



Peace and Justice Commission

PEACE & JUSTICE COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, June 5, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.

**North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue, Berkeley, CA
Workshop B**

The Peace & Justice Commission may take action related to any subject listed on the Agenda.

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 from meeting held on May 8, 2017
5. Commission Updates & Chairperson's Report (5 minutes)

SECTION B. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

(Note: Action may be taken on matters related to Subcommittee reports)

6. Nuclear Free Berkeley Act Subcommittee Report (Commissioner Maran)
7. Education Subcommittee Report: Discussion on Forum Proposals
8. Sweat-Free Berkeley Subcommittee Report (Commissioner Bohn)
9. UN Reports Subcommittee: (Commissioner Lippman)
10. Subcommittee on Preventing Sex Trafficking & Exploitation of Minors (Commissioner Maran)
11. Human Needs Subcommittee (Commissioner Lippman)
12. Surveillance Policy Subcommittee (Commissioner Meola)
13. NAACP Subcommittee (Commissioner Lippman)
14. Subcommittee on The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Commissioner Maran)
15. Subcommittee on Socially Responsible Investments (Commissioner Bohn)

SECTION C. ACTION ITEMS

16. Election of Chair and Vice Chair of the Peace and Justice Commission
17. Peace and Justice 30th Anniversary Working Group Proposal (Commissioner Mabanta)
18. Resolution supporting International Woman's Network meeting on Militarism, Gender, Justice and Peace Okinawa June 22-27, 2017 (Commissioner Bohn)

SECTION D. COMMUNICATIONS

SECTION E. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

SECTION F. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Peace & Justice Commission is scheduled for July 10, 2017. All proposed Commission agenda items should be submitted to the Commission Secretary by or before June 29, 2017. Dates are subject to change, please contact the Commission Secretary by email at ebrenman@cityofberkeley.info to confirm receipt of submitted items.

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**Peace & Justice Commission
Regular Meeting – May 08, 2017
DRAFT MINUTES**

The meeting convened at 7:12 pm with Chair Mabanta presiding.

Roll Call

Present: Orozco, C., Maran, R., Gause, R., Lippman, G., Bohn, D., Meola, B.
Mabanta, A., Marchesini, M.
Absent: Rodriguez, Z. Agrawal, T.
Excused:

Comments from the Public

- Public attendance: 1
- Public comments: 1 UN article 109

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Action

Item # 4: Approve April 3, 2017 meeting minutes.

M/S/C: Meola/Maran

Ayes: Orozco, C., Maran, R., Gause, R., Lippman, G., Bohn, D., Meola, B.
Mabanta, A., Marchesini, M.

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Rodriguez, Z. Agrawal, T.

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Item # 5: Peace and Justice Commission recommends that in order to get through backlog of items passed by the commission, and improve the process moving forward

1. Ask acting secretary where things stand with all motions the commission has passed that have not yet been addressed by city council. Chair to provide a template for reporting status.
2. Chair, together with other members, to draft reports for outstanding items
3. As each report is done, chair take to acting secretary for advice on whether the report is council-ready.

- 4. Chair and secretary clarify outstanding questions about report creation, e.g. "Environmental impact;" must every item in the report template be retained and addressed?
- 5. Clarify from secretary regarding the rules writing own reports: when the rule was created; under whose authority are commissioners responsible to write these reports?

M/S/C: Lippman/Orozco

Ayes: Orozco, C., Gause, R., Lippman, G., Bohn, D., Mabanta, A., Marchesini, M.
 Noes: Maran, R.
 Abstain: Meola, B.
 Absent: Rodriguez, Z. Agrawal, T.

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Item # 16: The Peace and Justice Commission recommends that a special meeting be held on September 14, 2017 to hold a 30th Anniversary event

M/S/C: Bohn/Meola

Ayes: Orozco, C., Maran, R., Gause, R., Lippman, G., Bohn, D., Meola, B. Mabanta, A., Marchesini, M.
 Noes: None
 Abstain: None
 Absent: Rodriguez, Z. Agrawal, T.

