

## Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates 2019-20

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1645 Corinth Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90025

Saturday, December 21, 2019

9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

### Meeting #12 Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Kevin Davis	Present	1	Brian McCain	Absent	8
Vacant	---	1	Dentis Fowlkes	Excused	8
John DiGregorio	Excused	1	Vacant	---	8
Brian Allen	Present (left at 11)	2	Elias Garcia	Absent	9
Glenn Bailey	Present	2	Evelyn Valdez	Absent	9
Garry Fordyce	Present	2	Vacant	-----	9
Jeffrey Mausner	Present	3	Carol Derby-David	Present	10
Carol Newman	Present	3	Tracey Brown	Present (9:40)	10
Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Present	3	Jennifer Goodie	Present	10
Jeanette Hopp	Present	4	Jay Handal	Present	11
Howard Katchen	Present (Phone)	4	Jacqueline Le Kennedy	Present (Phone)	11
Brandon Pender	Present (11:00)	4	Jon Liberman	Present (10:45)	11
Jack Humphreville	Present	5	Melanie Labrecque	Present (Phone)	12
Patrick Seamans	Present (10:30)	5	Danielle Sandoval	Absent	12
Charles Taylor	Absent	5	Dr. Princess Sykes	Present (10:20)	12
Vacant		6			
Nina Smith	Present	6			
Ernesto Castro	Present (9:45)	6			
Tony Michaelis	Present	7			
Barbara Ringuette	Present	7			
Connie Acosta	Present	7			

1. Call to order: Co-chair Carol Newman called the meeting to order at 9:34 am.
2. Roll Call: Quorum was met at 9:38 with 19 members present at that time. Others present were: Nancy Verma (Highland Park NC); Josh Nadel (Palms NC); Paula Shannon, Volunteer, West Valley Animal Shelter; Kathy and Art Serasnas, Volunteers, West Valley Animal Shelter.

At the request of Jeffrey Mausner, Agenda Item #8 was addressed before all other matters.

8. Whether to recommend investigation of LAAS volunteer program (Jeff Mausner). Jeff Mausner moved that the Budget Advocates recommend an investigation of the LAAS volunteer program. 3 abstentions, no opposition. MOTION PASSED.
3. Public Comment: None.
4. Approval of minutes from Meetings #9 & #10: Amendment to Meeting #9: reflect Jeanette Hopp present. Dr. Sykes moved to approve the minutes to Meeting #9 as amended, and to approve the minutes for meeting #10, Howard Katchen seconded. No abstentions, no opposition, MOTION PASSED.
5. Treasurer's report (Howard Katchen): Dr. Sykes moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, Carol Newman seconded. No abstentions, 1 opposition. MOTION PASSES.
6. Status of elections to fill vacancies in Regions 1 and 9 (Tony Michaelis): Still vacancies in Regions 1 and 9. There will be elections in Region 8. A discussion followed about the correct procedures to fill vacancies.
7. Status of editing reports (Carol Newman and Kay Hartman): The editing process will be done by the end of the year.
9. Review of the proposed White Paper: A draft was emailed and copies handed out at the meeting. A vote on the White Paper will be conducted at the January 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.
10. Theme for White Paper: The theme is Radical Transparency.
11. Artwork for White Paper (Barbara Ringuette): The artwork is being developed.
12. Report on meeting with Mayor's budget team (Jack Humphreville): We met with the Mayor's office. No solutions on how they will balance this year's budget. No long-term solutions.
13. Choosing speakers for Budget Day (Carol Newman and Jack Humphreville): Discussion on whom to invite and themes.
14. Input for quarterly meetings with the LAPD: Ideas need to be given to the team.
15. Council files report (Glenn Bailey): Discussion on how the BAs deal with council files that have budget impacts/interests, no resolution reached.
16. Motion to declare Mayor and City Council to be fiscally irresponsible (Jack Humphreville): Deferred.

17. Status of CIS/Motion for the Budget to be presented by February 1 (Jack Humphreville): Further action postponed for the time being, and incorporated into the White Paper.
18. Outreach: No report.
19. Attendance at Department meetings (Carol Newman): Barbara Ringuette gave a report.
20. Bylaws Committee (Tony Michaelis) The Bylaws Committee will meet before the next meeting.
21. City Watch (Jack Humphreville and Carol Newman): Liz Amsden, who is spearheading this project, has reported a lack of cooperation from Budget Advocates. The Budget Advocates need to submit their bios and write articles.
22. Website (Carol Newman and Melanie Labrecque): Postponed until next meeting.
23. Budget Day 2020 (Carol Newman): Additional discussion postponed until next meeting.
24. Update on BA visits to NCs (Carol Newman): Postponed until next meeting.
25. Housing Committee. Postponed until next meeting.
26. Outreach Podcast Project (Brandon Pender and Josh Nadel): Postponed until next meeting.
27. Point person for each Council District (Carol Newman): Postponed until next meeting.
28. Working with Budget Reps (Carol Newman): Postponed until next meeting.
29. People to attend alliances and BONC: Postponed until next meeting.
30. Updates from NC alliances. NCs and BONC: Postponed until next meeting.
31. Business cards (Melanie Labrecque): Handed out at meeting.
32. New Business. Northridge South NC gave a very sincere comment about the high level of work BAs are doing.
33. Adjournment: 12:05 p.m.

Next meeting – January 6, 2020

Deadline date for future agenda items to be submitted: January 2, 2020