

APPROVED
MINUTES
SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE COMMISSION
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2007
8:00 pm

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:10.
2. Roll Call: Present: D’Orio, Duncan, Johns, Larsen, Marks, Maris. Absent: Thomsen.
Staff: Lieberman
3. Approval of minutes. D’Orio moved to approve the minutes of 5/9/2007. Johns seconded. Minutes were approved 5-0-1. (Maris abstaining)
4. Opening Public Forum. None.
5. Discussion and Possible Action on Matters Related to the Following Items
 - 5.1. Farewell to Mateo D’Orio: Commissioners and staff discussed their appreciation for Mateo. Refreshments were served.
 - 5.2. School Board Appointments: Commissioners asked D’Orio about the current process for student members and how they were selected. D’Orio explained the process and how it works with leadership class. It was suggested that someone talk to the incoming leadership class to discuss the work of the Commission in order to get students interested. D’Orio said that more than one student was not necessary, and also suggested that a two year commitment might be possible for a student. He also suggested that the student term should be from September to June. Duncan said that she would contact Tammy, the leadership class teacher, and D’Orio said he would also talk to her and provide suggestions for the coming year. Larsen raised the issue of the School Board appointment and how he became a member of the commission. He stated that he had no idea that a current member was in place. He said that he would be calling the School Board to discuss the process and that he would also contact Delia Carroll, the out-going commissioner.
 - 5.3. 4th of July Event : Duncan noted that the subcommittee had met and discussed the table at the event and the possibility of having some type of presentation about democracy. This could be a skit or speeches using actors, etc. She brought up the difficulty she was having scheduling this with the citizen’s committee that was working on the 4th of July event. Commissioners discussed the idea of the traditional “celebratory” approach versus a more substantive possibility. Duncan and Johns said that they would do whatever would be available time-wise in terms of readings from historical documents or skits, either on stage or by the booth. Commissioners agreed to let the subcommittee explore options with the city staff organizing the event.
 - 5.4. Waterfront Planning: Lieberman explained that Don Neuwirth had been hired but was not able to make the June 6 meeting date. The Commissioners agreed that they

would like to have Mr. Neuwirth attend the July 11 meeting if possible.

- 5.5. Peace Day Event: Maris provided information about the Berkeley and Mt. Diablo events and stated that he would be willing to organize such an event in Albany. He stated that he would gather information about what was possible and would start out small. He envisioned something like the “Green Albany” event. The Commission discussed the possibility of having a flyer or sign-up sheet for volunteers at the 4th of July event.
- 5.6. Affordable Housing subcommittee: Marks and Maris reported on their meeting and Maris provided a hand-out with meeting notes. Duncan asked if this subcommittee would be providing a recommendation to City Council, and Marks stated that the subcommittee was just beginning to think about how best to address the issue.
- 5.7. Resolution calling for Impeachment of Bush/Cheney: Commissioners discussed the impeachment resolution issue and the various web sites that had samples. Some commissioners felt that since Bush/Cheney would be out of office in a year, it was not worth it. Other commissioners felt that it was incumbent upon the Commission to take a stand. Duncan suggested that members bring samples to the July 11 meeting for discussion about specific language, and Commissioners agreed to do this.
- 5.8. Altering Time of Meeting: Commissioners agreed that an earlier start would be better. Commissioners agreed unanimously to begin the July 11 meeting at 7:30.
- 5.9. Prioritizing Items: Held over to next meeting.
- 5.10. Public Communications between SEJC and Public: Held over to next meeting.
6. Announcement/Communications
Lieberman informed the Commission that the motto contest was producing entries.
7. Future Agenda Items:
 - 7.1. Waterfront Planning (Meeting with Don Neuwirth)
 - 7.2. Council Referrals—three items regarding State legislation
 - 7.3. 4th of July Event—report back on event
 - 7.4. Impeachment resolution
 - 7.5. School Board appointments: report back on any communications
 - 7.6. Peace Day Event: subcommittee update
 - 7.7. Affordable Housing: subcommittee update
 - 7.8. Prioritizing Items (held over)
 - 7.9. Public Communication between SEJC and Public (held over)
8. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:00. The next meeting was scheduled for July 11, 2007 at 7:30 pm.