



Peace and Justice Commission

AGENDA

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Avenue
Berkeley, CA

Monday
April 8, 2002
7:00 PM

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SECTION A. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1. Roll Call
2. Announcements
3. Comments from the Public
4. Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting of March 4, 2002, and the Special Meeting of March 11, 2002.

SECTION B. PRESENTATIONS

1. State of Mediation/Conflict Resolution in Berkeley community issues - Shar Etebar, Berkeley Dispute Resolution Services.
2. Proposed Sister City Relationship with the city of Palma Soriano, in Santiago Province, Cuba – Rebecca Davis, Berkeley-Cuba Sister City Association.

SECTION C. ACTION ITEMS

Old Business:

1. Discussion of the Council Referral to work with staff in order to determine a) what contracts are subject to the Nuclear Free Act; b) what contracts may be approved as a categorical matter because there is no reasonable alternative; and c) what contracts must be reviewed on an individual basis; and to propose a process to address these issues (**from City Council**).
2. Discussion of the Bayer Corporation (**from Commissioner Lavine**).
3. Discussion of a Proposed Berkeley Peace Festival (**from Commissioner Glatt**).

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4. Discussion of the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, and other threats and attacks; reaction of governments and the public to these events; and formulation of recommendations to the City Council and Board of Education (**from Commissioner Freedkin**).
5. Discussion of the achievement gap in Berkeley schools, small schools, and mediation among interested parties (**from Commissioner Freedkin**).
6. Discussion of the Council Referral to work with staff to also develop a strategic approach for distributing policy recommendations and to bring back to Council for approval the recommendation on this item and the strategy for future policy recommendations within one month (**from City Council**).
7. Discussion on a proposed Resolution urging Council to authorize funds to sue shall begin flow immediately if the tritium facility has not ceased operations in April as promised, and formulation of a recommendation to Council (**from Commissioner Cohen**).
8. Discussion on allegations of government oppression and violence against members of the Fulan Gong in Berkeley's sister city, the Haidian District of Beijing, China, and recommend whether Council should take action (**from City Council**).

New Business:

9. Discussion on Promoting Mediation/Conflict Resolution in Berkeley, including March 3 "Patriot" Demonstration in People's Park (**from Commissioner Freedkin**).
10. Discussion of the Plans for the New Alameda County Juvenile Justice Facility, and formulation of a recommendation to Council (**from Commissioner Cohen**).
11. Discussion of City Council Policy regarding Public Hearings starting after 10:00 p.m., and formulation of a recommendation to Council (**from City Council**).
12. Discussion of the application of the Berkeley Cuba Sister City Association for approval of a sister city relationship with the city of Palma Soriano, in Santiago Province, Cuba, and formulation of a recommendation to Council (**from Commissioner Rose**).
13. Discussion of the process for submitting reports to the Berkeley Unified School Board (**from Commissioner Freedkin**).
14. Discussion of request of a local organization for endorsement of a Mother's Day Peace March to take place in Berkeley on Sunday, May 12, including a request for waiver of city fees for permits and services (**from Commissioner Freedkin**).

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SECTION D. INFORMATION REPORTS

1. Commission Secretary regarding actions taken by Council on Peace and Justice reports.
2. Report of trip to Japan by Commissioner Freedkin.

SECTION E. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Sherry Kelly, City Clerk, regarding vacancies on commissions.
2. Invitation from the Human Welfare and Community Action Commission to attend its May 15, 2002 meeting for a presentation from Fred Persily, Executive Director, California Organizations of Human Rights Organizations.
3. Michael Knappman, One Million Taxpayers for Peace, regarding military spending.

SECTION F. ADJOURNMENT

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