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SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE COMMISSION
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, November 11, 2009
7:00 pm

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Roll Call: Present: Cashmere, Duncan, Ganong, Kerr, Marks, Parsley
Absent: None
Staff: Lieberman
3. Approval of minutes. Approval of Minutes of 10/14/09: Moved by Duncan Seconded by Parsley. Marks abstains. 5-0-1
4. Opening Public Forum. None.
5. Discussion and Possible Action on Matters Related to the Following Items
 - 5.1. Gill Tract. Commission Moved Gill Tract item to first on the agenda. Duncan introduced the item. Jackie Hermes Fletcher gave a verbal presentation including the history of the Gill Tract and spoke about the desire for its future use as agricultural land. Signe Mattson commented in support. Ganong asked about whether there was a commitment to retain agricultural use. Kim Linden discussed these issues. Mara discussed EIR, and desire to look at all of UC site, not just Whole Foods site. Mara read Delia Carroll's letter, and circulated a letter from Ellen Toomey letter, and a flyer from Miya Kitahara. Duncan mentioned the idea of putting land into an agricultural land trust, and distributed a sheet regarding positive reasons for a Gill Tract farm. Discussion among commissioners. Marks suggested a subcommittee and is willing to work on it to do more research. Discussion about what committee could/should do.

Kerr offered motion to form a subcommittee to research Gill Tract issue, and report back monthly for 2 months, in hopes of recommendation to Commission in winter. Second Ganong. Vote: 6-0-0. Unanimous. Subcommittee will be Marks, Duncan. One member of the public also volunteered.
 - 5.2. Living Wage: Marks updates. Council will bring it back in January/February to allow staff to do research possible costs. Will go back to SEJC first.
 - 5.3. Title 9 sports field equity. Kerr provides history, distributes map of schools and ballfields. Discussion of mound issue. Kerr notes possible use of Cougar Field for Softball.

Kerr offered motion to recommend that Council request that City P&R move ahead with speed and with minimal use of consultant fees to resolve Equity problem with regard to Albany High softball field equity. Duncan seconds. Vote: 6-0-0 Unanimous. Parsley requests that it be on next agenda for further discussion.

- 5.4. Williams Case: Cashmere requests Chief of police at next meeting for update, for further information on policy & procedures, and to discuss excessive use of force issue. Kerr discusses models of police oversight. Cashmere against police doing their own internal investigation, wants more police community relations, forums. Also discusses use of mediator arbitrator. Lieberman mentions 2x2x2 diversity joint venture. Cashmere says good idea to involve whole community in diversity training. Public: BAMHD doing crisis intervention training, should/could work together. Both need to be addressed. Discussed issue at Albany High School in last spring. Concern re: use of tasers. Question re: kids in car. Parsley responds to various questions re police procedures. Not sure if investigation complete. Encourages anyone to do ride along. Discussed police stats on web. Commission requests representative from APD, preferably Chief or one of the Lieutenants at next meeting. Mention of other potential speakers to discuss issue.
- 5.5. Duncan: Community Outreach, etc. How to get the word out about the commission? Discussion of televising next Commission meeting, or in winter/spring. Staff to request.
- 5.6. Block parties: Discussion about fee. Look at insurance situation. Add to agenda for next time.
- 5.7. Update on Council Actions on SEJC items: None.

6. Announcement/Communications

New student member, Daneille Kim
 Parsley discusses AUSD plan
 Duncan notes meeting of “Transition Albany” Nov. 15

7. Future Agenda Items:

Smoking Issue—Fire Chief
 Block parties/insurance
 Police Community Relations
 Title 9 Sports Field Equity--update
 Gill Tract—update from subcommittee

8. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2009 at 7:00 pm. The location is the Senior Center at 846 Masonic.