

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates 2017/18 – Meeting #3

Neighborhood Empowerment Office, City Hall
200 North Spring Street, Suite 2005, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Monday, August 7, 2017 – 7 pm

*** To access as a conference call, dial-in #: (712) 775-7031

Access Code: 519-656-825

*** People who will be arriving late are invited to call in en-route if and when safe to do so

1. Call to order.
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment (max: 10 minutes/2 minutes per person).
4. Approval of minutes from Meeting #24 (June 17th), #1 (June 24th) and #2 (July 15th).
5. Treasurer's report and Motion to approve. Update on issues with DONE.
6. Working with Budget Representatives and Neighborhood Councils; go-round identifying which BAs are responsible for what NCs and which NCs are still missing Budget Reps.
7. Working with the Mayor's Budget team.
8. Discussion on elements to include in Outreach and establishment of a committee to create a plan.
9. Discussion on using the copy in the Budget Day flyers on the website including any revisions and possible motion to print for use at NC meetings and other events.
10. Discussion on website update and possible formation of a committee to oversee and provide oversight through the year – or to include under Outreach.
11. Discussion on Bylaws, possible amendments and formation of a committee to address.
12. Discussion on Budget Advocates/Budget Representatives 101 for Congress of Neighborhoods workshop; possible formation of a committee to address
13. Strike a committee to start work on Regional Budget Day including but not limited to: potential dates, venues with WiFi, possible guests and budget (venue, parking, food & drink, etc.
14. Discussion of a White Paper theme – please come prepared with ideas (review the notes from Budget Day break-out meetings for local priorities, take a look at the 2020 Commission Reports on the NCBALA website, talk to stakeholders, etc.).
15. Discussion on what Departments to focus on – confirmation of committees and chairs.
16. Discussion on areas where mentoring would be of help – those interested in being mentored and those interested in functioning as a mentor to e-mail Jay and Liz for assignments.
17. Set a new date, time and place for the postponed training.

18. Discussion and possible formation of a Revenue Committee to shadow City Hall and work with the White Paper Committee on revenue generating ideas for the City.
19. Discussion on question about how much money goes back to the General Fund by Department (data from the last 3 years to have been distributed with the agenda or this item pushed to next meeting).
20. Discussion on how best to use the concerns that were brought up in the break-out sessions at Budget Day; volunteer(s) requested to codify them by type and region.
21. Discussion of committee suggestions on developing a more equitable funding model for Neighborhood Councils; determination on next steps.
22. Discussion on urging that the City divest from Wells Fargo for opening illegal bank accounts, targeting communities of color, and financing the Dakota Access Pipeline and Keystone XL Pipelines, and set a policy of divestment/refusal to invest with institutions that violate Angelenos' ethics. This would include discussion on determining what institution could replace Wells Fargo with the possibility of pushing forward on a study and business plan for a public bank for the City with a social community development mandate and significant separation and protection from the control of City Council.
23. Further discussion and possible motion to approve up to \$9,500 to purchase a conference call video speaker system (information on alternatives to have been distributed with the agenda or this item pushed to next meeting).
24. Housekeeping.
 - (a) rescheduling of Monday meetings in September (Labor Day) and January (New Year's Day)
 - (b) Update on file drawers and moving Budget Advocate assets from DONE to West Los Angeles.
 - (c) Status parking passes
 - (d) Status photos for website
 - (e) Status BA business cards & e-mail addresses
25. New business.
26. Adjournment.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Saturday, August 19th at 10 am in West LA.