

Peace and Justice
Commission

PEACE & JUSTICE COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, May 6, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.

South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis St. Berkeley Ca, 94703

AGENDA

Mayor Arreguin:

Rashi Kersarwani:
Allegra Guarino

Terry Taplin:
Veta Jacquelin

Ben Bartlett:

Kate Harrison
Diana Bohn

Sophie Hahn
Nimrod Pitskar Elias

Susan Wengraf:
Robin Mencher

Rigel Robinson:

Mark Humbert

BUSD:
Grace Morizawa- Chair

SECTION A. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

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

SECTION B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

8. Update on Planning Gaza Peace Conversation for Berkeley Residents.
9. Discussion on History of Commission Actions in the Past Years and Potential 2024 Actions.

10. Discussion and Possible Action on Potential UC Police Removal of Demonstrators from Sproul Plaza

SECTION D. COMMUNICATIONS


11. No communications received.

SECTION E. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

SECTION F. ADJOURNMENT

Attachments:

- A. April 2024 Draft Minutes
- B. Land Acknowledgement

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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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April 8, 2024

Draft MINUTES

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm with Grace Morizawa (Chair) presiding. Okeya Vance-Dozier, Secretary.

SECTION A. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1. **Roll Call**

Present: Lippman, Morizawa, Elias, Mencher, Guarino, Bohn, Jacquelin

Absent:

Excused:

Leave of Absence:

2. **Announcements**

None

3. **Comments from the Public**

Public Attendance: 50+

Public Comments: 0

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

Peace and Justice Commission approved minutes from 3/04/24.

M/S/C: Lippman, Guarino

Ayes: Lippman, Morizawa, Elias, Mencher, Guarino, Bohn, Jacquelin

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

Excused:

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

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

SECTION B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

7. Discussion and Update on the Peace and Justice Merger and Possible Action
No action taken.

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

8. Discussion on Fossil Fuels and Possible Action
No action taken.

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

9. Discussion and Update on the Gaza Peace Roundtable Subgroup
No action taken.

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

10. Update on Proposed Educational Roundtable Community Conversation
No action taken.

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

11. Presentation on Climate Justice and Possible Action
No action taken.

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

12. Discussion on Berkeley High School Ethnic Studies

No action taken.

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 10:00 PM.

M/S/C: Bohn, Guarino
Ayes: Lippman, Morizawa, Elias, Mencher, Guarino, Bohn, Jacquilin
Noes:
Abstain:
Absent:
Excused:

Respectfully Submitted,

Okeya Vance-Dozier, Secretary
Peace and Justice Commission