

## MINUTES

The meeting convened at 7:07 pm with Chairperson Anne Wagley presiding.

### ROLL CALL

Present: Leslieann Cachola, Steven Freedkin John Lavine, Rita Maran, Mark McDonald, Thom Seaton, Michael Sherman, PhoeBe ANNE (sorgen), Anne Wagley

Absent: Roya Arasteh, Donald Brody, Elliot Cohen, Jamie Wright

### COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

### ACTION ON MINUTES

**M/S/C (Maran, sorgen)** to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of September 8, 2003 with corrections. **Ayes:** *Freedkin, Lavine, Maran, McDonald, Seaton, Sherman, sorgen, Wagley*; **Noes:** *None*; **Abstain:** *Cachola*; **Absent:** *Arasteh, Brody, Cohen, Wright*.

Commissioner Cachola abstained from the vote because she was not present at the September meeting.

### ACTIONS TAKEN

#### CUBA: HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES

**M/S/C (McDonald, Lavine)** to table the motion on human rights abuses in Cuba. **Ayes:** *Cachola, Freedkin, Lavine, McDonald, Sherman, sorgen, Wagley*; **Noes:** *Maran, Seaton*; **Absent:** *Arasteh, Brody, Cohen, Wright*.

#### WAIVER: GRANT FROM UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO

**M/S/C (Seaton, Sherman)** That the Peace and Justice Commission, taking into consideration those factors specified by section 12.90.070 of the Nuclear Free Berkeley Act, finds that the grant from the University of California, San Francisco Center for Healthy and Active Aging to initiate and conduct an effective, ongoing physical activity promotion program qualifies for a waiver of the Nuclear Free Berkeley Act. This specific program satisfies the intent and purpose of the Act in that the project in no way further nuclear weapons work, and directs funds and resources towards needed human and social services for the elderly and health care, which are

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purposes specifically stated as being within the intent of the Act (12.90.030E). **Ayes:** *Unanimous*; **Absent:** *Arasteh, Brody, Cohen, Wright*.

**PROCLAMATION: UNITED NATIONS DAY**

**M/S/C** (*Maran, Cachola*) That the Peace and Justice Commission endorses Mayor Bates' proclamation on behalf of the United Nations. **Ayes:** *Unanimous*; **Absent:** *Arasteh, Brody, Cohen, Wright*.

**M/S/C** (*Sherman, Freedkin*) In voting to endorse the Mayor's proclamation proclaiming October 24, 2003 as United Nations Day in the City of Berkeley, the Peace and Justice Commission wishes to emphasize the importance of multi-lateral actions and cooperation in dealing with the world's problems, and that the United Nations in fact plays an important role in the world today. We also re-affirm the basic tenet of the United Nations and the American system – that is the rule of law. **Ayes:** *Unanimous*; **Absent:** *Arasteh, Brody, Cohen, Wright*.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, November 3, 2003, at 7:00 pm at the North Berkeley Senior Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted

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Manuel Hector Jr., Secretary  
Peace and Justice Commission