



Commission on Labor

Minutes
Approved 2/24/10

North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Avenue
Berkeley, CA

Wednesday
January 20, 2010
7:00 p.m.

Section A. Preliminary Matters

1. Roll Call: meeting called to order @ 7:08 pm
Present: L. Zucker, R. Nardinelli, P. Worthman, E. Monk-Hallberg, T. Jones, I. Tregub
Absent: M. Id-Deen
Staff: D. Geiken, Commission Secretary
J. Micallef, Director, Housing & Community Services

Members of the Public: 25

2. Public Comments
The public may comment about any item not on the agenda. Public comment regarding agenda items will be heard while the Commission is discussing the item.

None

3. Approval of Minutes from Meeting on November 18, 2009

M/S/C (*Worthman/Nardinelli*) passed unanimously
Absent: M. Id-Deen

Section B. Update/ Action Items

4. Council Referral: Do Not Mail Registry
M/S/C (*Zucker/Jones*) to continue discussion at the March Commission meeting; discuss labor and economic development implications of the item with all interested parties.

Motion amended to:

M/S/C (*Monk-Hallberg/Nardinelli*) to report back to Council the Commission's opposition based on impacts to labor and economic development and, the Commission will receive additional information and data prior to March Commission meeting.

Passed Unanimously

Absent: Id-Deen

Thirteen members of the public provided testimony stating their opposition to a Do Not Mail

Registry:

- Printing Industries of California
- Consolidated Printers, Inc.
- National Association of Postal Supervisors (2 speakers)
- Direct Marketing Association
- Unites States Postal Service Letter Carrier
- Greener Printer
- Teamsters Local 853
- American Postal Workers Union (APWU)
- National Association of Letter Carriers
- National Postal Mail Handlers Union
- Local Real Estate Broker
- Carleton Printing

5. Peace & Justice Commission: United Nations Human Rights Report

Chairperson Monk-Hallberg provided update re: meeting convened by the Peace & Justice Commission. The city's workforce report was distributed to the Commissioners. Examples of Commission on Labor's efforts that are relevant to the UN report are:

- Sweatshop Free Ordinance
- Labor Bill of Rights
- Workforce & Economic Development

6. March 4th Statewide Action for Education

M/S/C (*Tregub/Zucker*) to hold Special Meeting in February with full or partial intent of conducting a public hearing and taking action on state of education and labor possibly associated with educational institutions.

Passed Unanimously

Absent: Jones (departed @ 9:25pm), Id-Deen

7. West Berkeley Enterprise Zone /Economic Development in Berkeley

Four members of the public provided testimony:

- Meiklejohn Civil Liberties Institute (support of federal funding for a WPA-like project in Berkeley)
- Committees of Correspondence for Democracy & Socialism
- Gray Panthers
- American Federation of Teachers

M/S/C (*Monk-Hallberg/Zucker*) to hold a Special Meeting on April 21st as a public hearing on Enterprise Zone, inviting all cognizant parties.

Passed unanimously

Absent: Jones (departed @ 9:25pm), Id-Deen

M/S/C (*Worthman/Tregub*) recommend the Chairperson and Vice-chairperson decide on composition of subcommittees dealing with issues of economic and workforce development.

Passed unanimously

Absent: Jones (departed @ 9:25pm), Id-Deen

8. United Food & Commercial Workers/West Berkeley Bowl

A representative of United Food & Commercial Workers (UFCW) Local 5 provided an update regarding efforts to organize at the Berkeley Bowl in West Berkeley, these efforts continue to move forward.

No action at this time.

9. Agenda Planning for March Meeting & possible Special Meeting in February

M/S/C (*Nardinelli/Zucker*) to hold a Special Meeting on February 10, 2010 @ 7:00pm.

(Note: Special Meeting re-scheduled to February 24, 2010 due to location availability)

Passed Unanimously

Absent: Jones (departed @ 9:25pm), Id-Deen

10. Fair Labor Practices-Commission on Labor Charter

No action at this time

Section C. Announcements & Information Items

- Rite Aid
- West Contra Costa School District
- Woodfin Hotel
- Local 2-San Francisco Hotels

Section D. Adjournment

M/S/C to adjourn@ 10:15 PM

Passed unanimously

Absent: Id-Deen, Jones (departed @ 9:25pm)