

## MINUTES

The meeting convened at 7:09 pm with Chairperson Leslieann Cachola presiding.

### ROLL CALL

Present: Donald Brody, Leslieann Cachola, Elliot Cohen, Steven Freedkin, John Lavine, Jane Litman, Rita Maran, Thom Seaton, Michael Sherman, PhoeBe ANNE (sorgen)

Absent: Mark McDonald, Anne Wagley, Jamie Wright

### COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Patrick Keilch regarding the investigation resolutions.
2. Seymour Kessler, Bridges to Israel-Berkeley, regarding the Geneva Accords.
3. Hilda Kessler, Bridges to Israel-Berkeley, regarding the Geneva Accords.
4. Steve Berley, JCRC, regarding the Geneva Accords.
5. Marian Magid regarding the Geneva Accords.

### ACTION ON MINUTES

M/S/C (*sorgen, Lavine*) to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of May 3, 2004 with corrections. **Ayes:** Brody, Cachola, Cohen, Freedkin, Lavine, Litman, Maran, Seaton, Sherman, sorgen; **Noes:** None; **Abstain:** None; **Absent:** McDonald, Wagley, Wright.

### ACTIONS TAKEN

#### Agenda Order

M/S/C (*Sherman, Lavine*) move item 6 to top of the agenda for the purpose of withdrawing the item. **Ayes:** Unanimous; **Absent:** McDonald, Wagley, Wright.

#### Resolution on Intelligence Claims

M/S/C (*Sherman, Lavine*) to approve a Resolution (Attachment A) supporting House Resolution H.R.2625 proposed by over 100 United States Representatives to establish an independent commission to investigate intelligence claims made by the Bush-Cheney Administration to justify the 2003 War on Iraq. **Ayes:** Brody, Cachola, Cohen, Freedkin, Lavine, Litman, Maran, Seaton, Sherman, sorgen; **Noes:** None; **Abstain:** None; **Absent:** McDonald, Wagley, Wright.

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**Resolution on War Crimes**

**M/S** (*Sherman, sorgen*) to approve a resolution urging authorized Congressional Committees to conduct investigations of individuals and agencies within the government, who may have provided material aid and support to Saddam Hussein, Afghan Jihadists and drug dealers, the Taliban Government of Afghanistan, or members of Al-Qaeda and forces controlled by them and refer findings to legitimate international bodies which conduct war crime trials under international law.

**M/S/C** (*Litman, Freedkin*) to table the proposed resolution urging authorized Congressional Committees to conduct investigations of individuals and agencies within the government, who may have provided material aid and support to Saddam Hussein, Afghan Jihadists and drug dealers, the Taliban Government of Afghanistan, or members of Al-Qaeda and forces controlled by them and refer findings to legitimate international bodies which conduct war crime trials under international law. **Ayes:** Cachola, Freedkin, Lavine, Litman, Maran, Seaton, Sherman, sorgen; **Noes:** Brody; **Abstain:** Cohen; **Absent:** McDonald, Wagley, Wright.

**Resolution on 9/11 and Terrorist Attacks**

**M/S** (*Sherman, sorgen*) to approve a resolution urging the National Commission on Terrorist Acts upon the United States and Committees of the United States Congress to investigate activities of the United States Government and businesses before, during, and after the airliner crashes of September 11, 2001, the Anthrax Attacks of Fall 2001, the Bombing and Invasion of Afghanistan in 2001 and Iraq in 2003, the Ricin Attacks of Winter 2003 and any links between these events and parties involved.

**M/S/C** (*Sherman, Litman*) to table the proposed resolution urging the National Commission on Terrorist Acts upon the United States and Committees of the United States Congress to investigate activities of the United States Government and businesses before, during, and after the airliner crashes of September 11, 2001, the Anthrax Attacks of Fall 2001, the Bombing and Invasion of Afghanistan in 2001 and Iraq in 2003, the Ricin Attacks of Winter 2003 and any links between these events and parties involved. **Ayes:** Brody, Cachola, Freedkin, Lavine, Litman, Maran, Seaton, Sherman, sorgen; **Noes:** None; **Abstain:** Cohen; **Absent:** McDonald, Wagley, Wright.

**Waiver of the Berkeley Municipal Code**

**M/S/C** (*Litman, Seaton*) to approve a Resolution (Attachment B) finding that no reasonable alternative exists after having considered the three criteria stated in section 12.90.070 of the Berkeley Municipal Code, the Nuclear-Free Berkeley Act, for the grant from the University AIDS Research Program, Community Collaborative Awards in the amount of \$425,000 to pilot and evaluate the effectiveness of a multi-level HIV prevention intervention focused on non-Gay identified Latino men who have sex with men in Berkeley; and approving a waiver of Section 12.90.070 of the Berkeley Municipal Code for the purposes of applying for and accepting the grant. **Ayes:** Cachola, Cohen, Freedkin, Lavine, Litman, Maran, Seaton, sorgen; **Noes:** None; **Abstain:** None; **Absent:** Brody, McDonald, Sherman, Wagley, Wright.

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**Operations Subcommittee**

**M/S/F** (*Cachola, Seaton*) to extend the Subcommittee on Operations until July 2004. **Ayes:** Cachola, Litman, Maran, Seaton; **Noes:** None; **Abstain:** Cohen, Freedkin, Lavine, Sherman, sorgen; **Absent:** Brody, McDonald, Wagley, Wright.

**M/S/F** (*Cachola, Seaton*) to renew the Subcommittee on Operations until July 2004. **Ayes:** Cachola, Litman, Maran, Seaton, Sherman; **Noes:** None; **Abstain:** Cohen, Freedkin, Lavine, sorgen; **Absent:** Brody, McDonald, Wagley, Wright.

**Peace Lantern**

**M/S/C** (*Sherman, Freedkin*) to approve a Resolution (Attachment C) endorsing the Third Annual Berkeley Peace Lantern Ceremony to be held on Saturday, August 7, 2004 in Aquatic Park. **Ayes:** Unanimous; **Absent:** Brody, McDonald, Wagley, Wright.

**A-Bomb Exhibition**

**M/S/C** (*Freedkin, Litman*) to approve a Resolution (Attachment D) sponsoring the local presentation of the Hiroshima-Nagasaki A-Bomb Exhibition, contingent upon the successful identification of the necessary funds and other resources; and sending a letter to the City of Nagasaki Peace Promotion Office and the Mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki expressing gratitude for the honor of being invited to host the exhibit. **Ayes:** Unanimous; **Absent:** Brody, McDonald, Wagley, Wright.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, July 12, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the North Berkeley Senior Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Manuel Hector Jr., Secretary

**ATTACHMENT A  
INTELLIGENCE CLAIMS**

SUPPORTING HOUSE RESOLUTION (H.R.) 2625 PROPOSED BY OVER 100 UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVES TO ESTABLISH AN INDEPENDENT COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE INTELLIGENCE CLAIMS MADE BY THE BUSH-CHENEY ADMINISTRATION TO JUSTIFY THE 2003 WAR ON IRAQ.

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley is committed to promotion of peace and justice, locally and globally; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley is committed to the goals of creating a world community in which the relations between people are based on equality, respect for human rights, and abhorrence of exploitation and all forms of oppression; and

WHEREAS, 1) On March 19, 2003, the Bush-Cheney Administration started war on Iraq resulting in the deaths of many thousands of people, including civilians and children, and widespread destruction, as widely reported and documented by sources cited herein. *1.*

2) The Bush-Cheney Administration used, as primary justifications for this war, claims and strong suggestions that a) Iraq possessed nuclear weapons, chemical weapons, and biological weapons and these weapons posed an imminent threat to the United States, and b) created the impression that Iraq was connected with the 9/11 attack on the United States and that Iraq collaborated with Al-Qaeda. *1.*

3) At this time, no evidence has been found to substantiate the preceding claims of Iraqi weapons of mass destruction or connections with the 9/11 attacks and Al-Qaeda. *1.*

4) In June, 2003, over 100 Congressional lawmakers proposed, H.R. 2625 which would establish an independent commission to investigate intelligence and claims by the Bush-Cheney Administration to justify conducting war on Iraq. The proposed independent commission would be modeled on the 9/11 Commission. It would consist of 10-members, half appointed by the President and Republican majority leaders in the House and Senate and half by Democratic minority leaders in the House and Senate. However, President Bush did not support such a commission. *2.*

5) On January 23, 2004, the Bush-Cheney Administration's leader of the search for claimed weapons of mass destruction, weapons inspector David Kay, announced his resignation from his assignment. Mr. Kay stated, regarding claims of weapons of mass destruction, "I don't think they existed" at the time the United States started the war *2.* At a hearing of the Senate Armed Services Committee, in Washington D.C. on January 28, 2004, Mr. Kay called for an inquiry into the intelligence preceding the Iraqi War. Mr. Kay's recommendation to have an inquiry was endorsed by many elected officials such as United States Senators John McCain (Ariz.), Chuck Hagel (Neb.), Ben Nelson (Neb.), Carl Levin (Minn.), Ted Kennedy (Mass.), and Dianne Feinstein (Calif.). *3.;* and

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6) President Bush's Secretary of State Colin Powell, who claimed to the United Nations in early 2003 that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction, has admitted that Iraq's government may not have had such weapons at the time the United States started the war. 4.

