

**FINAL
MINUTES
SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE COMMISSION
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2006**

1. Roll Call

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

Absent: Javendal, Staff: Lieberman

2. Approval of minutes. Duncan moved to approve the minutes of 9/13/2006, Ganong seconded. Minutes were approved 5-0-1 (with Carroll abstaining)

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

4. Old Business : None

5. New Business

a. Peace Day: Council requested that the Commission look into sponsoring an event similar to that held in Walnut Creek.

Carroll said that she went to the web site for International Peace Day and that it was very impressive. The web site is www.internationaldayofpeace.org.

She said she would be in support of doing something in Albany. Ganong mentioned that 50 years ago Albany had a United Nations celebration.

Eleanor Roosevelt was in attendance at this event. Carroll discussed possibly starting the event at Solano and Key Route and tying it into the Veteran’s memorial and trees planted in memory of Albany residents who had died in war. Commission members concurred in their support for the concept.

MOTION: (Made by Carroll, seconded by Duncan):

The SEJC should sponsor a Peace Day celebration on September 21, 2007.

The motion passed unanimously.

b. New City Motto: Council requested that SEJC determine process for selection of new City motto. Duncan expressed the desire to involve the community in both the contest and the selection of the motto. D’Orio said that the leadership council at the high school could help involve the schools. Commissioners discussed the process but felt that it would be better to wait for the next meeting to discuss further. They did not want to proceed with an contest in the upcoming winter City newsletter, although they thought a “teaser” would be appropriate. Commissioners requested a proposed write up at the next meeting.

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

7. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next Commission meeting will be December 12, 2006.