

FINAL

**SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE COMMISSION
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, September 9, 2009
7:00 pm**

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Roll Call: Present: Cashmere, Kerr, Parsley, Ganong
Absent: Duncan, Marks
Staff: Lieberman
3. Approval of minutes. Approval of Minutes of July 2009: In section 5.4, change date to September 9, instead of 8. Moved by Judy Kerr, Seconded by Ruth Ganong. Unanimous.
4. Opening Public Forum. None.
5. Discussion and Possible Action on Matters Related to the Following Items
 - 5.1. Foreclosure workshop: Thank yous for those who helped. Might have waited longer for bank notifications because not too many people attended. The workshop was well organized. Want to do something to request some kind of certificate of appreciation for Audi -- Judy Kerr will contact City Clerk.
 - 5.2. Community Building: Civil Discourse and the Participatory Process: Ruth Cashmere passed around information from various groups who are engaged in community building around specific issues. Commissioners discussed public forums, workshops, how to implement civic engagement. BP discussed desire for possible training in civil discourse for commissions and boards. There was discussion of a possible workshop on leadership in community.
 - 5.3. Affordable Housing: There was no information on this item.
 - 5.4. Responsible Alcohol Use: Brian P. discussed lack of open alcohol container law. Suggests possible ordinance that wouldn't interfere with events, such as Music in the Park. Ruth Cashmere would like to have some info on Best Practices, and do research. BP will do some research and bring materials to the next meeting.
 - 5.5. Marriage Equality: Judy Kerr introduced this issue, talked about townhall meeting in Albany last December, and about SB54. Would like to discuss and ask Council to endorse SB54. BP would like a copy of the bill, and timing. Have item on next agenda.
 - 5.6. Gill Tract: Margie not here; no public – no comment
 - 5.7. Police Activities: Request Police community engagement person to be at next meeting. Motion Kerr, second Ganong. Discussed Williams case; BP suggested going to City web site to download the Police Chief's report. Discussion. Commission requested information on Police complaint process.
6. Announcement/Communications
Gardening workparty, Jackson at Hillside, 9am-noon this Saturday

7. Future Agenda Items:

- Community Building
- Responsible Alcohol Use
- Marriage Equality/Support for SB54
- Police Community Engagement Specialist presentation

8. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:25. The next meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2009 at 7:00 pm. The location is the Senior Center at 846 Masonic.