

**FINAL  
MINUTES  
SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE COMMISSION  
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2006**

1. Roll Call

Present: Carroll, D’Orio, Ganong, Khan, Thomsen,

Absent: Duncan, Javandel

Staff: Lieberman

2. Approval of minutes. Ganong requested a correction to the minutes regarding Eleanor Roosevelt’s attendance at an Albany event. Ganong moved to approve the minutes of 11/08/2006, as amended. Carroll seconded. Minutes were approved 5-0.

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

4. Old Business

a. Peace Day Event: The Commissioners opted to delay discussion of this event, which would occur in September, until the January meeting when new Commissioners were present. Carroll asked about the role of the Commission in such an undertaking. She stated that she would like to have other commissions or city organizations involved in coordinating a Peace Day event. Lieberman said that staff could contact other organizations, such as Lions, Veterans, Teachers, Rotary, School groups, etc., once the Commission selected a meeting to discuss this subject.

b. New City Motto: Commissioners decided to delay discussing this until the new Commission members were present.

5. New Business:

a. Services to Albany Homeless and Persons in Need of Mental Health Services. Referred by Council at the meeting of December 4, 2006: Lieberman discussed the Council staff report, and Mayor Maris’ recommendations regarding investigating the issues of homelessness and other mental health needs in the City. Commissioners agreed that it would be good to have presentations from various resources that deal with homelessness, mental health issues, or other issues regarding people in need in the community. Commissioners directed staff to invite representatives to the January meeting.

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

7. Adjournment: Prior to adjournment, commissioners agreed to have a small “thank you” event for the out-going commissioners at the beginning of the January meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next Commission meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2007.

## ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Commission was created in April of 2005 and had its first meeting in September of 2006. The Commission's activities and accomplishments include the following:

Addressed the issue of pan-handling, and recommended to Council a pan-handling ordinance, which was subsequently adopted by Council.

Recommended that City Council sign on to the US Mayors Conference Climate Protection Agreement. The Council agreed to this and is now participating in a County-wide program regarding Climate Control measures that is coordinated by the Alameda County Waste Management Authority ([stopwaste.org](http://stopwaste.org)) and by the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI)

Reviewed the Alameda Countywide Homeless and Special Needs Housing Plan.

Addressed Code of Conduct and Civility Issues, including a presentation by Cynthia Josayma regarding civility and participatory democracy issues.

Reviewed the City's Sustainability Inventory.

Sponsored a booth at the city's 4<sup>th</sup> of July event to gather input regarding issues that were important to city residents.

Helped to develop and recommend to Council a policy regarding Cable-casting of Commission meetings. Council adopted the initial provisions of the policy, specifically authorizing staff to cable-cast all waterfront related meetings, and to make Council meetings available on DVD at the library and at City Hall.

Reviewed the Campaign Finance Reform Act of 1996. No action was taken, pending further clarification on concerns from City Council.

Began conversations regarding Peace Day event

Began discussions of new City Motto