

DRAFT MINUTES

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates 2015/16 – Meeting #17

West Los Angeles Municipal Building
1645 Corinth Ave #201, Los Angeles, CA 90025
April 16, 2016 – 10 am

1. Call to order at 1008
2. Roll Call – in West LA: Jon, Liz, Harvey, Glenn, Hayes; on phone: Danielle, Scott, Howard (intermittent), Brett, Brandon, Marcus, Jeannette, Krisna (left @ noon), Terry (@11), Patrick (@11:15)
3. Public Comment – none
4. Approval of minutes – August 15th, December 19th, January 4th, February 13th, February 29th, March 19th, April 4th (if minutes not available, determine next steps) – no quorum at meeting, no quorum yet, e-mail any comments on April 4th to Liz to be used as minutes and approved next meeting
5. Treasurer's report (Howard) – BA account \$29,564.67, DONE account \$4,188.70; waiting on his own receipt, still waiting on Marisol bu; Danielle gave parking receipts to Terry, discussion on delay in reimbursement from DONE; Glenn asked if Northridge and Sunland Tujunga NC monies have been deposited; Jasmine handling funding, Glenn will circulate form
6. Status ncbala.com domain name and MOU with DONE on servicing/content control (Howard/Terry) – Jon sent revised language, Terry made appropriate revisions and sent onto DONE
7. Set up and maintenance of NCBA YouTube channel (Krystee/Terry) – TABLED till we can obtain Krystee's input
8. Update on first two radio shows including confirming changed dates – promotion, guests, volunteers and other details (Brandon/Krystee) – tonight's show pushed, Grayce's message in Empower LA's newsletter listed as tonight, Terry to advise Grayce, Glenn to text requesting push, need new date Brandon insists 23rd, Krystee n/a can we get speakers on 20th; Terry re: can meet 23rd Campos, Grayce, Galperin (pre-record) or Kevin James, what about promos for 23rd, can pre-record to avoid Passover issue, Brandon has promos, music, bumpers, closing, needs to update opening, roundtable – Krisna, Jeannette, Danielle, Glenn; can we get someone from Mayor's budget team to drill down budget items, Terry to contact Matt Crawford and John Chavez, include putting sworn officers currently handling admin functions, on street, replacing with civilian, each committee a couple of questions for other shows? Need to get promo out ASAP through Grayce 7 pm need call-in number; would like notes on State of the City; Harbor City NC was not invited to State of the City disgraceful; Terry recommended HANC should agendaize and address
9. Discussion on Budget & Finance Committee presentations (Terry) schedule not finalized, Krekorian's office taking lead, need to circulate last year's schedule from Glenn with heads-up for BAs to prepare to attend and speak in the public comment period
10. Plan for Budget Advocate delivery to Budget & Finance Committee in May (Terry) after lunch following Coalition of Labor, need to lay out what points we want to make, who can come – Liz, Danielle, Glenn, Jon, Hayes, Jeannette, Terry to circulate doodle for conference call to set agenda to include those with expertise to speak and others for support
11. Final delivery of White Paper – when are we delivering, to whom (Mayor's office, CAO, Department heads, CDs, etc.), on what? – address MIA reports, if any remaining; who was getting thumb-drives; Krystee?? February meeting no minutes, what lead time, go through Jose at 10 – Terry to talk to him tomorrow; Liz will put together prelim list and how to deliver to circulate
12. Budget Day planning (Terry/Krystee) – why was Budget Day save-the-date not sent out, along with agendaizing Budget; Mayor confirmed, Krystee n/a, Terry will put together and get out to confirm Commissioners to facilitate regional break-outs [also see item 14]
13. Motion to approve \$800 for Channel 35 to cover Budget Day proceedings in Council Chambers subject to Terry NOT obtaining agreement from Herb Wesson for the City to absorb the Channel 35 labor costs. – Terry to follow up again

