

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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Neighborhood Empowerment Office, City Hall
200 North Spring Street, Suite 2005, Los Angeles, CA 90012
Tuesday, September 5, 2017 – 7 pm

Meeting #5 Minutes

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

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Co-Chair Liz Amsden.
2. **Roll Call** – A quorum of 24 board members was present (see list above).
3. **Public Comment** – None
4. **Approval of Minutes from Meeting #3 (August 7th) and #4 (August 19th)** – Motion by **John DiGregorio** to approve the August 7th minutes, as corrected, seconded by **Liz Amsden**, and passed with 23 ayes, 0 nos, and 1 abstention (Cupen-Ames).
Motion by **Jon Liberman** to approve the August 19th meeting minutes, seconded by **John DiGregorio**, and passed with 23 yes, 0 no, and 1 abstention (Cupen-Ames).
5. **Treasurer's reports for FY 2016-17 (through June 30th) & current** –Howard Katchen, Treasurer
 - a. Prior to end of year additions, the account balance was \$33,834.33. End of year additions for 2016-17 were \$16,575.00. The opening balance for the 2017-18 fiscal year was \$50,409.33.
Motion by **Barbara Ringuette** to approve the Treasurer's report for 2016-17, seconded by **Jon Liberman**, and passed with 20 ayes (Ale, Amsden, Derby-David, Edwards, Gory, Handal, Hornik, Humphreville, Katchen, Kennedy, Kidd, Kim, Liberman, C. Newman, R. Newman, Ramirez, Ringuette, Ruano, Smith, and Valencia), 0 noes, and 4 abstentions (Bailey, Cupen-Ames, DiGregorio and Menjivar).
Motion by **Jay Handal** to approve the current Treasurer's report, seconded by **John DiGregorio**. The motion passed with 23 ayes (Ale, Amsden, Bailey, Derby-David,

DiGregorio, Edwards, Gory, Handal, Hornik, Humphreville, Katchen, Kennedy, Kidd, Kim, Liberman, Menjivar, C. Newman, R. Newman, Ramirez, Ringuette, Ruano, Smith, and Valencia), 0 noes, and 1 abstention (Cupen-Ames).

- b. Discussion regarding why DONE and the City Clerk are both managing funds for the BAs.
- c. Match funds will remain with DONE, NC funds will be managed by City Clerk.

6. **Working with Budget Representatives and Neighborhood Councils**

- a. Updating the google doc – The BAs attendance at NC meetings Google doc need to be updated regularly.
- b. Talking points for BAs to bring to NCs – The outreach committee is working on talking points to use when visiting NCs.
- c. Any NCs not contacted by a Budget Advocate – Please record in the BAs attendance at NC meetings Google doc if attend a meeting. Ask a peer to cover if you cannot attend. Contact NCs in advance and ask to be on the agenda to give a report. DONE's early notification system (ENS) is a good way to stay up-to-date on meetings dates and times. It is important to attend NC meetings.
- d. Any Issues to report – None

7. **Outreach Committee Report** – John DiGregorio and Adrienne Nicole Edwards

- a. Status Website – Let John know if you have updates for the website.
- b. Status videos and flyers – The Committee is working on short weekly videos to send to budget representatives, to reach stakeholders on a personal level by making city actions and services (or lack thereof) relevant to their lives.
- c. Newsletter – Please send John DiGregorio articles or ideas.
- d. CityWatch articles – Jay spoke to Ken Draper at about CityWatch submitting a new proposal.
- e. Press releases – The Committee will create and distribute press releases.
- f. Identifying and linking up with other organizations in our neighborhood – Please send John DiGregorio information about community members working with a nonprofit on an initiative.
- g. Other:
 - (i) The committee is discussing collaboration and promotion of Regional Budget Day. This year, organization of Regional Budget Day might be more centralized. It might be easier for a few people to coordinate dates and venues.
 - (ii) My 311 is a service/tool the committee will be promoting to stakeholders.
 - (iii) Every NC will get some sort of highlight such as a summary of a meeting a committee attended, an invitation to join a committee or an important action the advocates have taken or will take such as the white paper.

8. **Bylaws Committee Report** – The committee has not met. They are working on identifying items to be discussed for possible amendment and will meet in the next couple of weeks.

9. **Grievance Panel** – The panel and the person who made the grievance have not been able to agree to a meeting time.

10. **Update with working with the Mayor's Budget Team** – Jack Humphreville has not heard back from Matt Szabo, he will continue to work on setting up a meeting.

11. **Report on how much money has gone back to the General Fund** – No report

12. **Revenue Committee Report** – The Committee is working to set a meeting date. Jack Humphreville suggested that they look at what worked for the Los Angeles Convention Center.

13. **Updates on committee meetings with Departments** In process. The Cannabis committee met with Andrew Westhall.

14. **Update on White Paper plans** – Jack Humphreville

- a. Questions for discussion and a report format will be circulated.

15. **Regional Budget Day Committee report**

- a. Discussion regarding Budget Day organization and production. Organizers will invite Mayor’s budget representatives and conduct outreach ahead of time.
- b. Discussion of having Budget Day in January, so that material could be in the White Pare and incorporated with the meeting with the Mayor in March.
- c. Once a date is determined that does not conflict with other events, a ‘save-the-date’ notice should be sent to all NCs, DONE, et al so other group do not schedule events on the same day.

16. **Report on Training. Where can videos and hand-outs be found** – Barbara Ringuette

- a. She reported that fourteen BAs attended. She encouraged chairs who did not attend to view the training video.
- b. The handouts and a link to the video on YouTube will be on the website.

17. **Congress of Neighborhoods workshop report** – Jay Handal will lead the workshop, Jack Humpreville will participate and assist. Budget Advocates are encouraged to attend.

18. **Status on video conferencing** - Deferred

19. **Update on Planning Department fee hikes (passed by City Council – anything to do?)**

The fee hikes were be referred back to the Planning and Land Use Management Committee by the City Council.

20. **Status on franchise waste hauling costs and issues** – There have been many complaints about the roll-out of the franchise waste hauling hauling to businesses and multi-unit residences. Reasons vary, but the Councilmembers are having to answer to inconsistent services and up to 400% increases rather than the ‘modest’ ones originally promised.

21. **Housekeeping**

- a. Parking passes – If anyone knows anyone who does not need their pass anymore, please encourage them to return it. Please check the number of your parking pass and send to Liz or Jay, so they can link it to your name.
- b. BA business cards – Not addressed
- c. Mentoring – Not addressed
- d. Update on file drawers and moving Budget Advocate assets from DONE to West Los Angeles – No new information

22. **New business** – Bridgette Kid is working on a Budget 101 training video, which will be shared online.

23. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next scheduled meeting will be on Saturday, September 16th at 10:00 am in the West Los Angeles Municipal Building.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christian L. Guzman, edited Sheryl Akerblom