7) Weapons inspector David Kay, Secretary of State Colin Powell, and many others who have spoken publicly, since the war on Iraq, concur with the conclusions that apparently no weapons of mass destruction existed in Iraq when the United States started the war, and the United Nations inspection teams led by Hans Blix and Mohamed El Baradaei found no such weapons before their teams were withdrawn from Iraq due to the United States invasion of Iraq in March, 2003. 5.

8) Following failure to find evidence to substantiate the Bush-Cheney Administration's claims of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq and the aforementioned many demands for an investigation by a independent commission appointed half by the President and Republican leaders and half by Democratic leaders under proposed H.R.2625, President Bush instead unilaterally appointed a commission of members of his own choosing to investigate his own Administration's making of intelligence claims regarding Iraq, and established his commission's scope and schedule. 6.

9) President Bush's appointed commission members are not being required to disclose any of their financial, political, or business relations. The Bush Iraq intelligence commission's Republican Co-Chair Laurence Silberman, after his appointment by the Republican administration to the Court of Appeals for Washington D.C., voided convictions of Reagan-Bush administration operatives Oliver North and John Poindexter for their role in the Reagan-Bush Iran-Contra scandal in the 1980s. 7.

10) The United States, which imports substantially more oil than it produces to meet its demand, and its coalition partner Great Britain have had joint interests and conducted joint efforts, since early in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, to control the entire oil market of Iraq which contains the second largest oil reserves in the world. On May 8, 2004, after the United States occupied Iraq, the Bush Administration demanded complete control over Iraqi oil. 8.

WHEREAS, the Bush-Cheney Administration's assertions regarding weapons of mass destruction may have been caused in part by the triumph of ideology over the proper use of the intelligence apparatus – to provide accurate and objective descriptions of threats to the United States.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Berkeley declares its support for House Resolution (H.R.) 2625, as called for by over 100 United States Representatives including United States Representative Barbara Lee, for an independent commission to investigate intelligence claims made by the Bush-Cheney Administration to justify conducting a war on Iraq. In accordance with proposed H.R. 2625, such an independent commission should be appointed by congressional representatives from both parties and complete an interim report in a timely manner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Berkeley requests any such established commission to investigate and take appropriate action regarding whether any acts of

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perjury or forgery were involved in the claims that were used by the Bush-Cheney Administration to justify the war on Iraq.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the independent commission and any commission investigating the weapons of mass destruction issue, examine the role of ideology in the formation of the case made that weapons of mass destruction did exist and further, that the commission make substantive recommendations to ensure that ideology does not prevent the dissemination of accurate reports to policymakers in the executive and legislative branches.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Berkeley calls for full financial, political, business and related disclosure, including any conflicts of interest, by all members and staff of any commission investigating the intelligence claims made by the Bush-Cheney Administration to justify starting a war on Iraq.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Berkeley calls for the investigation of the intelligence claimed by the Bush-Cheney Administration to justify a war on Iraq to also investigate, reach findings and make recommendations whether any acts of perjury or forgery were conducted in the provision of such intelligence claims.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Berkeley directs the City Manager distribute this Resolution and attachments to:

- 1) United States Congressional Representative Barbara Lee
- 2) United States Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein
- 3) Chairperson of the California League of Cities, urging their support for this or similar resolution
- 4) Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi

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**ATTACHMENT B  
WAIVER OF NUCLEAR FREE ACT**

FINDING THAT NO REASONABLE ALTERNATIVE EXISTS AFTER HAVING CONSIDERED THE THREE CRITERIA STATED IN SECTION 12.90.070 OF THE BERKELEY MUNICIPAL CODE, THE NUCLEAR-FREE BERKELEY ACT, FOR THE GRANT FROM THE UNIVERSITY AIDS RESEARCH PROGRAM, COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE AWARDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$425,000 TO PILOT AND EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF A MULTI-LEVEL HIV PREVENTION INTERVENTION FOCUSED ON NON-GAY IDENTIFIED LATINO MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN IN BERKELEY; AND APPROVING A WAIVER OF SECTION 12.90.070 OF THE BERKELEY MUNICIPAL CODE FOR THE PURPOSES OF APPLYING FOR AND ACCEPTING THE GRANT

WHEREAS, section 12.90.070 of the Nuclear-Free Berkeley Act prohibits contracting with entities engaged in nuclear weapons work unless a proposed contract satisfies specific criteria for waiver of the Nuclear Free Act; and

WHEREAS, contracts and agreements with the University of California are subject to the Nuclear Free Berkeley Act; and

WHEREAS, section 12.90.070 a requires a "specific determination" involving the consideration of three specific factors before the Nuclear-Free Berkeley Act can be waived; and

WHEREAS, the first such criteria considers how the purpose of the agreement conforms to the intent and purpose of the Nuclear-Free Berkeley Act; and

WHEREAS, the grant from the University of California for a community collaborative award in the amount of \$425,000.00 to pilot and evaluate the effectiveness of a multi-level HIV prevention effort focused on non-gay Latino males conforms to the purpose of the Nuclear-Free Berkeley Act in that the project in no way furthers nuclear weapons work and directs funds to "health care", a purpose specifically mentioned in section 12.90.030 E of the Nuclear Free Berkeley Act; and

WHEREAS, the second criterion requires a determination of alternative goods, services and equipment, or other supplies substantially meeting required specifications of the proposed contract; and

WHEREAS, no reasonable alternative exists for funding and evaluating this program; and

WHEREAS, the third criterion require consideration of "quantifiable additional cost resulting from use of available alternatives; and

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WHEREAS, this grant will nearly replace lost funding resulting from cuts in the State budget in the amount of \$435,000 that the City of Berkeley would alternately have to pay from its General Fund to maintain current HIV prevention activities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Peace and Justice Commission finds that no reasonable alternative exists after having considered the three criteria stated in section 12.90.070 of the Berkeley Municipal Code, the Nuclear-Free Berkeley Act, for the grant from the University AIDS Research Program, Community Collaborative Awards in the amount of \$425,000 to pilot and evaluate the effectiveness of a multi-level HIV prevention intervention focused on non-Gay identified Latino men who have sex with men in Berkeley; and approving a waiver of Section 12.90.070 of the Berkeley Municipal Code for the purposes of applying for and accepting the grant.

**ATTACHMENT C  
PEACE LANTERN CEREMONY**

ENDORISING THE THIRD ANNUAL BERKELEY PEACE LANTERN CEREMONY TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 7, 2004

WHEREAS, Berkeley Municipal Code § 3.68.010 states, in part: "(F) The present threat of nuclear or biological holocaust is not peace, but a condition of war against all humanity; (G) Initiatives are needed to reverse the drift toward war and to remove the causes of war"; and

WHEREAS, Berkeley Municipal Code § 3.68.010 states, in part: "The [Peace and Justice] commission shall perform the following functions: (A) Advise the Berkeley City Council and the Berkeley Unified School Board on all matters relating to the City of Berkeley's role in issues of peace and social justice, including, but not limited to the issues of ending the arms race, [and] abolishing nuclear weapons... (C) Help develop proposals for the City Council and the School Board for actions in furtherance of the goals of peace and justice, and help publicize such actions in the community"; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, August 7, 2004, residents of Berkeley and vicinity will come together at Aquatic Park in Berkeley for the third annual Peace Lantern Ceremony in remembrance of the victims of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima (August 6, 1945) and Nagasaki (August 9, 1945) during World War II, and of all victims of war; and

WHEREAS, the ceremony is a beautiful and moving tradition that has been imported from Japan by many cities in the United States and throughout the world, and Berkeley's event drew the participation of approximately 100 people in 2002 and more than 300 in 2003, including the Mayor, Berkeley's State Assembly member, and members of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the event is an excellent family activity in which children as well as adults can decorate and prepare lanterns for floating on the Aquatic Park lagoon; and

WHEREAS, the Peace and Justice Commission endorsed the August 9, 2003 Peace Lantern Ceremony, as did the City Council and numerous Berkeley-area peace and justice organizations; and

WHEREAS, this annual event, initiated by a member of this Commission, is one element of a lively, ongoing exchange of peace activists between Berkeley and Japan in the past three years, including several delegations visiting Berkeley from Japan and three members of this Commission speaking at peace conferences in Japan; and

WHEREAS, all costs of producing the event have been borne by the individuals and community organizations participating in the event, and no funding is requested from the Commission or the City; and

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WHEREAS, on June 7, 2004, the Peace and Justice Commission unanimously approved a motion to endorse the third annual Berkeley Peace Lantern Ceremony.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Berkeley endorse the third annual Berkeley Peace Lantern Ceremony.

**ATTACHMENT D  
HIROSHIMA-NAGASAKI A-BOMB EXHIBITION**

SPONSORING THE LOCAL PRESENTATION OF THE HIROSHIMA-NAGASAKI A-BOMB EXHIBITION, CONTINGENT UPON THE SUCCESSFUL IDENTIFICATION OF THE NECESSARY FUNDS AND OTHER RESOURCES; AND SENDING A LETTER TO THE CITY OF NAGASAKI PEACE PROMOTION OFFICE AND THE MAYORS OF HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI EXPRESSING GRATITUDE FOR THE HONOR OF BEING INVITED TO HOST THE EXHIBIT

WHEREAS, Berkeley Municipal Code (BMC) Section 3.68.070, establishing the Peace and Justice Commission, states that the Commission shall "(A) Advise the Berkeley City Council and the Berkeley Unified School Board on all matters relating to the City of Berkeley's role in issues of peace and social justice," ... (C) Help develop proposals for the City Council ... for actions in furtherance of the goals of peace and justice, and help publicize such actions in the community, ... (G) Initiate and develop cultural and educational foreign exchange, [and] ... (J) Provide information to other municipalities ... on the work of the commission, and exchange information on actions taken by cities and the School Board in furtherance of the goals of the Commission"; and

WHEREAS, in adopting the Nuclear Free Berkeley Act (BMC § 12.90) in 1986, the voters of Berkeley declared: "12.90.030 Findings. The people of Berkeley find that: (A) the nuclear arms race poses an intolerable threat to humanity"; and

WHEREAS, in adopting the Nuclear Free Berkeley Act (BMC § 12.90) in 1986, the voters of Berkeley declared: "Section 12.90.080 Community right to know. ... (E) Education: The City, through its own agencies and in cooperation with other local governmental agencies and educational organizations and interested citizen groups, shall assist and promote educational activities including but not limited to curriculum in all public schools and adult education programs, to advance public awareness and understanding of work for nuclear weapons and related matters as addressed in this act"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hideto Ogushi, Director of the City of Nagasaki Peace Promotion Office, has written to Peace and Justice Commission member Steve Freedkin requesting that the City of Berkeley host the opening of a traveling exhibition on atomic weapons from the Cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, specifically: "Every year, Nagasaki City and Hiroshima City jointly host a traveling atomic bomb exhibition by touring oversea cities. At the moment, we are seeking for a place in the United States to open this exhibition. Regarding to that, I was thinking if it is possible to open this exhibition at the Berkeley City in this year after September"; and

WHEREAS, this invitation is an honor to the City of Berkeley and its citizens, and is particularly fitting given our community's long-standing opposition to nuclear weapons research, development, deployment, and employment; and

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WHEREAS, many of the costs of the exhibition will be covered by the Japanese side, including, according to Mr. Ogushi, "the expense for making and the transporting of the material, traveling expenses of *hibakusha* [a-bomb survivors] from Japan"; and

WHEREAS, while the Berkeley side would be expected to cover some expenses, including, according to Mr. Ogushi, "the setting and opening fee of the exhibition," and costs to prepare exhibition panels from artwork to be downloaded from the Internet, and the City of Berkeley is currently facing a budgetary crisis, it is likely that co-sponsoring organizations could be recruited to cover the Berkeley-side costs of this important exhibition, and perhaps a small entrance fee could be charged to exhibition visitors to help reimburse such costs; and

WHEREAS, it is possible that dedicated funding appropriate for sponsoring this exhibition may already exist within the City, the Berkeley Public Library, the Berkeley Unified School District, or other local agencies or institutions; and

WHEREAS, several members of the Peace and Justice Commission have agreed to invite organizations and individuals with whom they have relationships to co-sponsor the exhibition; and

WHEREAS, hosting the exhibition will further strengthen the growing ties between peace advocates in Berkeley and in Japan.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Berkeley agrees to organize and sponsor the local presentation of the Hiroshima-Nagasaki A-Bomb Exhibition, contingent upon the successful identification of the necessary funding and other resources, through City funds, co-sponsors or other sources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Council of the City of Berkeley sends a message to the City of Nagasaki Peace Promotion Office and to the Mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki expressing gratitude for the honor of being invited to host the exhibition, and conveying on behalf of the citizens of Berkeley our community's solidarity with the peace-loving citizens of those cities in our mutual desire to help bring about the day when nuclear weapons have been banished from the Earth.