

MINUTES

The meeting convened at 7:10 p.m. with Elliot Cohen, Vice-Chairperson, presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: Royya Arasteh, Mana Barari, Donald Brody, Elliot Cohen, Sandy Curtis, Steven Freedkin, John Lavine, Mark McDonald, Thom Seaton, David Weinberg, Micki Weinberg

Absent: Robert Stephen Rose, Anne Wagley

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Alicia Zhao regarding the Falun Gong resolution.

Steve Ispas regarding the Falun Gong resolution.

Sherry Zhang regarding the Falun Gong resolution.

Samuel Patterson proposed for Sekondi-Takordia in Ghana to be a Berkeley Sister City.

Michael G. Sherman on Iraq.

Osha Newmann regarding the Iraq resolution.

ACTION ON MINUTES

**M/S/F** (*Freedkin, Cohen*) to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of June 3, 2002 as amended. **Ayes:** Cohen, Freedkin, McDonald; **Noes:** None; **Abstained:** Arasteh, Barari, Brody, Curtis, Lavine, Seaton, Weinberg (*David*); **Absent:** Wagley, Rose, Weinberg (*Micki*). Commissioner Weinberg (*Micki*) was absent from the meeting when the vote was taken.

**M/S/F** (*Freedkin, Cohen*) to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of March 11, 2002. **Ayes:** Cohen, Freedkin; **Noes:** McDonald, Weinberg (*David*); **Abstained:** Arasteh, Barari, Brody, Curtis, Lavine, Seaton; **Absent:** Wagley, Rose, Weinberg (*Micki*). Commissioner Weinberg (*Micki*) was absent from the meeting when the vote was taken.

## **ACTIONS TAKEN**

**M/S/C** (*Freedkin, Curtis*) The Peace and Justice Commission hereby refers the request for Berkeley to form a sister city relationship with Sekondi-Takordia in Ghana to the commission's sister city sub-committee made up of the following commissioners: Curtis, D. Weinberg, M. Weinberg, Barari, and Rose. The resignation of Commissioner Freedkin from the sub-committee has been accepted. **Ayes:** Unanimous; **Absent:** Rose, Wagley.

**M/S/C** (*McDonald, Freedkin*) The Peace and Justice Commission approve the attached Resolution with changes (*Attachment A*), and letter (*Attachment B*) to President Bush, and recommend that the City Council adopt them. **Ayes:** Unanimous; **Absent:** Rose, Wagley.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, October 7, 2002 at 7:00 pm at the North Berkeley Senior Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted

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Delfina Geiken, Acting Secretary  
for Manuel Hector Jr.  
Peace and Justice Commission