

Social Service Human Relations Board
Minutes of the Regular Meeting, Thursday, February 23, 2006

1. ROLL CALL AND CALL TO ORDER: President Bonta called the meeting to order at 7:43 p.m. Present: Members Hollinger Jackson, Wasko, Chen, Franz, Dome and Bonta. Absent: Member Hanna. Staff: Beaver, Brown.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the January 26, 2006 meeting were approved with changes. M/S (Hollinger Jackson, Franz)
- 3C. CO-SPONSORING COMMUNITY FORUM ON BI-RACIAL YOUTH: This item was taken out of order to hear from Audrey Lord-Hausman, representing the Alameda Collaborative for Children, Youth and Families. Lord-Hausman provided an overview about ACCYF, stating it is a provider and community clearinghouse for information and ideas on services for children, youth and families. Youth working on an ACCYF-sponsored magazine project ("Teen 'Zine") asked about the community's understanding of bi-racial youth. From that question came the idea of a community forum on the topic. The general idea is to provide a place and a program where kids and parents can discuss and educate one another. A psychotherapist has agreed to work with the ACCYF to develop and facilitate the program. It was suggested that the SSHRB would be a logical co-sponsor based on its mission and interests. A planning committee is forming to meet with facilitator and a Board representative is invited if co-sponsorship is approved. The forum is proposed for Fall 2006, but a specific date has not been set. In response to questions regarding demographics, target audience, outreach and speakers, it was noted that it is still in the very beginning stages of the forum and that the committee will be working to answer these and other questions. M/S (Franz, Wasko) and unanimous to co-sponsor with ACCYF a community forum for bi-racial youth. President Bonta will be the Board's liaison with the planning committee, with help from Vice President Wasko and Member Chen. The first planning meeting will take place sometime mid-March.
- 3A. CO-SPONSORING THE FESTIVAL OF FAMILIES: Vice President Wasko provided a "Save the Date" flyer for the Festival of Families, scheduled for May 13, 2006. The flyer was also mailed to approximately 300 agencies and individuals. Wasko stated there are nine tables currently paid for; many have approached her regarding the entertainment; the private high schools will be participating in the "Earning for Learning" program this year; the Towne Center will be able to provide the Festival more physical space this year; Beth Hoch is working on the "Ask the Expert" piece, which will include a pharmacist, nurse practitioner and mental health specialist; the Guggenheim's have moved their offices and are difficult to reach, but they are very much involved again this year and there will be a meeting with members of AUSD, the Education Foundation and Towne Center management to work out details. It is hoped that SSHRB members will be volunteers again this year. Table prices will be \$50 for businesses and \$35 for individuals. There was a brief discussion about the budget, with Wasko and Beaver agreeing to review, discuss and bring back to the Board if necessary. M/S (Franz, Hollinger Jackson) and unanimous to co-sponsor with the Festival of Families in May 2006.
- 3B. WORK SESSION WITH CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR FOR MAY 2006: Staff reminded the Board of the annual work session with the Mayor and City Council. It was decided to poll Council for the Board's regular meeting date of May 25, 2006. Staff reminded workgroups to be working on their list of 2005-06 accomplishments and 2006-07 work program. A draft report will be prepared, for review by the Board at its April meeting.
- 3D. WORKGROUPS

Alamedans Together Against Hate - President Bonta noted the Board's letter re: the Season for Nonviolence was published in the Alameda Sun.

Assessment and Awareness Workgroup – Member Franz reported that the data has been analyzed and members are working on various narrative sections for the report. Once a draft has been compiled, the workgroup will review to identify gaps and/or editing that needs to be addressed. The workgroup hopes to have a final draft by May. There will be a work session prior to the regular March meeting to review the status and steps.

Family Services Workgroup – Vice President Wasko reported they met on February 10th and discussed specific plans for the Festival, including tasks to complete and volunteer commitments. Ideas for parenting education were discussed, and Wasko noted that a questionnaire would be offered at the Festival to help assess residents' parenting education needs and interests.

Sister City Workgroup – Member Chen stated there was a meeting this morning and they discussed the Lunar New Year celebration at Harbor Bay Landing. The Chinese Consul-General will not attend the Festival and a \$250 sponsorship was accepted by the organizers, rather than the \$500 initially approved by the Board. The event is Saturday, March 4, from 12 – 4pm. Vice President Wasko and Member Hollinger Jackson volunteered to staff the table from 11:30-1:30, and Member Chen will staff it from 1:30p.m. on. He will contact Member Hanna for assistance.

The Alameda delegation for a 10-day Wuxi trip has been tentatively planned for early May; however, there is no confirmation of the Mayor's schedule and Member Chen is planning to follow up with her. Concern was expressed that the trip could conflict with the Festival of Families.

Member Chen asked if the teacher recruitment letter will get on the City's website. Staff will meet with IT staff and report back. He also asked if the new Library will have a small artifacts section for Sister City gifts, or did City Hall have one. Staff will research.

It was also reported that members from Asuchio, El Salvador may visit in the Fall 2006. This will be handled mostly through a lay group at St. Philip Neri, which is planning to meet in March. The delegation will be small, probably only one or two visitors because of difficulties getting visas.

4. BOARD/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS: Beaver stated she is working with IT staff to get the Season for Non-Violence and teacher ad on the City's website. Member Franz stated that the VITA site is a great success again this year and if anyone needs more flyers to contact him. He also stated the Alameda Service Collaborative meeting on February 22nd went great; Habitat for Humanity did a presentation; there is a fundraiser at 7 p.m. on Saturday, February 25 at Hanger One for ARC Katrina and local storm relief. Wasko inquired re: status of invitation to AUSD Superintendent Dailey to meet the Board and it was agreed that staff would draft an invitation for Board review at the March meeting. Member Hollinger-Jackson distributed a press release on kidnapping attempts on the island.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

6. ADJOURNED: The meeting was adjourned by President Bonta at 9:20pm

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Beaver, Secretary

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