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14. Need to appoint/elect Budget Reps and how given NC vs elections scheduling (Terry) – need to address impact of elections in Regions 9, 10, 11, 12; not certified till 28th June; move to July 30th, Jon moved, Hayes as second; discussion: concerns: when more likely for people to be out of town? Glenn voiced need for consistency, unanimous (from 13), need to change date to reserve 30th, update Grayce, commissioners (Glenn will), Mayor, etc.
15. Report on developing web-site metrics to track BA areas of concern as discussed at the meeting with the Mayor (Harvey/Scott) – quick review, respond to e-mail, miles of street repaired, etc., Harvey and Glenn to incorporate suggestion and circulate, suggestions need to be what we want and don't need to address how, Scott to report back next meeting (Harvey will be out of the country till mid-May)
16. Report from Budget Advocate funding ad-hoc committee on items we need funding for (updating technology for event sites across the City (including for emergency use) and targeting of NCs who did not expend their funding AND did not fund BAs; form from DONE for NCs to use (Krystee) - TABLED
17. Update on website including remaining access issues; posting White Paper; Budget Day, update on events; status of mobile/app version; Updated headshots/statements; Videos heading (Scott/Elvina) Scott will request Elvina post items first and then address the other concerns
18. Report back on DONE reform meeting (Krystee/Danielle) – meeting with 7 NC reps plus Herb and Justin Wesson, want to move all NC funding into City Clerk's office, concerned because DONE does more than just processing, if don't have access, what will turnaround be on NPGs, reimbursements, etc. currently 30 days, may be even longer, Wesson wants to implement July 1st when new Treasurers come on board, City Clerk would not hire additional staff/request additional funding, Wesson agreed did not understand how NC funding works, unknown person bad-mouthed Grayce, Jeanette thinks City Clerk losing functions to County on Elections trying to replace; DONE already implementing some of the recommendations; need to incorporate some of Wesson's concerns (getting complaints from NCs in his area) need to get full report, what Wesson is up to, Howard outreach to NCs and support, BAs to get input from Grayce not to reinvent the wheel issues lack of staff last year, having to get approval from other departments; Harvey now only need approvals for large payments, events and grants; now function more administrative than financial, if put issues that involve DONE policies into another department may create problems, need to clarify what are they moving and what is Herb trying to accomplish; Scott what issues driving, Jon DONE lost functions and added new processes – are these make-work or are they needed? refer to Controller's office? logistics of dealing with 96 NCs, Terry – NC people don't always respond, or does DONE not have enough people to handle, City Clerk would audit MERs reports, etc. DONE would still approve, need Treasurers' handbook with flowcharts that Armando said would have last September, 33 of 96 funds frozen for being behind on MERs, need consistency; need Wesson's goal, Grayce's input; Joanne; was advised later that Krystee has notes
19. Status CD meeting reports, when and how to present them (Danielle) – need 2 (Krisna), 4 (Barbara), 5 (Jon), 7 (Terry to set meeting), 8 (Terry), 10 (Jon), 11 (Bonin – not Terry or Jon – Liz to research who did Bonin interview)
20. Update on template Budget Advocate operations timeline now through 2017 (Scott) – TABLED to incorporate impact of moving Budget Day to July 30th
21. Status Homelessness committee report, when and how to present it (Barbara) – TABLED till Barbara present
22. Update on policing issues (Danielle/Terry) – SLO told Danielle that this was a 90-day pilot program and did not know if budget had been requested to extend it
23. Discussion on whether to take any action on Porter Ranch gas leak at the moment (Glenn/Becky) Glenn advised that the Gas Co has paid out \$350M in relocation and other costs, impact overall varied from increases for healthcare issues, losses for salons and other service-oriented businesses; so far, although the number of listings are down, price differentials are not statistically significant; may be better for the DWP MOU committee to address; if situation changes, can put on agenda in the future.
24. Update on budget-related Council File identification, recommendations and sending though Budget Reps to NCs for CIS support (Glenn) – will be looking into setting up a google sheet static link on the NCBALA website with a link to the CAO's website so will update automatically

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25. New business – Hayes brought up issue of Uber & Lyft cutting into taxi businesses business, will research and compare traditional taxis, airport transfer companies like SuperShuttle, Lyft/Uber and limo services, addressing monies each pay to different levels of government in taxes, the impact of independent contractors, liability concerns, etc./Announcements – Terry advised that the Mayor wanted to meet with the Budget Advocates before the 16-17 Budget release (April 20th – so not much time), also before June, logistically after May 18th probably best. Terry to circulate link to budget to all BAs when released.
26. Adjournment at 1231

Next scheduled meeting will be at 7 pm at the DONE offices downtown on Monday, May 2nd