

MINUTES

The meeting convened at 7:05 pm with Vice-chairperson Ann Wagley presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: Donald Brody, Steven Freedkin, John Lavine, Rita Maran, Mark McDonald, Thom Seaton, Michael Sherman, PhoeBe ANNE (sorgen), Anne Wagley, Jamie Wright, Jonathan Wornick

Absent: Elliot Cohen, Jane Litman

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Diane Bohn, Anti-CAFTA Coalition, regarding Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) resolution.

ACTION ON MINUTES

M/S/C (*Freedkin, sorgen*) to approve the minutes as corrected for the regular meeting of July 12, 2004. **Ayes:** Freedkin, Maran, Seaton, Sherman, sorgen, Wagley, Wright; **Noes:** None; **Abstain:** Brody, Lavine, McDonald, Wornick; **Absent:** Cohen, Litman.

Commissioners Brody, Lavine, McDonald and Wornick abstained from the vote because they were not present for the June 2004 meeting.

ACTIONS TAKEN

Waiver of the Nuclear-Free Berkeley Act

M/S/C (*Wagley, McDonald*) to 1) approve a waiver of the Nuclear-Free Berkeley Act for a contract with the University of California, Davis Extension Program to provide training for the City of Berkeley's new Leadership Development Program; 2) Commend the thorough work of staff in preparing the request for the waiver; 3) note that three of the seven vendors evaluated are affiliated with the University of California. It is not clear to the Commission how seriously the City attempted to avoid working with the University of California because of the Nuclear-Free Berkeley Act; **Ayes:** Lavine, Maran, McDonald, Seaton, Sherman, sorgen, Wagley, Wornick, Wright; **Noes:** Brody, Freedkin; **Abstain:** None; **Absent:** Cohen, Litman.

M/S/C (*Sherman, Wright*) to amend the recommendation approving a waiver of the Nuclear-Free Berkeley Act, to include an accompanying letter to the University of California Regents stating it is not likely the Peace & Justice Commission would recommend approval of a similar proposal in the future unless by then the University of California is no longer the manager of the two federal nuclear weapons laboratories. **Ayes:** Freedkin, Lavine, Maran, McDonald, sorgen, Wagley, Wright; **Noes:** Seaton, Brody, Wornick; **Abstain:** None; **Absent:** Cohen, Litman.

Council Referral - Atomic Bomb Exhibition

M/S/C (*Freedkin, Sherman*) to approve the memo prepared and submitted by Commissioner Freedkin, as amended, to City Council regarding expenses for the Atomic Bomb exhibition.
Ayes: Brody, Freedkin, Lavine, Maran, McDonald, Seaton, Sherman, sorgen, Wagley, Wright;
Noes: Wornick; **Abstain:** None; **Absent:** Cohen, Litman.

United States-Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA)

M/S/C (*Wornick, Maran*) to carryover this item to October meeting **Ayes:** Brody, Maran, Seaton, Sherman, Wagley, Wornick, Wright; **Noes:** Freedkin, Lavine, McDonald, sorgen; **Abstain:** None; **Absent:** Cohen, Litman.

Progressivism and the African-American Community

Discussion only on information provided by Commissioner Seaton. No action at this time.

Election of Interim Vice-Chair

Nominations opened for the election of an Interim Vice-Chair to serve through December 2004.

M/S/C (*Sherman, McDonald*) to nominate Commissioner Freedkin.

Nominations closed.

Ayes: Brody, Freedkin, Lavine, Maran, McDonald, Seaton, Sherman, sorgen, Wagley, Wright;

Noes: None; **Abstain:** Wornick; **Absent:** Cohen, Litman.

Commissioner Wornick, as a newly appointed Commissioner, abstained due to unfamiliarity of fellow commissioners.

Remainder of Agenda Items to be carried over to October Meeting

Proposed Resolutions regarding Bush-Cheney administration justification of 2003 war on Iraq

Community Investment Programs In Berkeley and Alameda County

Problems encountered by Sponsors of Initiative Ordinance

Peace and Justice Commission Work Plan: issues to focus on

Conflict Diamonds sold by warlords to finance Wars in Africa

Robert's Rules of Order – short version

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting will convene Monday, October 4, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Delfina M. Geiken, Acting Secretary