

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL BUDGET ADVOCATES

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DONE Office, City Hall, 20th floor, Los Angeles

Monday, October 7, 2019, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Meeting #7 Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Kevin Davis	Present 7:20	1	Brian McCain	Present	8
Ann Job	Present	1	Dentis Fowlkes	Present (left 8:50)	8
John DiGregorio	Excused	1	Liz Amsden	Present	8
Brian Allen	Present	2	Elias Garcia	Present	9
Glenn Bailey	Present	2	Evelyn Valdez	Present	9
Garry Fordyce	Present	2	Vacant	-----	9
Jeffrey Mausner	Present 8:15	3	Carol Derby David	Present	10
Carol Newman	Present	3	Tracey Brown	Present	10
Joanne YvanekGarb	Present	3	Jennifer Goodie	Present	10
Jeanette Hopp	Present	4	Jay Handal	Excused	11
Howard Katchen	Present	4	Jacqueline Le Kennedy	Present 8:16	11
Brandon Pender	Excused	4	Jon Liberman	Present	11

Jack Humphreville	Present	5	Melanie Labrecque	Present	12
Patrick Seamans	Absent	5	Danielle Sandoval	Excused	12
Charles Taylor	Present 7:13	5	Dr. Princess Sykes	Present	12
James Hornik	Absent	6			
Nina Smith	Present	6			
Ernesto Castro	Present	6			
Tony Michaelis	Present	7			
Barbara Ringuette	Excused	7			
Connie Acosta	Excused	7			

1. Call to order: Co-Chair Carol Newman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Roll call: Quorum was met at 7:00 p.m. with 23 members present at that time. Other members arrived after the start of the meeting.
3. Public Comment: There were no public comments.
4. Approval of minutes from Meetings #5 and #6: Postponed until the next meeting.
5. Treasurer's Report (Howard Katchen): Mr. Katchen agreed to follow up on whether the notetakers on Budget Day delivered their notes in return for the payments we were making to and for them. He also agreed to follow up and confirm whether his report was accurate in showing a payment of \$400.00 to the Budget Advocates by Empowerment Congress North. Apart from those issues, Dr. Sykes made a motion to approve the report, Jon Liberman seconded. Brian Allen opposed and Liz Amsden abstained. MOTION PASSED.
 - a) Motion to approve total reimbursement of \$67.41 out of pocket expenses to Jack Humphreville, Budget Advocate Board Member: \$53.85 coffee from Starbucks and \$13.56 bottles of water from Pavilions for Budget Advocate Board meeting on 9-21-19.

Glenn Bailey moved to approve, and Jon Liberman seconded. MOTION PASSED.

b) Motion to approve total reimbursement of \$91.95 out of pocket expenses to Danielle Sandoval, Budget Advocate Board Member: \$48.17 HP printer ink from Target and \$43.78 for printer paper exclusive use for producing Budget Advocates outreach materials. Garry moved to approve, and Joanne Yvanek-Garb seconded. MOTION PASSED BY ACCLAMATION.

6. Selection of new meeting location for the third Saturday meetings (Carol Newman): Because the West LA Library is still closed, the October Budget Advocates meeting will return to its previous location at 1645 Corinth starting at 9:30 a.m. Jon Liberman will obtain the key from Jay Handal and keep the key. Brian Allen, Glenn Bailey, and Jon Liberman will work together to try to make sure there are enough chairs there for the meeting.

7. Election to fill Budget Advocate vacancy in Region 9 (Ms. Newman and Tony Michaelis): Parliamentarian Tony Michaelis had sent out the required notice, but no candidates have been nominated so far for this vacancy. Ms. Newman asked all Budget Advocates to reach out to try to fill this vacancy.

8. Reports on setting up Department meetings (Ms. Newman and Barbara Ringuette): There was an update on setting up meetings and preparing reports. The deadline for the first draft of the reports is November 1, 2019.

9. Report on trainings (Ms. Ringuette): Postponed until the next meeting. It was requested that Barbara Ringuette send out the template for the departmental reports.

10. February 1 motion /CIS (Jack Humphreville): After a discussion, it was agreed that the Budget Advocates would continue to press for a CIS that the Mayor's Budget be released by February 1 of each year.

11. CityWatch (Mr. Humphreville): Jon Liberman moved to continue the Budget Advocates' relationship with CityWatch for \$1,000 a month for three months, beginning November 1, 2019, and then after three months, evaluating the effectiveness of this arrangement with CityWatch. Jeff Mausner seconded. Liz Amsden, Danielle Sandoval, and Nina Smith volunteered to serve as a committee to handle the relationship with CityWatch along with Jack Humphreville. Brian McCain and Howard Katchen opposed the motion. Evelyn Valdez, Melanie Labrecque, and Jacqueline Kennedy abstained. MOTION PASSED.

12. Outreach (Danielle Sandoval): Postponed until the next meeting.

13. Bylaws Committee (Mr. Michaelis): Glenn Bailey, Brian Allen, Jon Liberman, Garry Fordyce, and Josh Nadel have volunteered for this committee. Tony Michaelis agreed to e-mail Melanie Labrecque the current Bylaws to be put up on the website.
14. Website – hire graphics consultant? (Ms. Newman): Carol Newman requested that Liz Amsden work with Melanie Labrecque to correct details on the website. Discussion ensued about whether this should fall under Outreach instead for consistency. Ms. Newman asked that it be put on the next agenda and asked that Liz Amsden follow up with Danielle Sandoval.
15. Working with Budget Reps (Ms. Newman): Carol Newman asked that Melanie Labrecque circulate the current list of Budget Reps, as is.
16. People to attend alliances and BONC: Danielle Sandoval attended the BONC meeting in her region.
17. Updates from NC alliances, NC's and BONC: Melanie Labrecque reported that BONC wants to make changes in their training, including being out in the field with Neighborhood Councils and censuring disruptive board members. Glenn Bailey said that the next BONC meeting in November will be in South LA and asked that one or more representatives of the Budget Advocates should attend.
18. Business cards (Melanie Labrecque): The business card proofs will be available tomorrow and everyone will need to approve them as quickly as possible.
19. New business: Glenn Bailey asked that Budget Day 2020 be put on the agenda going forward, and said that we need a confirmation of rooms being booked, a save-the-date being sent out, and getting information on the website about Budget Day. The following people volunteered to serve as the committee for Budget Day: Carol Newman, Jack Humphreville, Brian McCain, Jennifer Goodie, Glenn Bailey, and Josh Nadel.
20. Adjournment: at 9:00 p.m.

Next meeting – October 19, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. at 1645 Corinth Ave.

Deadline date for future agenda items to be submitted: October 16, 2019