

**FINAL
MINUTES
SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE COMMISSION
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, April 14, 2010
7:30 pm**

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.
2. Roll Call: Present: Duncan, Ganong, Kerr, Marks, Parsley
Absent: Cashmere
Staff: Lieberman
3. Approval of minutes. Approval of Minutes of 1/13/2010: Moved by Kerr, Seconded by Marks. Ganong Abstains 4-0-1
4. Public Comment. None.
5. Discussion and Possible Action on Matters Related to the Following Items
 - 5.1. Open Container: Discussion about advantages and disadvantages of city adopting such an ordinance. Kerr notes that even though it may or may not solve the problem, it does create an ordinance to try. Duncan notes that those who just have a gathering who don't really know about getting a city permit, say at a picnic might be adversely affected, this may have some cultural implications. No other comments from commissioners. Jordan Sampietro—comments that this is one piece that would help. Distributes MADD letter and says ordinance is one way to help change behavior. Parsley notes that already has an ordinance applying to open containers in specific areas.
 - 5.2. Living Wage: Marks notes that no city has enacted LW for their own employees. Talked to City of San Leandro, tried to get a hold of Richmond, but could not. Would like to see some kind of ordinance in place. Information on costs to city presented by staff. Public comment—Ed Fields—LW at heart of SEJC, supports. Caryl O'Keefe discusses research that she did and wonders about how this really should apply to part time employees. At Bureau of Labor Statistics, 35 hours is considered full time. Jackie Fletcher comment in support. Discussion of seasonal versus part-time.
Moved by Marks: That the SEJC approve sending forward the Living Wage ordinance, and that the exemption for city employees be removed and that the ordinance thereby include all city employees. Vote 4-1-0 (Parsley votes no).
 - 5.3. Cable TV: Request to find out when the last SEJC meeting was broadcast, how to determine effectiveness of broadcasting. Marks—it does provide a valuable service. Parsley thinks that broadcasting the meetings can help people become involved. Some commissions would like to have meeting televised, some do not. Re-request Cable TV committee and Jeremy to attend re: costs, schedule availability, etc.
 - 5.4. Council Health benefits: Information distributed. Discussion. What is history? Parsley questions why Council gets more than employees. Duncan not in favor of a

two tiered system. Insurance plans should be the same, real issue is should council have more compensation. Kerr thinks a single baseline is better. Parsley also states that a two tiered system is not fair, should cap at Kaiser family level. Marks would like to know history of how this came about.

Moved by Kerr: That SEJC recommend to Council to review and consider removal of the current disparity between staff and council health insurance benefit caps, prior to next open enrollment period. Ganong seconds. 5-0-0

5.5. Gill Tract: Parsley recuses himself. Marks discusses Gill Tract Design group meetings. Met with Joanne Wile, EIR in process. Discusses union issue. Subcommittee met with Mayor Wile. Duncan discusses urban farm and proposed development, and use of land. Subcommittee will talk to Little League also. Ed Fields discusses University Master Plan. Where is student housing? Would that come onto the farmland? There is nothing that prevents University from having a development agreement that “gives” something to the City. Discussion of Transition Albany that local food production would be a highest use. Jackie Fletcher comments—look at bigger picture, discusses her concerns with Whole Foods, transportation issues. Motion approved to extend 10 minutes. Back on Agenda for next month.

5.6. Update on Council Action on any SEJC issue: No updates, expect Open Container to go to Council at first meeting in May.

6. Announcement/Communications

6.1 Student Member: Discussion. Judy Kerr to talk to School Board to get someone appointed.

Discussion about whether to postpone or to cancel next meeting—2-3 members already know that they can’t make May date. Decision to cancel.

7. Future Agenda Items:

Gill Tract

Budget Impacts

8. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2010 at 7:30 pm. The location is 1000 San Pablo Avenue.