

Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates

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1645 Corinth Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90025
Saturday, October 21, 2017
10:00 am – 12 noon



Meeting #8 Minutes

Board Members	Roll Call	Region	Board Members	Roll Call	Region
Ivette Ale	Absent	9	Brigette Kidd	Present by phone at 10:20 am	9
Brian Allen	Present at 10:25 am	2	Janet Kim	Present by phone	7
Liz Amsden	Excused	8	Melanie Labrecque	Present	12
Glenn Bailey	Present by phone	2	Jon Liberman	Present	11
Agnes Copeland	Absent	5	Michael Menjivar	Present by phone	4
Freddy Cupen-Ames	Present at 10:15 am	4	William Morrison	Present by phone	8
Carol Derby-David	Excused	10	Carol Newman	Present	3
Kevin Davis	Present by phone	1	Robert Newman	Present at 10:15 am	6
John DiGregorio	Present by phone left at 11:30 am	1	Christopher Perry	Absent	9
Adrienne Nicole Edwards	Absent	6	Rick Ramirez	Present by phone	1
Don Evans	Present	3	Barbara Ringuette	Present	7
Valaida Gory	Present	10	Estuardo Ruano	Absent	7
Diedra Greenaway	Present	2	Patrick Seamans	Present by phone at 10:25 am	5
Jay Handal	Present	11	Eleanor Smith	Absent	10
James Hornik	Present	6	Dr. Princess Sykes	Absent	12
Jack Humphreville	Present	5	Lynda Valencia	Present	8
Howard Katchen	Present at 10:25 am	4	Joanne Yvanek-Garb	Present at 10:15 am	3
Jacqueline Le Kennedy	Present by phone	11	Vacant Seat		12

- 1. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Chair Jay Handal.
- 2. Roll Call:** A quorum of 26 board members was present (see list above). John Darnell, DONE's Neighborhood Council Advocate, was also present.
- 3. Public Comment** – None
- 4. Approval of Minutes from Meeting #7 (October 2nd)**
Motion by **Jon Liberman** to approve the October 2nd meeting minutes, second by **Melanie Labrecque**, and passed with 20, 0 no, 0 abstentions, and 7 not yet present.
- 5. Treasurer's Report and Motion to Approve. Update on issues with DONE** – Howard Katchen, Treasurer, not yet present, Jay Handal reported
 - Motion to approve
Motion by **Jon Liberman** to approve the Treasurers Report, second by **William Morrison**, and passed with 20 ayes (Bailey, Davis, DiGregorio, Evans, Gory, Greenaway, Handal, Hornik, Humphreville, Kennedy, Kim, Labrecque, Liberman, Menjivar, Morrison, C. Newman, Ramirez, Ringuette, Valencia, and Yvanek-Garb), 0 no, 0 abstentions, and 6 not yet present (Allen, Cupen-Ames, Katchen, Kidd, R. Newman, and Seamans).
 - Update on issues with DONE – None.
- 6. Nominations & Election of Secretary** – Lynda Valencia volunteered to act as Secretary.

7. Motion and vote on changing Budget Advocates' name, logo, website and materials

Vote is first of two if any name other than the current one is approved. Choices are:

- a. Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates
- b. Neighborhood Oversight Committee of City Budget & Services
- c. Neighborhood Council Budget and City Services Oversight Committee
- d. NC Oversight Committee: City Budget & Services
- e. Citizen's Oversight Committee: City Budget & Services
- f. Neighborhood Council Budget & Service Advocates
- g. Citizen's Oversight Committee for LA's Budget & City Services
- h. NC Budget Advocates: Oversight of Budget & City Services
- i. NC Budget & Service Advocates

By majority vote the name will remain Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates.

