should contact Liz.
- After the meeting: Jennifer will be sending out a Google Doc for each region to track BAs' attendance at NC meetings.

Every BA also should verify that the information on Budget Reps, President and Treasurer is current for each of their NCs. After updating it on the Google Doc, changes for contacts should be e-mailed to Jennifer.

- Questions / Mentoring - Omitted

9. Trainings: Albert gave a PowerPoint presentation followed by a brief Q&A.

10. Committees: reported on their mission and work product. Deadlines and approvals were discussed.

11. Timeline: for the year based on Budget Advocate objectives was briefly discussed.

12. Budget Advocate timeline: as dictated by the City was presented by Jack.

13. Budget Advocate website and social media update was presented by Julia.

14. New Business:

- a) The Executive Committee will address a new approval process for CityWatch articles.
- b) Budget Advocates are requested to be careful that e-mails sent out with their signature as a Budget Advocate and/or the Budget Advocate seal pertain to official Budget Advocate business, so recipients and others copied do not confuse personal opinions with Budget Advocate positions.
- c) Next meeting's agenda will include discussion on the participation of the Budget Advocates in networking sessions following the Congress of Neighborhoods event on September 26, 2020.

15. Adjournment: Jack moved to adjourn at 9:29 p.m. No oppositions. MOTION PASSED.

Minutes of Budget Advocate meeting #4 (August 3, 2020)

The next Budget Advocate meeting will be on Saturday, August 15, 2020 at 9:30 am. Items for consideration should be submitted to the Co-Chairs by August 10, 2020.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

ELSPETH WEINGARTEN

August 5, 2020