



Peace and Justice Commission

REVISED AGENDA

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Avenue
Berkeley, CA

Monday
March 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 February 3, 2003, and the Special Meeting of February 10, 2003.

SECTION B. PRESENTATION

5. Professor Darren Zook, UC-Berkeley on Non-Defended Localities (*War-Free Zones*) and the Geneva Conventions: Can Berkeley Declare Itself One?

SECTION C. ACTION ITEMS

Old Business:

6. Discussion of war-free zones recognized under international law: “Non-Defended Localities” as defined in the Geneva Convention including additional protocols thereto, movement in

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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*).

7. 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*).
8. 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*).
9. 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*).

New Business:

10. Discussion of a waiver of the Nuclear-Free Berkeley Act to accept a grant from the University AIDS Research Program, Community Collaborative Awards for funds in the amount of \$40,000 for a pilot outcomes evaluation of HIV rapid testing for individuals at highest risk for HIV infection in Berkeley; and formulation of a recommendation to the City Council (*from the Department of Health & Human Services*).
11. Discussion of the Council referral to City boards and commissions to review and comment on three program areas (*within their purview*) that should be preserved despite the current budgetary climate, and three program areas (*again, within their purview*) where budget reductions would have the least impact on services to the community; and formulation of a recommendation to the City Council (*from City Council*).
12. Discussion of the Council referral to City boards and commissions to review and comment on the proposed Resolution that establishes “standards of conduct” for both commissioners and the public, similar to those described in the Council Rules of Procedure and Order; and formulation of a recommendation to the City Council (*from City Council*).
13. Discussion on support for demonstrations planned by Direct Action to Stop The War to commence the day after and subsequent days if the United States goes to war; and formulation of a recommendation to the City Council (*from Commissioner Sherman*).
14. Discussion on three wars: War against Iraq, War on Terrorism, and War on Civil Liberties; and formulation of recommendations to the City Council and Berkeley Unified School District (*from Commissioner Freedkin*).

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15. Discussion and approval of guidelines for agenda items to increase the variety of viewpoints considered, and to ensure that the information contained in the agenda items are accurate, concise, clear and complete (*from Commissioner Heinze*).
16. Discussion of a request for the extension of the period for public comment and a public meeting on the proposed Molecular Foundry; and formulation of a recommendation to the City Council (*from Commissioner McDonald*).

SECTION D. INFORMATION REPORTS

17. 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*).
18. Summary of the UC-Berkeley seminar on the City of Berkeley's well-known tradition of taking stands on large national and international issues held on Wednesday, February 26, 2003 (*from Commissioner Freedkin*).
19. Written report on the Mayor's Advisory Task Force on Permitting and Development (*from the Office of Mayor Tom Bates*).

SECTION E. COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

20. L.A. Wood, Letter on comments to the 711 Harrison Street-Expansion of Homeless Shelter (*Ursula Sherman Village*) and Notice for Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report No. F-8977-03.
21. Samuel Kwame Patterson, Update on Berkeley Sekondi-Takoradi Sister City Program.
22. UC-Berkeley Stop the War Coalition, Upcoming Nonviolent Direct Action Trainings.

SECTION F. ADJOURNMENT