

MINUTES

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm with Chairperson Anne Wagley presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: Roya Arasteh, Leslieann Cachola, Elliot Cohen, Sandra Curtis, John Lavine, George Lippman, Mark McDonald, Thom Seaton, Michael Sherman, Anne Wagley, David Weinberg, Nicholas Yuen

Absent: Donald Brody, Mary Heinze, Robert Rose

LOA: Steven Freedkin

NOTE: Commissioner Freedkin has been granted a leave of absence through July 2003. George Lippman has been temporarily appointed to fill his position.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Patrick Keilch regarding a proposal urging the "National Commission On Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States" to investigate activities of the United States government and business before, during and after the airliner crashes on September 11, 2001, and the anthrax attacks of Fall 2001.

ACTION ON MINUTES

M/S/C (*Lavine/Seaton*) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 3, 2003.
Ayes: Arasteh, Cachola, Cohen, Curtis, Lavine, McDonald, Seaton, Sherman, Wagley, Weinberg, Yuen; **Noes:** None; **Abstain:** Lippman; **Absent:** Brody, Heinze, Rose.

M/S/C (*Cohen/McDonald*) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 3, 2003.
Ayes: Arasteh, Cachola, Cohen, Lavine, McDonald, Seaton, Sherman, Wagley, Weinberg, Yuen; **Noes:** None; **Abstain:** Curtis, Lippman; **Absent:** Brody, Heinze, Rose.

Commissioner Lippman abstained from the vote because he was not present at the February or March 2003 meetings, having been sworn in as a new commission at this May 5, 2003 meeting.

Commissioner Curtis abstained from the vote for the March 3, 2003 meeting because she was not present for the March meeting.

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ACTIONS TAKEN

M/S/C (*Weinberg, Sherman*) to grant a waiver of the Nuclear Free Berkeley Act for the purchase of a Public Safety Computer from Hewlett-Packard by the City of Berkeley, utilizing the grant money provided to the City by the United States Department of Justice since entering into this agreement conforms to the intent of and purposes of the Nuclear Free Berkeley Act in that funding for emergency services is a purpose specifically encouraged by Section 12.90.030 of the Act; and no reasonable alternatives to satisfy the urgent need of the citizens of Berkeley for a Public Safety Computer. The Peace and Justice Commission also reaffirms its concern that any future emergency dispatch computer system purchased by the City of Berkeley be supplied by businesses not engaged in nuclear weapons work. **Ayes:** Cachola, Curtis, Lavine, Lippman, Seaton, Sherman, Wagley, Weinberg, Yuen; **Noes:** Arasteh, Cohen, McDonald; **Abstain:** None; **Absent:** Brody, Heinze, Rose.

M/S/C (*Arasteh, Cohen*) to request that the City Council direct a letter to President George Bush, the Bay Area Congressional delegation, the Attorney General, the Congressional working of on Cuba, and the 11th Circuit United States Court of Appeals calling for 1) a new and fair trial in a neutral venue outside of Miami-Dade County; and 2) the same family visitation rights, humanitarian concerns, and equal treatment under the law for the Cuban Five as any other prisoner in the United States. **Ayes:** Arasteh, Cohen, Lavine, Lippman, McDonald, Sherman, Wagley, Weinberg, Yuen; **Noes:** Curtis, Seaton; **Abstain:** Cachola; **Absent:** Brody, Heinze, Rose.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, June 02, 2003, at 7:00 pm at the North Berkeley Senior Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Ruby Primus, Acting Secretary
Peace and Justice Commission