

**Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates 2019-20 -
Meeting #5 7 p.m., Monday, August 28, 2019
DONE Office, Los Angeles City Hall,
20th floor Meeting #5 Minutes**

Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Kevin Davis	Excused	1	Connie Acosta	Present (7:18)	7
John DiGregorio	Phone	1	Liz Amsden	Phone	8
Ann Job	Absent	1	Brian McCain	Present	8
Brian Allen	Excused	2	Dentis Fowlkes	Excused	8
Glenn Bailey	Excused	2	Jason Franklin	Absent*	9
Garry Fordyce	Present	2	Evelyn Valdez	Phone	9
Jeff Mausner	Present	3	Elias Garcia	Present	9
Carol Newman	Present	3	Carol Derby-David	Present	10
Joanne Yvanek Garb	Excused	3	Tracey Brown	Excused	10
Howard Katchen	Excused	4	Jennifer Goodie	Excused	10
Brandon Pender	Excused	4	Jay Handal	Excused	11
Jeanette Hopp	Present	4	Jacqueline Le Kennedy	Phone (7:20)	11
Charles Taylor	Excused	5	Jon Liberman	Present	11
Jack Humphreville	Present	5	Melanie Labreque	Phone	12
Patrick Seamans	Phone (7:35)	5	Danielle Sandoval	Phone	12
Ernesto Castro	Present	6	Dr. Princess Sykes	Present (7:06)	12
James Hornik	Absent	6	Josh Nadel	Present	Other
Nina Smith	Present (7:06)	6	Kay Hartman	Present	Other
Barbara Ringuette	Present	7	John Darnell	Present	Other
Tony Michaelis	Excused	7	---	---	---

1. Call to order: Carol Newman called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Quorum was met at 7:03 p.m., with 18 members present or on the phone at that time. Other members arrived after the start of the meeting. Budget Representatives and others present were Josh Nadel (Palms NC), Kay Hartman (Palms NC), and DONE representative John Darnell.
3. Public Comment: Kay Hartman, Budget Representative from Palms NC, said she appreciated the discussion of how the Budget Advocates will work with Budget Representatives.

4. Approval of minutes from Meetings #1, #2, #3, #4: Postponed until next meeting.
5. Treasurer's Report: John DiGregorio moved to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Jon Liberman. Liz Amsden abstained and no one opposed. Motion passed.
 - a. Ad hoc Budget Committee: Creating such a committee had been suggested at the previous meeting. Jon Liberman moved to remove this item from the agenda and Jeanette Hopp seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Election/selection of new Recording Secretary: Postponed until the next meeting.
7. Reports on setting up Department meetings: Barbara Ringuette has established the Departmental committees, and "point persons" for each committee were selected at the meeting. All meetings with the Departments must be scheduled by the September 21, 2019 meeting, although the meetings need not have taken place by then. The first drafts of all reports are due on November 1, 2019. Kay Hartman volunteered to help with editing of reports.
8. Update on trainings: Barbara Ringuette reported that the trainings for Budget Advocates have been confirmed for Monday, September 9, 2019 and Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at the DONE office, City Hall, 20th floor.
9. Recommendations to the Mayor: A discussion took place regarding the modified version of the previously discussed letter to the Mayor, and Jack Humphreville will make final changes to the letter and send it out with a cover letter from co-chair Carol Newman. The Budget Advocates will continue to work with the Mayor's office to set up a dialogue about important issues.
10. Follow-up on issues mentioned by the Mayor at our meeting (procurement, liability, real estate) – Postponed.
11. Assignment of Neighborhood Councils: One person from each region will be assigned to supervise all of the other Budget Advocates to make sure all are doing their jobs with respect to interfacing with the Neighborhood Councils. The assignments are: Region 1: John DiGregorio; Region 2: Glenn Bailey; Region 3: Jeff Mausner; Region 4: Howard Katchen; Region 5: Jack Humphreville; Region 6: Ernesto Castro; Region 7: Barbara Ringuette; Region 8: Brian McCain; Region 9: Evelyn Valdez; Region 10: Carol Derby-David; Region 11: Jon Liberman; Region 12: Danielle Sandoval
12. Mechanism to report on BA's visiting NC's
 - a. One visit per quarter to be required or else subject to removal – bylaws

change needed: Delegated to the Bylaws Committee.

- b. Tony Michaelis to work with KJ Clark on developing procedures for NC's to be able to report delinquent BA's: Postponed.

13. How Budget Advocates are going to work with Budget Reps: Postponed.
14. Outreach: Danielle Sandoval will have Outreach send out written reports once a month to Neighborhood Councils in each region, if possible. Carol Newman suggested that each region put together some communication to the Neighborhood Councils each month, either in writing or verbally (through a phone conference).
15. People to attend alliances and BONC: A committee consisting of Danielle Sandoval, Glenn Bailey, and John DiGregorio will attempt to assure attendance at each of these meetings by a Budget Advocate.
16. Updates from NC alliances, NC's, and BONC: No discussion.
17. City Watch: Postponed until the next meeting.
18. Parking passes: It will be difficult to obtain new parking passes for Budget Advocates from DONE. Budget Advocates should either try to obtain them from their Neighborhood Councils, or, if they are unable to get them, should contact DONE/John Darnell before the meeting to assure they can park at City Hall.
19. Business cards: No discussion.
20. New business: Jack Humphreville suggested that the Budget Advocates should review an article by George Schultz and David Crane advocating that governments adopt generally accepted accounting principles for more transparency.
21. Adjournment: 9:04 p.m.