

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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Saturday, December 16, 2017

10:00 am – 12 noon

Meeting #12 Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Ivette Ale	Present by phone	9	Brigette Kidd	Present by phone at 10:3.0 am	9
Brian Allen	Present at 10:10 am	2	Janet Kim	Present by phone	7
Liz Amsden	Present	8	Melanie Labrecque	Excused	12
Priscilla Anchondo	Present	2	Jon Liberman	Present by phone	11
Glenn Bailey	Present	2	Michael Menjivar	Present	4
Agnes Copeland	Absent	5	William Morrison	Present by phone	8
Freddy Cupen-Ames	Absent	4	Carol Newman	Present	3
Carol Derby-David	Excused	10	Robert Newman	Present by phone	6
Kevin Davis	Present by phone	1	Christopher Perry	Excused	9
John DiGregorio	Absent	1	Rick Ramirez	Present by phone	1
Adrienne Nicole Edwards	Present by phone	6	Barbara Ringuette	Excused	7
Valaida Gory	Absent	10	Estuardo Ruano	Absent	7
Diedra Greenaway	Present by phone at 10:10 am	2	Danielle Sandoval	Present by phone	12
Jay Handal	Present	11	Patrick Seamans	Absent	5
James Hornik	Present by phone	6	Eleanor Smith	Excused	10
Jack Humphreville	Present	5	Dr. Princess Sykes	Present at 10:40 am	12
Howard Katchen	Present by phone at 10:15 am	4	Lynda Valencia	Present	8
Jacqueline Le Kennedy	Absent	11	Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Present at 10:20 am	3

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 10:06 am by Co-Chair Jay Handal.
2. **Roll Call:** A quorum of 24 board members was present (see list above). Budget Representative Garry Fordyce from North Hills West and Mary Kim, DONE's Neighborhood Council Advocate, Sarah Ramsawack, North Hollywood Northeast stakeholder were also present.
3. **Public Comment**
 - a. Sarah Ramsawack, North Hollywood Northeast stakeholder, provided a written report regarding tree stumps that she hopes the BAs can help her get removed. Jay Handal asked that the committee working on Street Services address the issue as it relates to funding of equipment upgrades.
 - b. Danielle Sandoval comment on the eviction of anchor tenants at Port O' Call, despite assurances that they would be allowed to remain during the revitalization, related to the impact of lost jobs in the community. Jay Handal suggested that she take the issue to the Economic Development committee.
4. **Approval of Minutes from Meeting #11 (December 4th)** – Postponed to next meeting.
5. **Treasurer's Report and Motion to Approve. Update on issues with DONE** – Howard Katchen, Treasurer
 - a. **Motion to approve** – Motion by **Jon Liberman** to approve the Treasurers Report, second by **William Morrison**, and passed with 18 ayes (Ale, Amsden, Davis, Edwards, Greenaway, Handal, Hornik, Humphreville, Katchen, Kim, Liberman, Menjivar, Morrison,

- C. Newman, R. Newman, Ramirez, Sandoval, and Valencia), 0 no, 3 abstentions (Allen, Anchondo, and Bailey), and 3 not yet present (Kidd, Sykes, and Yvanek-Garb).
- b. Update on issues with DONE – There was a problem with the credit card to pay CityWatch and the Webmaster for October and November. Howard Katchen worked with DONE and the Controller’s office to correct the issue.
6. **Bylaws Committee** – Carol Newman
 - a. Committee report – Meeting right after this meeting to discuss Update on transition to two-year terms – Grayce Liu has no concerns on the two-year term.
 7. **Proposed amendments to the Budget Advocates’ Bylaws** – Carol Newman
 - a. 1st reading of a revised Article IV – reading only no vote, second reading next meeting.
 - b. 2nd reading of Exhibit B (as amended at Meeting #11)
Motion by Carol Newman to approve Exhibit B (as amended at Meeting #11) as presented, second by Lynda Valencia, and passed with 23 ayes, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, and 1 not yet present.
 8. **Update on White Paper** – Jack Humphreville
 - a. What departmental reports will not be in by December 16th – Jay Handel updated the committee list. Committees with no action were removed from the list.
 - b. How/What to incorporate into Regional Budget Day – Danielle Sandoval will re-join the RBD committee; she will put together the agenda plan as soon as possible and bring it to meeting. Also added to the committee were Glenn Bailey, Jay Handel, and Priscilla Anchondo.
 9. **Working with Budget Representatives and Neighborhood Councils** – Outreach Chair –
Not present at meeting
 - a. Report on updating the google doc – The google.doc shows there are 39 NCs that have never been visited by a BA. People need to update the doc with correct dates. Jay Handal will lock the header to make it easier to fill in the correct box,
 - b. Status website – Outreach was supposed to manage the site, however they are not, Liz Amsden has been sending items for posting. Need the Financial Reports, missing headshots, and RBD promo and save the date.
 - c. Status CityWatch articles – Articles are coming in, need more, Danielle Sandoval will do one on RBD.
 10. **Regional Budget Day plans**
 - a. Discussion on stakeholder issues raised at Budget Day. – No new information
 - b. Status of venues, including times, for Regions 1-4, Regions 5&6, Regions 7&8, Regions 9&10, Region 11 and Region 12
 - i. Regions 1-4 waiting on confirmation
 - ii. Regions 5-6 Paramount needs clearance, so looking for new venue, perhaps Hollywood Constituency Center.
 - iii. Regions 7-8 Barbara Ringuette to confirm Glassell Park Community Center, also considering the Zoo.
 - iv. Regions 9-10 location confirmed Christopher Perry needs to submit a budget for venue rental.
 - v. Region 11 confirmed at West LA Municipal Hall.
 - vi. Region 12 Danielle Sandoval to confirm Harbor City Library.
 - c. Save the date flyer and distribution – Time is 9AM to 1PM, adjustable as required by the venue. Some venues are yet secured; still need a ‘save the date’ announcement and flyer. The budget for each location is approximately \$400, but can be adjusted.
 - d. Update on recording speakers from the Mayor’s Budget Team and CAO’s office – Still need to confirm recorded speakers from the Mayor’s Budget team, CAO’s Office, Krekorian and the Controller.
 - e. Further discussion on Regional Budget Day format – Danielle Sandoval will draft and circulate an agenda.

- f. Status on survey cards – content, translation, distribution, assessment – Need to have survey up as soon as possible to be able to present responses at meeting with the Mayor. Liz Amsden will send Danielle Sandoval the draft she started. John DiGregorio needs to follow up on tablet rental.

11. Report back on Lawmaker.io project – The BAs proposal was not selected. People found the process invasive, time consuming, and eligibility to vote unclear.

12. Hot issues

- a. Cannabis regulation – Jay Handel commented that there is a difference between the State and the City regulations regarding age restrictions for working in a dispensary that will put many young people out of jobs as of January 1st, creating more unemployment.
- b. Motion by Jon Liberman to -----, second by James Hornik, and passed with 21 ayes, 0 noes, and 3 abstentions, Kidd, Anchondo, and Humphreville.*
- c. Homelessness issues – Glenn Bailey commented that it appears the Skirball fire started in homeless encampment that was known to the city, and yet, even during red flag conditions, the city did nothing to remove, or relocate, the encampment. This has many ramifications; public safety, loss of revenue, and the cost to fight the fire.

13. Housekeeping – business cards were distributed at the end of the meeting.

14. New Business

- a. Jack Humphreville possible new revenue;
 - i. The linkage fee for the affordable housing, how much of the money is actually going to housing
 - ii. A possible billboard tax for digital billboards on city owed property
 - iii. \$11 billion in prop 13 State money allocation
 - iv. Who will be the new CAO the interim CAO, Rich Lewellen, Matt Szabo, or a candidate from the national search.
 - v. DWP regarding Owens Valley infrastructure that they protected. By waiving contractor restrictions and using a bonus structure everything got done on time and on budget.
- b. Bridgette Kidd, Department of Sanitation Recycle LA black trash cans are not being picked up. Liz Amsden suggested that she contact Department of Sanitation with that question. Glenn Bailey mentioned council file CF 17-0878-S1 which was just introduced in committee to deal with the catch all of all the problems that customers are experiencing.
- c. Carol Newman, the grievance portal issue needs to be added to the agenda for next meeting.
- d. Glenn Bailey, the CAO's office conducted a survey of NC's via NC Alliances, on street infrastructure. He wondered if BAs could have a presentation on the results.

15. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, **January 8th** at 7:00 pm in the DONE offices.

Note that this will be the *second* Monday of the month due to City Hall being closed for the New Year's Day holiday on the 1st.

Respectfully submitted, Sheryl Akerblom
for the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

*Missing data