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Item # 20: The Peace and Justice Commission recommends that the Chair send a letter to the City Manager supporting the letter sent to the City Manager by the Police Review Commission dated April 28, 2017, regarding the *City policy on handling non-abandoned property of homeless people* and ask the City Manager to respond urgently and send a copy of the response letter to the Peace and Justice Commission

M/S/C: Lippman/Orozco

Ayes: Orozco, C., Maran, R., Gause, R., Lippman, G., Bohn, D., Meola, B. Mabanta, A., Marchesini, M.
 Noes:
 Abstain:
 Absent: Rodriguez, Z. Agrawal, T.

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Item #21: The Peace and Justice Commission recommends the Chair send a letter to the Mayor and City Council providing a status report on the City Council Referral from March 14 on a resolution calling for a prohibition on the investment and contracting with companies that support the planned expansion of the border wall.

M/S/C: Orozco/Marchesini

Ayes: Orozco, C., Maran, R., Gause, R., Lippman, G., Bohn, D., Meola, B. Mabanta, A., Marchesini, M.

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent: Rodriguez, Z. Agrawal, T.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Manuel Ramirez for Eric M. Brenman, Secretary
Peace & Justice Commission

P&J 30th Anniversary
Working Group Proposal
September 14, 2017 | 6:30 -9:30 PM

Agenda

Session A

Topic: *Visions of Berkeley as a Human Rights City, and the role of the Peace and Justice Commission in the community.*

Total Time: 30 Minutes. Proposed times from 6:30 PM to 7 PM

Style: Panel of Speakers

Breakdown:

6:30 PM to 6:35 PM Welcome to the Anniversary: Commission Chair Alex Mabanta. Recognition of dignitaries and former commissioners in attendance. Introduction of panel of city leaders.

6:35 PM to 6:50 PM Remarks from Mayor, President of School Board, councilmember Maio, Commission Founder Ginger

Mayor Jesse Arreguin
School Board President Ty Alper
City Council Member Linda Maio
Commission Founder Ann Fagan Ginger

6:50 PM to 6:55 PM Recognition Ceremony honoring *Ying Lee, Gus Newport, and Osha Neumann* presented by Mayor Jesse Arreguin

6:55 PM to 7 PM History of the Peace and Justice Commission: Commissioner Cathy Orozco. Overview of commission's actions over the past three decades.

Session B

Topic: *Critical social justice issues facing Berkeley*

Total Time: 1 hour. Proposed times from 7 PM to 8 PM

Style: Panel of Speakers

Breakdown:

Seven speakers each discuss a critical social issue affecting Berkeley, the changes that city government needs to take, and/or the role of the Peace and Justice Commission and of the community.

How has the commission supported social change around these issues? What does the national crisis demand of the people of Berkeley as we enter a period of Resistance?

7 PM to 7:08 PM Social and Economic Justice: what kind of city do we want.

Proposed speaker: Urban Habitat/Policylink

Idea: Have Corrina Gould speak about Indigenous Rights

7:08 PM to 7:16 PM Racial justice/Black Lives Matter. Proposed speaker: Discuss with *Mansour Id-Deen and Babalwa Kwanele*

7:16 PM to 7:24 PM Women's and Girls' Rights. Proposed speaker: *Sister Deb Lee*

7:24 PM to 7:32 PM Breaking away from the national security/policing network.

Proposed speaker: Vice-Chair George Lippman

7:32 PM to 7:40 PM Why global issues remain critical to Berkeley: militarism, immigration, solidarity. Proposed Speaker: *Jiwon Chung*

7:40 PM to 7:48 PM Peace movements and anti militarism . Proposed Speaker: Commissioner Bob Meola

7:48 PM to 7:56 PM Socially Responsible Investing. Proposed Speaker: Commissioner Rochelle Gause

Session C

Topic: *Long-term visioning: how can the commission work with the community in the future?*

How must city structures change to protect and extend social justice and human rights as the highest civic priority?

Facilitation: Vice-Chair George Lippman. Introduce the commission's perspective on role of social justice in the City structure.

Total Time: 45 Minutes. Proposed times from 8 PM to 8:45 PM

Style: Community discussion

8:45 PM to 9 PM Concluding remarks from Councilmember Hahn, Councilmember Davila,

City Council Member Sophie Hahn
City Council Member Cheryl Davila

Session D

Reception: Open Networking. NGOs and community organizations may set up literature tables.

Total Time: 30 Minutes. Proposed times from 9 PM to 9:30 PM.

Occupancy: 100

Venue: TBD

Budget: TBD

Resolution supporting International Women's Network Meeting on Militarism, Gender Justice and Peace – Okinawa, June 22-27, 2017

WHEREAS, Women for Genuine Security (WGS), a US-based coalition that works to promote a world of genuine security based on justice and respect for others across national boundaries, a world free of militarism, violence, and all forms of sexual exploitation, began in 1996 when women from Okinawa (Japan) appealed to women living in the United States to take responsibility and speak up about the impacts of the US military in other countries; and

WHEREAS, WGS as part of the International Women's Network Against Militarism, a network of individuals and organizations from Hawai'i, Guam, Japan, Okinawa, Philippines, Puerto Rico, South Korea, and continental United States who are organizing against the harmful effects of US bases, high military spending and human rights violations caused by military operations in all our communities. The Network started in 1997 when 40 women activists, policy-makers, teachers and students gathered in Okinawa to share information and experiences; and

Women in these diverse locations are working on related issues – military violence against women/trafficking, health effects of environmental contamination caused by preparations for war, indigenous rights, and opposing the construction of new bases. In the US, police violence and the militarization of the southern border have intensified. Low-income communities face aggressive military recruiting and inadequate services due to inflated military spending at the expense of socially useful programs; and

WHEREAS, from June 22 – 27, 2017, the International Women's Network is meeting in Okinawa to celebrate and reflect on 20 years of activism and to build resistance and power together. For US-based women in WGS, this meeting is particularly important because of the increased fear and anxiety created by the Trump Administration and threats of increasing militarization across the Pacific. WGS hopes to take a strong delegation from the United States to:

- Share our work in this country and what's happening in movements for women's rights, immigrant rights, environmental justice, racial justice and peace;
- Strengthen relationships across country groups and regions to deepen transnational movement building;
- Learn from women who have been facing political constraints that we now face; and
- Help to produce a 20th anniversary book to document the Network's accomplishments, with an emphasis on lessons learned and what's instructive for new movements at this political moment.

WHEREAS, a delegation of eight women from the United States, will attend this meeting and bring back new understandings to strengthen this work across borders. We want to learn from each other's visions and resistance, across the Asia-Pacific region, to help step up our work in these dangerous times; and

WHEREAS, Diana Bohn, author of a resolution in support of the people of Okinawa, passed by the Berkeley City Council in 2015 will attend this meeting

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Jesse Arreguin and the Council of the City of Berkeley sends greetings to the June 2017 meeting of the International Women's Network in Okinawa, Japan, and its sincere wishes for a successful gathering. The people of Berkeley understand that women have long played leading roles in the struggles against imperialism, militarism, and male supremacy. We reiterate our support for your campaign to demilitarize Okinawa, along with Jeju, South Korea, and to respect the wishes and the local autonomy of their peoples. For our part, we pledge to continue our long-term fight to transform U.S. policy to promote peace, de-escalation of international tension, fair trade, and international relations that are truly based on human rights. In that spirit, we ask Ms. Diana Bohn, member of the City of Berkeley Peace and Justice Commission, to represent the City of Berkeley and our municipal interest in international peace with justice."

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