

## **MINUTES**

The meeting convened at 7:11 pm with Chairperson Steve Freedkin presiding.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Donald Brody, Leslieann Cachola, Elliot Cohen, Steve Freedkin, Elisabeth Kashner, Michael Sherman, PhoeBe ANNE (sorgen), Anne Wagley, Megan Winkelman, Jonathan Wornick

Absent: Jane Litman, Mark McDonald, Thom Seaton, Jessica Weddle, Jamie Wright

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

1. Peggy Newgardon regarding the U.S. Department of Peace.
2. Pamela Sihvola, Committee to Minimize Toxic Waste, regarding the LBNL clean-up.
3. Judy Kimmel, The Peace Alliance, regarding legislation to establish a Department of Peace.
4. Nicole Parisi-Smith, The United States Department of Peace Campaign, regarding the U.S. Department of Peace.
5. Willard Davis, East Bay Department of Peace Campaign, regarding the resolution to enact a Department of Peace.
6. John Cornell regarding the U.S. Department of Peace.
7. Mary Tarczynski, Nonviolent Peaceforce, regarding City of Berkeley endorsement of Department of Peace legislation.
8. Carolyn Marks, World Wall for Peace, regarding the resolution to enact a Department of Peace.
9. Krishna Gopalan reading a letter from Bay Area Nonviolent Communications.
10. Stephanie Thomas, East Bay Department of Peace Campaign, regarding the U.S. Department of Peace.
11. Bill Lawler, Progressive Democrats of East Bay, regarding the Department of Peace resolution.
12. Paula Powers, East Bay Department of Peace Campaign, regarding the establishment of a cabinet level Department of Peace.
13. Alan Moore, Musicians & Fine Artists for World Peace, regarding the Department of Peace resolution.
14. Nancy Merritt, Campaign for Department of Peace, regarding the establishment of a U.S. Department of Peace.
15. Corrine Goldstick, Code Pink: Women for Peace, regarding the California National Guard resolution.
16. Gordon T.P. Wright, BFUU Peace and Justice Committee, regarding bringing California National Guard troops home, and the Downing Street memo.

17. Peter DuMont, Star Alliance (Foundation), regarding a Department of Peace and the media.
18. Cynthia Johnson, Women for Peace & Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, regarding the resolution on California Governor asking to call back the National Guard.

### **ACTION ON MINUTES**

**M/S/C** (*sorgen, Maran*) to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of May 2, 2005 with minor corrections. **Ayes:** Brody, Cachola, Cohen, Freedkin, Sherman, sorgen, Wagley, Wornick; **Noes:** None; **Abstain:** Kashner, Winkelman; **Absent:** Litman, McDonald, Seaton, Weddle, Wright.

Commissioners Kashner and Winkelman abstained from the vote because they were not present for the May meeting.

### **ACTIONS TAKEN**

#### **Order of Agenda**

**M/S/C** (*Cachola, sorgen*) to table agenda item number 6 until after agenda item number 7 has been considered. **Ayes:** Brody, Cohen, Freedkin, Kashner, Sherman, sorgen, Wagley, Winkelman, Wornick; **Noes:** Cachola; **Abstain:** None; **Absent:** Litman, McDonald, Seaton, Weddle, Wright.

#### **Department of Peace**

**M/S/F** (*Cohen, Sherman*) to table the motion on establishing a United States Department of Peace to the July 2005 meeting. **Ayes:** Brody, Cohen, Freedkin, Sherman, sorgen, Wagley; **Noes:** Cachola, Kashner, Winkelman, Wornick; **Abstain:** None; **Absent:** Litman, McDonald, Seaton, Weddle, Wright.

**M/S/F** (*Cohen, sorgen*) to adopt a Resolution supporting the establishment of a United States Department of Peace. **Ayes:** Brody, Cohen, Freedkin, Sherman, sorgen, Wagley; **Noes:** Wornick; **Abstain:** Cachola, Kashner, Winkelman; **Absent:** Litman, McDonald, Seaton, Weddle, Wright.

Commissioner Cachola abstained from the vote because she favors the principle of a Department of Peace, but has concerns about its practical implications. Commissioner Kashner abstained from the vote because she is unsure implementation of the Department of Peace would not backfire. Commissioner Winkelman abstained from the vote for the same reason as Commissioner Cachola.

#### **Music for Peace Concert**

**M/S** (*sorgen, Freedkin*) that the Peace and Justice Commission urges the City Council to endorse a Concert for Peace.

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**M/S/C** (*Sherman, sorgen*) to table the motion urging the City Council to endorse a Concert for Peace to the July 2005 meeting. **Ayes:** Unanimous; **Absent:** Litman, McDonald, Seaton, Wagley, Weddle, Winkelman, Wright.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, July 11, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the North Berkeley Senior Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Manuel Hector Jr., Secretary  
Peace and Justice Commission