

**FINAL
MINUTES
SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE COMMISSION
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2007
8:00 pm**

1. Roll Call

Present: Carroll, D’Orio, Duncan, Johns, Maris, Marks, Thomsen,

Absent: None

Staff: Lieberman

Also Present: Christiane Khan, out-going Commissioner

Harvey Tureck, Director, Berkeley/Albany Mental Health District

Police Chief Mike McQuiston

2. Reorganization

a. Welcome new members; Thank out-going members

b. Elect Chairperson: Duncan requested that introductions take place before voting on a Chairperson. Commission members and staff introduced themselves. It was suggested that the chairperson should be someone who had been on the Commission the previous year, for the sake of continuity. Delia Carroll was nominated for Chairperson and was approved unanimously. Brian Johns was nominated for Vice Chairperson and was approved unanimously.

3. Approval of minutes. Thomsen moved to approve the minutes of 12/13/2006. D’Orio seconded. Minutes were approved 3-0, with the remaining members abstaining.

4. Opening Public Forum. There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

5. Old Business

a. Services to Albany Homeless and Persons in Need of Mental Health Services, item referred by Council:

Mr. Harvey Tureck, the Director of Berkeley/Albany Mental Health Department, provided an overview of the services available to Berkeley and Albany residents. He noted that the BAMHD was formed in 1962 and is one of two last remaining city based mental health districts in the State. They provide crisis, outpatient and outreach services to youth, adults, and families. He noted that their web site, www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/mentalhealth/ has a full description of their services. He commented about the Crossroads meetings and the increased engagement the BAMHD has had with the City of Albany. He described how the Albany School District has increased counselors throughout the schools using funds from their parcel tax and some of the services of the BAMHD, such as interns working with full-time counselors. He discussed the Mobile Crisis Service; Homeless Outreach Team; On-going Clinic Services and current trends for early intervention and prevention. He also discussed the AB2034 model, which provides comprehensive services to homeless persons and noted that more information could be found at

www.ab34.org. Police Chief McQuiston discussed the police department's use of the BAMHD mobile crisis units and how extremely helpful they are. Mr. Tureck described the current efforts to provide intensive case management as opposed to just emergency shelter which did not solve the homelessness problem. Commissioners discussed the need for additional public education about the existing resources and the need for better data for Albany in terms of the elderly; mental health needs; and homelessness. The Commissions discussed the role of the commission and agreed that they would attempt to develop a set of recommendations to bring to Council by April. Lieberman said that she would gather as much background data as possible for the next meeting.

- b. Peace Day Event: Carried over to next meeting
- c. City Motto: Carried over to next meeting

6. New Business: None

7. Closing Public Forum: No member of the public chose to speak.

8. Adjournment: Items for the next agenda are: (a) Homelessness (1 hour); (b) Discussion of Priorities; including the following items for the agenda: Peace Day Event; City Motto; Nepotism policy; Role of SEJC as it pertains to formation of "Clean and Green Task Force;" Campaign Finance Reform; Other items that members may wish to bring forward.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2007.