

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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Monday, April 3, 2017

7:00 pm

Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Ivette Ale	Present	9	Brigette Kidd	Present by Phone	9
Brian Allen	Present	2	Keith Kirkwood	Present by Phone	5
Liz Amsden	Present 7:20 pm	8	Jon Liberman	Present	11
Julie Burg	Absent	10	Monica Massey	Absent	12
Kjiel Carlson	Absent	10	Michael Menjivar	Present	4
Kevin Davis	Absent	1	William Morrison	Present by Phone	8
Adrienne Edwards	Present by Phone	6	Carol Newman	Present by Phone	3
Amy Foell	Present by Phone	7	Christopher Perry	Present by Phone	9
Cindy Wu Freeman	Absent	2	Ava Post	Absent	6
Craig Goldfarb	Absent	12	Rick Ramirez	Present by Phone	1
Valaida Gory	Present by Phone	10	Barbara Ringuette	Present	7
Jay Handal	Present by Phone 7:30 pm	11	Marcus Rodriguez	Present by Phone	7
Jeanette Hopp	Present	4	Danielle Sandoval	Present by Phone	12
James Hornik	Absent	6	Patrick Seamans	Excused	5
Jack Humphreville	Present by Phone 7:25 pm	5	Lynda Valencia	Present	8
Ann Job	Present	1	Krisna Velasco	Absent	2
Howard Katchen	Excused	4	Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Absent	3
Jacqueline Kennedy	Present	11	Vacant Seat		3

(minutes in agenda order)

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm by Co-Vice Chair Jon Liberman.
2. **Roll Call**: A quorum of 23 board members was present (see list above). Mike Fong, DONE's Director of Policy and Government Relations, was also present.
3. **Public Comment** – None
4. **Approval of Minutes from Meeting #17 (March 18th)**
Motion by **William Morrison** to approve the minutes for meeting #17, March 18th, 2017, second by **Barbara Ringuette**, and passed with 19 yeses (Ale, Edwards, Foell, Gory, Hopp, Job, Kennedy, Kidd, Kirkwood, Liberman, Menjvar, Morrison, Newman, Perry, Ramirez, Ringuette, Rodriguez, Sandoval, and Valencia), 0 noes, 1 abstention (Allen), and 3 not yet present (Amsden, Handal, and Humphreville).
5. **Treasurer's Report** – Howard Katchen was unable to attend. Liz reported that Howard had received information from Man-Qin but some was unclear and he will require more time to review and will be able to give an update at the next meeting.
6. **Status response from Mayor on the White Paper**
Jay had not heard from Matt; will follow up and advise.

- 7. Discussion on White Paper support and funding of Budget Advocates by Neighborhood Councils** – Liz has received some requests for information on the success of prior white papers. Would be a good selling point in engaging more involvement and for requesting funding from Neighborhood Councils.
- 8. Discussion about Regional Concerns addendum to White Paper and possible motion to approve**
Report distributed by Ivette Ale just prior to the meeting. Motion by **Jon Liberman** to post the addendum and the notes from the Regional Budget Days to the NCBALA website, seconded by **Barbara Ringuette**, and passed with 23 yeases (Ale, Allen, Amsden, Edwards, Foell, Gory, Handal, Hopp, Humphreville, Job, Kennedy, Kidd, Kirkwood, Liberman, Menjvar, Morrison, Newman, Perry, Ramirez, Ringuette, Rodriguez, Sandoval, and Valencia), 0 noes, and 0 abstentions. Jay and Jacqueline to follow up on the missing Region 11 notes (note-taker recorded the meeting but has not transcribed or submitted recording).
- 9. Discussion on draft report on addressing the marijuana framework needed by the City with regards to its finances. Final report due by April 15th**
Danielle will circulate her recommendations for other BAs' comments, to be incorporated into the final report which will be voted on at the next meeting.
- 10. Further discussion and plans on attending/presenting at the Budget and Finance Committee hearings on the Budget**
The budget will be released on April 20th. Budget and Finance Committee hearings should start soon thereafter and Jay will circulate a signup list once there is a schedule. All Budget Advocates should commit to some involvement.
- 11. Further discussion on attracting and educating future Budget Representatives and Budget Advocates**
Committee (Amy, Bridget, Ivette, Valaida) met today and want to create an orientation package for the 2017/2018 Budget Advocates. This can also be used as educational hand-outs at Budget Day. They are still working with Mike Fong to add the Budget Advocates as a dropdown link on the DONE website. Liz will contact Kristina about adding an inquiry form to the NCBALA website to generate a list of those who might be interested in becoming Budget Advocates, their interests and skills, and to answer questions..
- 12. Status of Budget Advocates marketing campaign through CityWatch**
Jay will work with Adrienne to ensure a banner is created this week for CityWatch site. Ivette offered her design skills.
- 13. Update on DWP settlement regarding the transfer tax**
No new information on the settlement. The City received less (\$245M) than projected last year (264M). Given this year's projection of \$300M, there will be a significant impact on the City's bottom line under every scenario.
- 14. Discussion on stakeholder survey breakout by Neighborhood Council**
Jay has a tech contact working on extracting the data by N Neighborhood Council to see if there are any correlations that might help in generating more responses to future surveys.
- 15. Initial discussions about Budget Day (Saturday, June 24th), task assignments, outreach, coverage of sessions, etc.**

 - a. Jay will circulate a list of required tasks for people to sign up for that will be reviewed at the next meeting.
 - b. Need interesting/captivating speakers to attract and motivate attendees.
 - c. Will address the agenda at the next meeting.

- d. Need to create handouts for the day that can act as outreach material and go back to Neighborhood Councils (and be posted to the website).

16. Housekeeping – None

17. New Business

- a. Discussion on having at-large seats. Had previously but changed to 3 seats per Region. Any interested party can attend and participate. Only difference is they do not have a vote but their concerns are listened to.
- b. Liz to pull and circulate Brigitte’s article in CityWatch.

18. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm. The next scheduled meeting is Saturday, April 15, 2017 at the West LA Municipal Building at 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted, Sheryl Akerblom
for the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates