



Peace and Justice Commission

AGENDA

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Avenue
Berkeley, CA

Monday
February 3, 2003
7:00 PM

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SECTION A. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1. Roll Call
2. Announcements
3. Comments from the Public
4. Approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting of January 6, 2003.

SECTION B. ACTION ITEMS

Old Business:

5. Discussion on the new rules adopted by the City Council, including the creation of a "Rules Committee" to evaluate items submitted for the Council agenda, and formulation of a recommendation to the City Council (*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*).

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7. Discussion on the Council referral to work with staff to determine a) what contracts are subject to the Nuclear Free Act; b) what contracts can 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*).
8. Discussion of a Retreat for the Peace and Justice Commission (*from Commissioner Cohen*).
9. Discussion of the problems with the Homeland Security Act of 2002 and the Office of Total Information Awareness, and formulation of a recommendation to the City Council (*from Commissioner Lavine*).
10. Discussion of recommendations to improve the City of Berkeley's Sister City Program, and formulation of a recommendation to the City Council (*from the Subcommittee on Sister Cities*).
11. Discussion of the proposal to establish a Sister City relationship with Sekondi-Takoradi of Ghana, and formulation of a recommendation to the City Council (*from the Subcommittee on Sister Cities*).
12. Discussion on the treatment of detained immigrants in the United States, including mass arrests in Los Angeles and other communities in recent weeks, as well as treatment of detained immigrants in Japan and other countries, and formulation of a recommendation to the City Council (*from Commissioner Freedkin*).
13. Discussion of war-free zones recognized under international law: "Non-Defended Localities" as defined in the Geneva Convention including additional protocols thereto, movement in Japan for cities to declare "Non-Defended Localities" status, and potential for Berkeley to declare itself a "Non-Defended Locality"; and formulation of recommendations to the City Council and Berkeley Unified School District (*from Commissioner Freedkin*).

New Business:

14. Annual Election of Commission Officers: Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

SECTION C. INFORMATION REPORTS

15. Written summary of actions taken by the City Council on items of interest to the Peace and Justice Commission since the last regular meeting of the Peace and Justice Commission (*from Commission Secretary*).
16. Report from the January 23rd meeting hosted by the Berkeley Dispute Resolution Service on "Politics and Civil Dialog" (*from Commissioner Freedkin*).

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SECTION D. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

17. Mayor Tom Bates, Fact Sheet on the Berkeley City Council Rules Committee.
18. Sherry Kelly, City Clerk, Commissioner Workshop/Training on Tuesday, April 29, 2003.
19. Long Standing Bear Chief, Blackfoot Nation, The Lingering Effects of Terrorism and Genocide: The American Indian Experience.
20. Commission on the Status of Women, Nominations for Outstanding Women in Berkeley.
21. Borneo Project, Sarawak activist to speak at World Affairs Council on Thursday, January 30, 2003.
22. Borneo Project, Celebrating a Visionary Partnership: The City of Berkeley and the Village of Uma Bawang on Tuesday, February 4, 2003.

SECTION D. ADJOURNMENT