

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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1645 Corinth Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90025

Saturday, September 17, 2016

10:00 am

Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Ivette Ale	Absent	9	Jacqueline Kennedy	Present	11
Brian Allen	Present	2	Brigette Kidd	Present	9
Liz Amsden	Present	8	Keith Kirkwood	Present by Phone	5
Simone Best	Present	3	Jon Liberman	Absent	11
Julie Burg	Present by Phone	10	Michael Menjivar	Present	4
Robert Campbell	Absent	12	William Morrison	Present by Phone	8
Kjiel Carlson	Absent	10	Carol Newman	Present	3
Kevin Davis	Absent	1	Christopher Perry	Present	9
Adrienne Edwards	Absent	6	Rick Ramirez	Absent	1
Amy Foell	Present (10:45 am)	7	Barbara Ringuette	Present	7
Craig Goldfarb	Absent	12	Marcus Rodriguez	Absent	7
Valaida Gory	Present	10	Danielle Sandoval	Present	12
Jay Handal	Excused	11	Patrick Seamans	Present	5
Jeanette Hopp	Present	4	Nicholas Soto	Absent	8
James Hornik	Present by Phone	6	Rocky Valenzuela	Absent	6
Jack Humphreville	Present	5	Krisna Velasco	Absent	2
Ann Job	Present	1	Farid Youssif	Absent	2
Howard Katchen	Present (10:50 am)	4	Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Present	3

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am by Co-Chair Liz Amsden.
2. **Roll Call** – A quorum of 22 board members was present (see list above).

Budget Reps xx and xx were present at the meeting with Michael Popwell (Central Hollywood NC) and Brandon Pender (Toluca Lake NC on the phone,

3. **Public Comment:**
 - a. Simone Best attended a BONC meeting and was called on to give a report on Budget Advocates. In the future she would like to have a written report to use when giving a report. She would also like to have a Budget Advocate attend the BONC meetings on a regular basis, perhaps they could rotate attendance to the meetings.
 - b. Liz Amsden commented that she has been getting emails via the DONE website related to the Neighborhood Integrity Initiative funded by Westfield, Palladium and other big businesses. She questioned whether DONE was getting money for this.
4. **Approval of Minutes from Meetings #4:** Motion to approve the minutes from meeting #4, passed with 19 yes (Allen, Amsden, Best, Burg, Foell Gory, Hopp, Hornik, Humphreville, Job, Kennedy, Kidd, Kirkwood, Menjvar, Newman, Perry, Ringuette, Sandoval, and Yvanek-Garb), 0 no, 1 abstention(s) (Seamans) and 2 not yet arrived (Katchen and Morrison).

5. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Howard Katchen
 - a. There has been no change in the fiscal position that he is aware of, the NC account has approximately \$28,776.63 and DONE account has approximately \$7,290.25.
 - b. Howard Katchen advised there was \$12,370 committed from the NCs with \$4,302.06 spent leaving \$28,776.63 in the Budget Advocate account; and about \$1,975 is committed on the DONE side with a balance of \$7,290.25 after expenditures of \$734.75.
 - c. DONE has not responded to him with information about the accounts, so the information he presented is to his best knowledge.
 - d. His inquiries to DONE about Lloyd Staffing invoices for the minute taker have also gone unanswered.
 - e. Regarding access to the BA gmail account, Howard Katchen has not had any response from the former administrator of the account to pass on the access information. He believes there is a Constant Contact invoice in that email account.
6. **Housekeeping** – Liz Amsden
 - a. Business Cards – no new information
 - b. Speaker Phone – no new information
 - c. Attendance – There is an attendance requirement, if you miss four meetings in a row or six aggregate, it is grounds for dismissal. If you have reasons for missing meetings, contact them and they will take that into consideration. This will be addressed at the next meeting.
 - d. Status of BAs' certifications – If you have not completed your DONE training, please do so and advise.
 - e. Website – no new information
 - f. Headshots – People who are missing headshots please send them to Liz Amsden.
7. **Reports on material issues regarding connecting with Budget Reps, Neighborhood Councils and Alliances:**
 - a. Jacqueline Kennedy spoke to the president of the Marina del Rey NC. He said they are still working to appoint a rep. Ms. Kennedy will attend one of their meetings.
 - b. Amy Foell emailed the contact for Atwater Village but has had no response. She will attend one of their meetings.
 - c. The position of Budget Advocates is that they speak as an 'elected', rather than during public comment. If NCs do not want to allow that, address it with them after the meeting. It is recommended that people let the NCs know in advance in order to be allowed a bit more time to report.
 - d. Danielle Sandoval received feedback from the alliance meeting (HANC) she attended and wondered how it should be handled. Ms. Amsden commented that she should email Jay Handel to get any issues resolved.
8. **Outreach:** Newsletter status – No update
9. **Survey – Finalize questions:** Danielle Sandoval
 - a. Date and time for launch – The goal is to have the survey cards ready to hand out at the BONC Congress on September 24.
 - b. Digital and other outreach – The survey will be conducted from www.ncbala.com.
 - c. Within and outside City/NC system – The survey cards can be handed out to any and all.
 - d. Ms. Sandoval will send last year's survey questions to BAs to review. Suggestions for questions should be sent to her.
10. **Status report on survey cards/possible motion(s) on other survey-related costs:**
 - a. The goal is to have the survey cards ready to hand out at the BONC Congress on September 24. The funding was approved at the last meeting.
11. **Committee Reports** – Liz Amsden
 - a. Liz Amsden went down the list of committees and asked that for each committee they say who is on the committee, who is the chair, who will be the lead writer, and if they have made contact with their department.

b. She confirmed current committee members and took additions and reassignments.

12. **2020 Commission Discussion** – Liz Amsden

a. Jack Humphreville will create a one to two page 'preliminary white paper' focused on the five LA 2020 motions passed at the August 7 retreat, to get the main issues out earlier in the budget process.

13. **New Business**: Ron Galperin tour of the Controller's office is still scheduled for Tuesday, September 27th. No additional information at this time.

14. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm. The next meeting is September 26, 2016 in DONE offices at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sheryl Akerblom
for the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates