

## MINUTES

The meeting convened at 7:01 pm with Chairperson Steve Freedkin presiding.

### ROLL CALL

Present: Leslieann Cachola, Elliot Cohen, Steve Freedkin, Elisabeth Kashner, Rita Maran, Mark McDonald, Thom Seaton, Michael Sherman, PhoeBe ANNE (sorgen), Anne Wagley, Jessica Weddle, Jonathan Wornick

Absent: Donald Brody, Megan Winkelman, Jamie Wright

### COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Lisa Kane-Arnolds, MCLI, regarding the National Guard Resolution.
2. Catherine Orozco, Central Committee of Conscientious Objector, regarding the California National Guard and the War in Iraq.
3. Gene Bernardi regarding the National Guard.
4. Ann Fagan Ginger, MCLI, regarding the National Guard.
5. Corrine Goldstick, Code Pink: Women for Peace, regarding the California National Guard.
6. Chang Lee regarding the National Guard in Iraq.
7. Pamela Sihvola, CMTW, regarding the National Ad. Sciences: Report No Safe Dose of Ionizing Radiation.
8. 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.
9. Louise Hart, Code Pink, bring the California National Guard home.
10. Stephanie Thomas, East Bay Department of Peace Campaign, regarding the withdrawal of California National Guard from Iraq.

### ACTION ON MINUTES

**M/S/F** (*Cachola, Wagley*) to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of June 6, 2005 without corrections. **Ayes:** Cachola, Freedkin, Kashner, Maran, Seaton, Wornick; **Noes:** McDonald, Wagley; **Abstain:** Cohen, Sherman, sorgen, Weddle; **Absent:** Brody, Winkelman, Wright.

Commissioners Cohen and Sherman abstained from the vote because Commissioner Cachola sought to change the reason for abstaining by omitting the fact she said financial implications was her reason for abstaining. Commissioner sorgen abstained from the vote because the secretary and at least three or four commissioners recall that a major reason for Commissioner

Cachola's abstention was for financial considerations. Commissioner Weddle abstained from the vote because she was not present for the June meeting.

**M/S/F** (*Cohen, sorgen*) to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of June 6, 2005 with corrections. **Ayes:** Cohen, Maran, McDonald, Sherman, Wagley; **Noes:** Cachola, Freedkin, Kashner, Seaton, Wornick; **Abstain:** sorgen, Weddle; **Absent:** Brody, Winkelman, Wright.

Commissioner sorgen abstained from the vote because she has decided to support Commissioner Cachola on her last night on the Commission. Commissioner Weddle abstained from the vote because she was not present for the June meeting.

**M/S/C** (*Sherman, Cachola*) to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of June 6, 2005 with corrections. **Ayes:** Cachola, Freedkin, Kashner, Maran, Seaton, Sherman, sorgen, Wagley, Wornick; **Noes:** None; **Abstain:** Cohen, McDonald, Weddle; **Absent:** Brody, Winkelman, Wright.

Commissioner Cohen abstained from the vote because Commissioner Cachola sought to change the reason for abstaining by omitting the fact she said financial implications was her reason for abstaining. Commissioners McDonald and Weddle abstained from the vote because they were not present for the June meeting.

## **ACTIONS TAKEN**

### **Peace Concert**

**M/S/C** (*Maran, Sherman*) to adopt a Resolution (ATTACHMENT A) recommending that the City Council endorse the International Peace Concert to be held in Autumn 2005, with no financial implications, and with arrangements for the concert to be carried out by the organizers of the 2004 concert. **Ayes:** Cachola, Freedkin, Kashner, Maran, McDonald, Seaton, Sherman, sorgen, Wagley, Weddle; **Noes:** Wornick; **Abstain:** Cohen; **Absent:** Brody, Winkelman, Wright.

Commissioner Cohen abstained from the vote because of the lack of detail as to the sponsoring organizations and other details makes this too vague, and he feels it is irresponsible for the Commission to send this to Council lacking these details.

### **California National Guard**

**M/S/F** (*Sherman, Wagley*) to adopt a Resolution recommending that the City Council call upon the Governor of California to urge the Pentagon, President, and Congress to take immediate steps to withdraw California National Guard troops from Iraq by Labor Day 2005. **Ayes:** Cohen, Freedkin, Maran, McDonald, Sherman, sorgen, Wagley; **Noes:** Cachola, Kashner, Seaton, Weddle, Wornick; **Abstain:** None; **Absent:** Brody, Winkelman, Wright.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, September 12, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the North Berkeley Senior Center.

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Manuel Hector Jr., Secretary  
Peace and Justice Commission

**ATTACHMENT A**

**ENDORISING THE INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONCERT TO BE HELD IN AUTUMN 2005**

WHEREAS, Berkeley Municipal Code Section 3.68070, which established the Peace and Justice Commission, states that the Commission shall "(A) Advise the Berkeley City Council on all matters relating to the City of Berkeley's role in issues of peace and social justice, including, but not limited to support for human rights and self-determination throughout the world;...[and] (C) Help develop proposals for the City Council in furtherance of the goals of peace and justice..." and

WHEREAS, the community of St. Joseph the Worker Church performed a Concert for Peace on September 12, 2004 in memory of Father William O'Donnell, in coordination with the church's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the cultural impact of last year's Concert for Peace furthered the interest of the City of Berkeley in promoting peace and justice, by means of a program reflective of free expression and other forms of human rights presented through musical excellence; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations has designated the third Tuesday of September, annually, as the International Day of Peace; and

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley has a long-standing tradition of endorsing and supporting cultural activities that promote the causes of peace, human rights, and social justice.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the City of Berkeley endorses the International Peace Concert to be held in Autumn 2005 at St. Joseph the Worker Church or another Berkeley venue slated to include [insert names of performers], with no financial implications, and with arrangements to be carried out by the organizers of the 2004 concert, among others.