



Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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Zoom Meeting
Monday, April 5, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
Meeting #20 Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Punam Gohel	Present	1	Barbara Ringuette	Present	7
Lanira Murphy	Present 7:10	1	-----	-----	7
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Brian Allen	Excused	2	Jamie Tijerina	Absent	8
Glenn Bailey	Excused; Present 7:50	2	Liz Amsden	Present	8
Garry Fordyce	Present	2	-----	-----	8
Carol Newman	Present	3	Elias Garcia	Present	9
Lee Blumenfeld	Present	3	-----	-----	9
Pat Bates	Present	3	Leslie Gamero	Absent	9
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Howard Katchen	Present	4	Edmond Warren	Absent	10
Brandon Pender	Present	4	Hugo Rodriguez	Absent	10
Jack Humphreville	Absent	5	Jay Handal	Present	11
Julia Moser	Excused	5	Kay Hartman	Present	11
Daniel Perez	Absent	5	Jon Liberman	Absent	11
Ernesto Castro	Present 8:04	6	Danielle Sandoval	Present 7:16	12
Naira Harootunian	Absent	6	-----	-----	12
Margarita Lopez	Present	6	Gina Martinez	Absent	12

1. Call to order / Roll Call: The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Liz Amsden at 7:05pm, with a quorum reached at that time. See above for Roll Call.

Also present were: Budget Representative Sheryl Akerblom (Coastal San Pedro NC), Sarah Ramsawack (North Hollywood North East NC stakeholder) and Spanish-English interpreter Ricardo Hernandez.

2. Public Comment:
 - Budget Reps: None
 - Stakeholders: Sarah Ramsawack
3. Minutes: Item postponed to next meeting.
4. Treasurer's report / Financial Report:
Jay moved to approve the Financial Report. Liz seconded.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, with 15 for and no abstentions.

5. Budget Advocate Reports:

Through electronic voting, the White Paper received 17 votes total from Budget Advocates and was approved with 11 for, 4 opposed and 2 abstentions.

Jay moved to have all remaining Reports moved to a Consent Calendar for a single vote. Carol seconded.

Lee requested to pull the Report on Planning for individual voting.

Kay requested to pull the Report on Finance for individual voting.

Garry request to pull the Reports on the Housing and Community Investment Department, the City Council, the Mayor and the City Administrative Office for individual voting.

VOTE on the three remaining Reports of Cannabis, DONE and Engineering:
MOTION PASSED, with 15 for and 1 abstention.

VOTE on the Report on Planning:

MOTION PASSED, with 14 for, 1 opposed and 1 abstention.

Jay moved to approve the Report on Finance as is, with the caveat that it can be grammatically and structurally changed, but that content cannot be changed. Carol seconded.

MOTION PASSED, with 15 for, 1 opposed and no abstentions.

Jay moved to approve the Report on HCID. Carol seconded.

MOTION PASSED, with 15 for and 1 abstention.

Jay moved to approve the Reports on City Council, Mayor and CAO. Kay seconded.

MOTION PASSED, with 15 for and 1 abstention.

Kay move to include a simple statement of fact in the Report on the CAO to say that, "This report was written without a meeting from the department." Danielle seconded.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, with 16 for and no abstentions.

Jay moved to send the White Paper to Paul Krekorian, Matt Hale and Ron Galperin and then wait to see whether it's possible to have a meeting with the Mayor, before determining when to distribute it to the Neighborhood Councils. Carol seconded.

Jay will work with Liz on framing a cover letter to the Neighborhood Councils. Discussion on the issue.

Barbara moved that the elected officials previously mentioned should receive a copy of the email with the cover letter, including White Paper. Glenn seconded. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, with 17 for and no abstentions.

6. Committees: Liz reported four or five papers are in process and some others have been discussed but the focus should be the budget, costs and how services are affected.
7. Town Halls: Julia and Jack are working on confirming speakers.
8. Budget Advocate presentation to Neighborhood Councils: Jay suggested creating a video that can be distributed to the Neighborhood Councils about the Budget Advocates. Anyone interested in helping should contact Jay.
9. State of the City: Item tabled to next meeting due to Jack's absence.
10. Bylaws: The next Bylaws meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 11, at 1:00 pm.
11. Non-compliance of Bylaws: Jennifer will prepare a list of Budget Advocates whose absences exceed the number allowed by the Bylaws which will be considered by the Executive Committee.
12. Budget Advocates Replacements: Carol reported candidates have stepped forward in Regions 4, 9 and 12. E-mails will be distributed in those regions to announce the candidates and to seek any objections. Elections were attempted in all regions except 12. Seats in Regions 1, 7 and 8 remain open.
13. Budget Day 2021: A Save-the-Date will be created to distribute to the Neighborhood Councils. Glenn will contact DONE about adding it on their EmpowerLA website calendar.
14. New Business:
 - Solicitation of Funds:
When attending Neighborhood Council meetings, Budget Advocates should ask Councils to consider allocating some of any funds remaining in their budgets to the Budget Advocates, but such contributions should not be paid until a new procedure is in place. A response to the email from Raquel Beltran will be drafted by Liz.
15. Adjournment:
Jay moved to adjourn at 8:24pm. Lee seconded.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The next Budget Advocate meeting will be on Saturday, April 17, at 9:30 am. Please submit items for consideration to the Co-Chairs by April 10.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Minutes of Budget Advocates Meeting #20 (April 5)

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April 12, 2021

NCBA APPROVED: May 15, 2021