

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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**Zoom Meeting
Budget Advocates Retreat - July 18, 2020**



Meeting #3 Minutes

| Board Members | Roll Call | Region | Board Members | Roll Call | Region |
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| John DiGregorio | Present until 2:30 | 1 | Barbara Ringuette | Present | 7 |
| Lanira Murphy | Present | 1 | Connie Acosta | Present | 7 |
| Michael Daniel Ebenkamp | Present | 1 | Seth Copenhaver | Present | 7 |
| Brian Allen | Present | 2 | Jamie Tijerina | Present 9:20 | 8 |
| Glenn Bailey | Present | 2 | Liz Amsden | Present | 8 |
| Garry Fordyce | Present | 2 | Clint Birdsong | Present | 8 |
| Carol Newman | Present | 3 | Elias Garcia | Present | 9 |
| Lee Blumenfeld | Present | 3 | Albert Farias | Present | 9 |
| Pat Bates | Present until 2:07 | 3 | Leslie Gamero | Present 11:15 | 9 |
| Peter Haderlein | Present until 2:56 | 4 | Jennifer Goodie | Present | 10 |
| Howard Katchen | Present 9:10 | 4 | Edmond Warren | Present | 10 |
| Brandon Pender | Present | 4 | Hugo Rodriguez | Present | 10 |
| Jack Humphreville | Present | 5 | Jay Handal | Present | 11 |
| Julia Moser | Present | 5 | Jacqueline Le Kennedy | Present | 11 |
| Daniel Perez | Present | 5 | Jon Liberman | Present | 11 |
| Ernesto Castro | Absent | 6 | Danielle Sandoval | Present | 12 |
| Naira Harootunian | Present | 6 | Claricza Ortiz | Present 9:15 | 12 |
| Margarita Lopez | Present | 6 | Gina Martinez | Present | 12 |

1. Call to order / Roll Call: The meeting was called to order by Co-chair Liz Amsden at 9:07 a.m., with a full quorum reached at that time. See above for Roll Call.
2. Public Comment –
 - o • for Budget Reps: Josh Nadel and Ash Kramer
 - o • for stakeholders: None
3. The Budget Advocates mission and a brief history of the organization: Jack gave a brief overview of the Budget Advocates
4. Re-introduction of this year’s Budget Advocates stating name, NC, skills and interests: Each Budget Advocate spoke briefly on their skills and interests. Budget Advocates were requested to submit photos and brief bios for the Budget Advocate website.

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5. Circulation of Budget Advocate survey: Albert distributed a survey to all Budget Advocates, requesting a selection of their top three topics and priorities.
6. Responsibilities and obligations: Liz read the Responsibilities and Obligations statement used by Budget Advocates in previous years
7. 15-minute break
8. Finance Report

MOTION to approve the final Financial Report of FY 2019-20: Jon Liberman seconded. Discussion and vote. MOTION PASSED. Roll Call Vote with 18 yes, 1 no and 13 abstentions.

Motion to approve the FY 2020-21 budget for the Budget Advocates: Item postponed until the next meeting.

Lanira will confirm with DONE Accounting on the status of Budget Advocate funding for this year

9. Consent calendar:
After discussion, Lee MOVED that each item be voted on as separate motions. John DiGregorio seconded. MOTION PASSED. Roll Call Vote, with 32 yes and 1 abstention.

MOTION to allocate up to \$2,500 for video meeting tech including translation module and other add-ons.

Jay moved to postpone this vote until definitive information could be obtained on cost. Garry seconded. Liz amended that the motion to be for up to \$300 for the month of August.

MOTION to amend PASSED with one abstention, one objection.

Revised MOTION- to allocate up to \$300 for video tech meetings, including add-ons, for the month of August. MOTION PASSED. Roll Call Vote with 23 yes, 3 no, 4 abstentions,

MOTION to allocate up to \$6,000 for interpretive services for all regular meetings, the retreat and four Town Halls. MOTION PASSED. Roll Call Vote with 32 yes and 1 abstention.

MOTION to allocate up to \$125 per month (\$1,500 per annum) to pay The Mailroom or any other Budget Advocate board-approved vendor to host and maintain the ncbala.com website and keep current all information submitted for posting MOTION PASSED. Roll Call Vote with 31 yes, 1 no and 1 abstention

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MOTION to allocate up to \$4,000 for the fiscal year to pay a staffing company for a professional note taker who will attend the Budget Advocate Retreat, town halls and twice monthly regularly scheduled Budget Advocate meetings, record and edit meeting minutes, motions, vote counts, and sundry meeting information and submit to the Budget Advocates MOTION PASSED: Roll Call Vote, with 30 yes, no abstentions and no oppositions.

MOTION to allocate up to \$1,900 to pay City of Los Angeles City Printing Services or another vendor for Budget Advocates business cards.

Liz MOVED to postpone this item until the next meeting. John DiGregorio seconded. MOTION PASSED. One opposed, no abstentions.

MOTION to allocate up to \$2,000 for Budget Advocate administrative, operational, and printing expenses. MOTION PASSED. Roll Call Vote with 19 yes, 7 no and 7 abstentions.

MOTION to reimburse John DiGregorio a total of \$182 - \$14.99 for a one-month Zoom subscription plus \$167.01 for an upgrade to a version that would support translation (reflects \$180.55 less \$13.54 prorated for the initial subscription). Jay seconded. MOTION PASSED. Roll Call Vote with 27 yes, 1 no and 5 abstentions.

10. Review and approval of minutes for Meeting #2 (July 6th): Jon Liberman moved to approve the minutes for Meeting #2. Garry seconded. Two abstentions, no oppositions. MOTION PASSED.

11. Review and comments on minutes from Meetings #24 (June 20th) and #25 (June 23rd): Item postponed until the next meeting.

12. Planning for the upcoming year (brief discussion): Ideas for the upcoming year were discussed.

13. 30-minute lunch break

14. Report on the results of the first part of the survey.

Items 15 through 20 – Form committees. Committees to appoint chair and report back with a mission at the next meeting. Stakeholders can join committees once they have been formalized.

Jon Liberman moved to adjourn the meeting. Brandon seconded. MOTION FAILED. Roll Call Vote with 15 no, 14 yes and 1 abstention.

21. Best practices for meeting with your Neighborhood Councils: Discussion

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All Budget Advocates should e-mail Jennifer with contact info for the Budget Representatives as well as for the Treasurer and President for each of their self-assigned Neighborhood Councils.

22. What do Budget Advocates currently do well? / What can we do to improve our game?
Discussion

23. The People's Budget: Item tabled till the next meeting.

24. New Business:

- The Budget Advocates will need to reschedule the meetings for September only due to Labor Day and Rosh Hashanah. Dates will be confirmed at the next meeting
- Glenn asked that the link to the two-hour training presentation be sent to all Budget Advocates.

25. Adjournment: at 3:22 p.m.

The next Budget Advocate meeting will be on Monday, August 3 at 7 pm – details to come. Please submit items for consideration to the Co-Chairs by July 27.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:
ELSPETH WEINGARTEN
July 24, 2020