

Peace and Justice
Commission

PEACE & JUSTICE COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA Monday, February 6, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

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SECTION A. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1. Roll Call
2. Announcements
3. Comments from the Public (*subject to time limits applicable to all speakers as necessary*)
4. Review and approval of meeting minutes
5. Commission Updates & Chairperson's Report
6. Secretary's Report (including status of passed items from previous meetings)

SECTION B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

7. Chair and Vice- Chair Commission Election
8. Discuss and Pass resolution of Support for Dis-Credit Bad Banks
9. Discuss Japanese Day of Remembrance
10. Discuss Shellmound Issues and Possible Modifications of Land Acknowledgement Language with Indigenous Representatives
11. Update on Reproductive Services and Education Access Survey
12. Update on BUSD Ethnic Studies

13. Discussion on Seating Needed for Berkeley Post Offices

SECTION D. COMMUNICATIONS


14. No communications received.

SECTION E. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

SECTION F. ADJOURNMENT

Attachments:

- A. January Draft Minutes
- B. 2023 Meeting Calendar
- C. Land Acknowledgment Statement
- D. <https://thirdact.org/national-day-of-action/>
- E. Japanese Day of Remembrance

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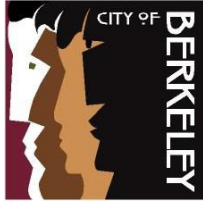
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Peace and Justice Commission Meeting January 9, 2023

Pursuant to March 17, 2020 Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, this meeting was held electronically.

MINUTES (Draft)

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm with George Lippman (Chair) presiding. Okeya Vance-Dozier, Community Service Specialist, Secretary.

SECTION A. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1. **Roll Call**

Present: Lippman, Jacquilin, Bohn, Lee, Leon-Maldonado, Gussmann, Maran (arrived at 7:20pm), Morizawa (arrived at 8:21pm)

Absent: Maran, Morizawa

Excused: None

Leave of Absence: None

2. **Announcements**

3. **Comments from the Public**

Public Attendance: 3

Public Comments: 3

4. **Review and approval of meeting minutes**

Peace and Justice Commission approved minutes from 11/7/22.

M/S/C: Bohn, Jacquilin

Ayes: Lippman, Maran, Jacquilin, Bohn, Lee, Leon-Maldonado, Gussmann

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Morizawa

Excused: None

5. **Commission Updates & Chairperson's Report (No Action Taken):**

Commission Lippman gave update on the recent events which have surfaced regarding the Interim City of Berkeley Police Chief.

6. **Secretary's Report (No Action Taken)**

Beginning March 2023 all regular scheduled commission meeting will take place in-person. The agreed location will be South Berkeley Senior Center.

As of Friday January 6th , the Peace and Justice Vice-Chair has resigned from the position and will no longer be able to fully in the capacity which is required due to other obligations.

SECTION B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

7. Discussion and Action on 2023 Meeting Calendar

Dates for the 2023 Meeting Calendar was set and will be included in the agenda packet each month.

M/S/C: Jacquilin, Bohn

Ayes: Lipmann, Maran, Jacquilin, Bohn, Lee, Leon-Maldonado, Gussmann

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Morizawa

Excused: None

8. Discuss Shellmound Issue and Possible Modification of Land Acknowledgment Language with Indigenous Representatives

No Action Taken

M/S/C:

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

Excused:

9. Approve Interim Report to Council: Reproductive Services and Education Access Survey.

Send the letter to the council which supports the recommendations of HHCS Dr. Lisa Warhaus for the hiring of two health educators' positions.

Interim report for the reproductive services access study.

M/S/C: Bohn, Jacquilin

Ayes: Lippman, Jacquilin, Bohn, Lee, Leon-Maldonado, Gussmann, Morizawa

Noes: None

Abstain: Maran

Absent: None

Excused: None

10. Update: BUSD Ethnic Studies

No Action Taken

M/S/C:
Ayes:
Noes:
Abstain:
Absent:
Excused:

11. Update: The Seating Needed in Berkeley Post Offices

No Action Taken

M/S/C:
Ayes:
Noes:
Abstain:
Absent:
Excused:

12. Discuss Chair and Vice-Chair Election- Set for February Meeting

Commissioner Lippman has reached his capacity as which he can serve as Chair for the Peace and Justice Commission we will need to elect a new Chair as he has agreed to serve as Vice-Chair should he been elected by the Commission.

M/S/C:
Ayes:
Noes:
Abstain:
Absent:
Excused:

SECTION C. COMMUNICATIONS

13. No communications received prior to meeting.

SECTION D. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 PM.

M/S/C: Lippman, Bohn
Ayes: Lippman, Maran, Bohn, Morizawa, Jacquilin, Lee, Gussmann
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None
Excused: None

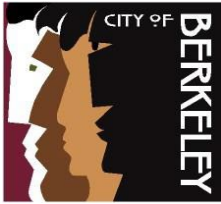
Respectfully Submitted,

Okeya Vance-Dozier, Secretary
Peace and Justice Commission

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Land Acknowledgement Statement

The City of Berkeley recognizes that the community we live in was built on the territory of xučyun (Huchiun (Hooch-yoon)), the ancestral and unceded land of the Chochenyo (Cho-chen-yo)-speaking Ohlone (Oh-low-nee) people, the ancestors and descendants of the sovereign Verona Band of Alameda County. This land was and continues to be of great importance to all of the Ohlone Tribes and descendants of the Verona Band. As we begin our meeting tonight, we acknowledge and honor the original inhabitants of Berkeley, the documented 5,000-year history of a vibrant community at the West Berkeley Shellmound, and the Ohlone people who continue to reside in the East Bay. We recognize that Berkeley's residents have and continue to benefit from the use and occupation of this unceded stolen land since the City of Berkeley's incorporation in 1878. As stewards of the laws regulating the City of Berkeley, it is not only vital that we recognize the history of this land, but also recognize that the Ohlone people are present members of Berkeley and other East Bay communities today. The City of Berkeley will continue to build relationships with the Lisjan Tribe and to create meaningful actions that uphold the intention of this land acknowledgement.



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Peace and Justice Commission Approved 2023 Meeting Schedule

1. Monday, January 9, 2023 at 7pm- Zoom
2. Monday, February 6, 2023 at 7pm- Zoom
3. Monday, March 6, 2022 at 7pm- **In-Person remainder of 2023**
4. Monday, April 17, 2023 at 7pm
5. Monday, May 1, 2023 at 7pm
6. Monday, June 5, 2023 at 7pm
7. Monday, July 10, 2023 at 7pm
8. Monday, September 11, 2023 at 7pm
9. Monday, October 2, 2023 at 7pm
10. Monday, November 6, 2023 at 7pm

Berkeley Peace and Justice Commission Letter to Mayor and Council:
Letter to thank the city for declaring in perpetuity February 19 as the Japanese Day of
Remembrance
February 6, 2023

Hon. Mayor Arreguin and Members of the Berkeley City Council:

The Peace and Justice Commission thanks you for declaring in perpetuity February 19 as the Japanese Day of Remembrance. On February 19, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, which authorized the forced relocation and internment of Japanese Americans. In all, more than 120,000 Japanese Americans were detained and forcefully removed from their homes without charges or due process for years. Last February, the City of Berkeley declared in perpetuity February 19 as the Japanese American Day of Remembrance in Berkeley in recognition of the mass incarceration of Japanese Americans and Japanese Latin Americans during World War II.

The imprisonment of Americans of Japanese ancestry, is now recognized as a grave injustice and a violation of civil liberties. Its basis racism, poor leadership, and war hysteria. Today, racism, remains a major obstacle to peace and justice in this country.

In Berkeley and nearby communities, the following commemorations are scheduled.

Berkeley Nikkei Student Union
February 17, 2023. 6 PM
Keynote Speaker: Nancy Ukai
Tilden Room, MLK Student Union

Bay Area Day of Remembrance: Carrying the Light for Justice
February 19, 2023 2:00 pm to 4:00
Christ United Presbyterian Church, 1700 Sutter St. SF
Keynote Speaker: Don Tamaki—Why Japanese Americans Should Support Reparations for African Americans
Spoken Word: Lauren Ito
Procession following the program

Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity
Just Closures: calling for the closure of detention centers and prisons.
In honor of the 120,000 Japanese Americans who were incarcerated during WWII.
Thursday, February 23, 2012, 12 PM
Oakland State Bldg (1500 Clay Street)

We recognize the February 19, 2023, as the Day of Remembrance, we know we must never forget. Thank for your continued and necessary support for the Japanese Day of Remembrance.

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