8. Working with Budget Representatives and Neighborhood Councils (Outreach)

- a. Outreach Presentation and Motion to Fund – please come to the meeting having read and viewed the videos, marketing package and budget proposals that will be distributed on Thursday.
 - i. A Filming Committee was formed to delineate what budget related items filming should focus on. People who want to be on the committee contact John D. and cc Liz and Jay. John wants to meet Monday, November 6th, before the regular Budget Advocate meeting.
- b. Update on NC visits-Submit pictures and videos to the outreach team: JohndPCNC@gmail.com
 - i. John still needs short clips and/or photos.
 - ii. John will get a camera to people that want one.
- c. Status website-Website updates have begun and will continue.
- d. CityWatch articles-Need people to contribute or we will not have any written columns outside of those who already contribute.

Motion by **Jay Handal** to approve an amount not to exceed \$1,000 to pay a CityWatch Staff writer to write articles for CityWatch at \$35 per article, second by **John DiGregorio**, and passed with 24 ayes (Allen, Bailey, Cupen-Ames, Davis, DiGregorio, Evans, Gory, Greenaway, Handal, Hornik, Humphreville, Katchen, Kim, Labrecque, Liberman, Menjivar, Morrison, C. Newman, R. Newman, Ramirez, Ringuette, Seamans, Valencia, and Yvanek-Garb), 0 no, and 2 abstentions (Kennedy and Kidd).

- e. Homelessness short term concerns and long term approaches – item deferred
 - f. RecycLA short term issues and long term solutions – item deferred
- 9. Motion to approve purchase of two (2) 64Gb memory cards at \$49.50 + tax each for Outreach.** **Motion** by **John DiGregorio** to approve purchase of two (2) 64Gb memory cards at \$49.50 + tax each for Outreach, second by **Joanne Yvanek-Garb**, and passed with 24 ayes (Allen, Bailey, Cupen-Ames, Davis, DiGregorio, Evans, Gory, Greenaway, Handal, Hornik, Humphreville, Kennedy, Kidd, Kim, Labrecque, Liberman, Menjivar, Morrison, C. Newman, R. Newman, Ramirez, Ringuette, Valencia, and Yvanek-Garb), 0 no, 0 abstentions, and 2 not yet present (Katchen and Seamans).

10. Discussion and possible motion on the Budget Advocate Bylaws – proposed amendments to Article III, Sections 2 and 3 – Carol Newman

- a. Discussion of proposed changes – First reading only.

11. Discussion about a Budget Advocates Grievance Portal – Lynda Valencia

- a. Lynda will create a Grievance Form for grievances to be submitted.
- b. An email, grievance@NCBALA.com, will be created
- c. A button for Grievance filings will be added to the NCBALA website.
- d. The bylaws committee will continue to work on bylaws to delineate grievance filling and handling.

12. **Update on addressing the disconnect between the Budget Advocates and the Mayor's Budget team** – Jack Humphreville
 - a. Jack has no update regarding Matt Szabo and the Mayor's Budget Team or Revenue Committee.
 - b. Discussion of possibly working with Controller Ron Galperin and the Office of the CAO.
13. **Committee meetings with Departments** – Jay Handal
 - a. What meetings have yet to be set – No new information
 - b. Status video interviews – No new information
 - c. Committee chairs to contact Co-Chairs with any concerns – No new information
14. **Status report on Budget Advocates' Early White Paper Recommendations. Possible motion to approve** – No early White Paper is ready yet.
15. **'Taking Back Our City' – an update on White Paper plans** – Discussion and consensus Taking Back Our City will be the title.
16. **Regional Budget Day status report** – Michael Menjvar
 - a. They are still tentatively going with January 20th.
 - b. There will be an update at the next meeting.
17. **Setting a date for the Budget Advocate training with the CAO's office on the City budgeting process**
 - a. Barbara and Brian met with the CAO's office.
 - b. She will send out a Doodle to set a date.
18. **Planning for a Budget 101 training and information session for the FY 2018-2019 incoming Budget Representatives and Advocates** – Barbara Ringuette – item deferred
19. **Housekeeping** – None
20. **New Business** – None
21. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, November 6th at 7:00 pm in the DONE offices.

Respectfully submitted, Sheryl Akerblom
for the Neighborhood Council Budget Advocates