

APPROVED
MINUTES
SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE COMMISSION
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 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, Thomsen. Absent: Johns, Maris. Staff: Lieberman
3. Approval of minutes. Larsen moved to approve the minutes of 4/11/2007. Marks seconded. Minutes were approved 4-0-1. (D’Orio abstaining)
4. Opening Public Forum. None.
5. Discussion and Possible Action on Matters Related to the Following Items
 - 5.1. Consideration of HR1590, Referral by Council: Marks did some research on the Safe Climate Act and discussed the relationship between HR1590 and the City’s existing commitment to carbon emissions. Albany’s current policy calls for greater cuts than HR1590. Marks recommended supporting HR1590 to help build momentum at every level to reduce the threat of global warming, but felt that city should maintain its existing levels and policy. Thomsen stated her objection to City Council resolutions that address federal issues and felt that individuals contacting their representatives was more effective and appropriate. Duncan noted that her conversations with Congresswoman Barbara Lee indicated that Lee believed it was helpful to have cities take a stand. Commissioners discussed local actions of various kinds. D’Orio noted that if Council wanted a recommendation on supporting the resolution that the SEJC should do so. Motion by Marks, seconded by D’Orio: *The Social and Economic Justice Commission encourages the City Council to adopt Resolution No. 07-20 with the proposed changes stating the City’s commitment to the existing and more stringent goals.* Passed on a vot of 4-0-1 (Thomsen abstaining)
 - 5.2. City Motto: Lieberman distributed the draft newsletter article which includes the motto advertisement. Minor revisions were made by the Commission, which then authorized sending it out in the next newsletter.
 - 5.3. Resolution calling for Impeachment of Bush/Cheney: Commissioners discussed the potential for a resolution as requested by a member of the public at the last Commission meeting. There was a question about whether this was relevant since there was not much time left in the Bush/Cheney term. Commissioners asked what other cities were doing and if there were some sample resolutions. Larsen said that he would do some web research and provide information at the next meeting.
 - 5.4. 4th of July Event: Commissioners noted that since Johns was not present and he had some specific ideas about this event, perhaps the item should be held. Duncan noted that time was short to do something. Thomsen moved, Larsen seconded, a motion to

create a subcommittee to work on the 4th of July booth, composed of Duncan, Marks, and Johns. Passed unanimously.

5.5. Peace Day Event: This item was postponed to the June agenda.

5.6. Update on Waterfront Planning Process: Lieberman provided an update on the hiring of Don Neuwirth as a coordinator for the waterfront planning process.

5.7. Affordable Housing: Potential for subcommittee: Lieberman distributed the EBHO invitation and poster describing housing events throughout the Bay Area. Thomsen moved, and D'Orio seconded a motion to create an affordable housing subcommittee composed of Marks and Maris. Passed unanimously.

6. Announcement/Communications

6.1. Lieberman reminded the commissioners about the upcoming volunteer recognition dinner.

6.2. There was discussion about the date of next meeting which was moved to June 6, 2007

7. Future Agenda Items

7.1. Schedule for Youth appointment

7.2. School Board Process for appointments to City Commissions

7.3. How does SEJC want to approach meeting with Neuwirth to discuss process

7.4. Altering the time of the meeting

7.5. Prioritize Items

7.6. Public Communication between SEJC and Public

8. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:30. The next meeting was scheduled for June 6, 2007.