

Approved
MINUTES
SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE COMMISSION
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2006

1. Roll Call

Present: Carroll, Ganong, Javendal, Khan, Thomsen

Absent: Duncan, Redel

Staff: Lieberman

2. Approval of minutes. Javendal moved to approve the minutes, Carroll seconded.

Minutes were approved 4-0-1 (with Ganong abstaining.)

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

4. Old Business

- a. Civility and Public Discourse/4th July table: Khan discussed her contact with the schools and said that she had thought that 10 students would be working on the graphic design, but that she only received one submittal. She asked Ganong to talk to her grandson about possibly assisting with a design. The Commission members discussed being more positive about the overall message, and also about working with the student to make some changes. The commission members felt that there were not enough submittals to “declare a winner.” The commission members discussed the details of organizing the SEJC booth at the 4th of July event at Memorial Park, focusing on how best to get input from residents about their community concerns and also how to increase civil discourse on city issues. With regard to a campaign for civility “pledge” the commission members agreed to focus on the 4th of July event for the time being. Javendal mentioned the earlier discussions about changing the name of the Commission and requested that the Commission put this on the agenda. She suggested “Social Issue Commission.” The Commissioners thought it would be useful to try and gather input from the public about the name at the 4th of July booth.
- b. Cable Casting: The Commission members felt that if a commission wanted to cable-cast a particular meeting for a controversial issue, one meeting per year could be reasonable. They identified the following areas to be discussed with regard to cable-casting policy:
 - a. Costs for additional meetings
 - b. Lead time to notice and set up
 - c. What kinds of venues, Edith Stone room or perhaps just a fixed camera set-up for any room
 - d. Who will decide when a meeting should be televised? Should it be the commission? What criteria should be used?

- c. Improvements to Key Route/Solano area: The commission members discussed the potential for improvements to the Key Route area. They discussed involving other civic organizations, such as Lions, Rotary, Veterans, Albany Community Foundation. It was agreed that these organizations should be invited to the SEJC September meeting to discuss. Also, Lieberman said she would ask the Alameda County Waste Management Authority about the potential for grant money for the straw bale bench that Duncan had discussed at the May meeting.
- d. Youth Membership: The commission recommended that the youth membership be in tandem with regular school elections, and the term run from September to July.

5. New Business

- a. Child Care at public meetings: Javendal discussed child care system used in the court system. She mentioned the conflict that occurred when single parents or both parents want to attend an evening meeting. She asked if the City's existing child care facility could be used. Ganong discussed baby sitting pools or cooperatives. A variety of resources for those with young children were mentioned. Thomsen discussed how to publicize existing resources for parents in the community. Javendal discussed reimbursement for child care for Council members and for Commissioners. Thomsen noted that Commissioners were volunteers and did not receive any type of remuneration.

6. Public Forum: No member of the public chose to speak. (No public was present.)

7. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m. The next Commission meeting was scheduled for July 24, 2006 at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers.