

## **Social Service Human Relations Board**

### **Minutes of the Regular Meeting, Thursday, September 22, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: President Franz called the meeting to order at 7:40pm. Present were Members Wasko, Hollinger Jackson, Bonta, and Hanna. Absent were Vice-President Chen and Member Flores-Witte. Staff present were Beaver and Brown.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the August 25<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved with two corrections, M/S (Wasko / Hollinger Jackson) and unanimous.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – At the August meeting Member Bonta was nominated for President and accepted the nomination. M/S (Franz / Hanna) and all in favor. Member Wasko was nominated for Vice-President and accepted the nomination. M/S (Franz / Hollinger Jackson) to elect Wasko as Vice President was approved by unanimous voice vote. M/S (Franz, Hanna) to elect Bonta as President was approved by unanimous voice vote. President Bonta took the seat and thanked Jim Franz for all his work over the years, and stated he is looking forward to continuing the work he started as well as working with Vice-President Wasko.

ACKNOWLEDGING LOCAL SPIRIT OF GIVING FOR HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF EFFORTS - Staff explained this item was carried over from August. President Bonta mentioned we shouldn't forget about local organizations that need our help. Member Franz handed out a Katrina relief flyer for a fundraiser at Grand View Pavilion on October 7, and stated that 200 volunteers have already gone to the area to help. Franz also mentioned local children having a lemonade stand and with the Bank of Alameda matching their effort. It was proposed to continue the item to the October meeting, and to consider sending a letter to the media commending all those who helped with the relief effort. Member Franz will compile Alameda Red Cross efforts, Hollinger Jackson will watch local newspapers for relief articles and Vice President Wasko will draft a letter using that information.

ADOPTING DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF UNITED NATIONS 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – Vice-President Wasko is the liaison for the upcoming event she passed out a proposed Declaration for all to review and comment on. There are currently 35 Co-Sponsors and every one will have a brief write up in a booklet which will be handed out at the event. The bulk of the fundraising will go toward printing this booklet. The efforts are focused on the event happening October 21<sup>st</sup>. Discussions at the Tuesday meetings have included UNICEF Trick or Treat boxes in effort of kids-helping-kids, as this will be the first time in UNICEF history that 50% of funds raised will be given to children in the United States. There were several suggested changes to the Declaration that Wasko will take back to the UN meeting. No action taken.

### WORKGROUPS PROGRESS

*Assessment and Awareness Workgroup* – Member Franz stated the goal of 500 survey entries has not been met, but they are close. The survey will be translated in Spanish to gain more information from that group. The survey is also available in Chinese. The next step is to establish focus groups for

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long-term project preparation. The next meeting is October 7<sup>th</sup> and there will be more to report after that meeting.

*Family Services Workgroup* – Vice-President Wasko reported this group is discussing a 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Festival of Families in the spring. Also they will be looking at childcare services and what deficits exist locally.

*Sister City Workgroup* – Member Franz reported this group hasn't had a meeting, but added that a representative hand carried a Mayoral Proclamation on a recent trip to Wuxi. Beaver noted that a spring trip is being discussed and will be scheduled when Wuxi provides possible dates. The workgroup will also be discussing a letter received, via Council member Matarrese from Asuchio, El Salvador.

*Alamedans Together Against Hate* – No report.

BOARD/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS – Vice-President Wasko reminded the Board of Alameda Hospital's Health Fair on October 15<sup>th</sup>. The Domestic Violence Task Force has fallen by the wayside along with Cindy Lamdin leaving the Hospital. Perhaps the Board can ask the Mayor to read a Proclamation. Wasko also asked staff about inviting all Board members to a get together. Beaver will check and report back. Member Franz reported ARC had a lot of community phone calls for people wanting to help regarding the fire at 2020 Santa Clara. There are 34 units and repairs for reentry will take about four months. The owners have provided all security deposits back to tenants within a few days. President Bonta reported he would be talking with Member Flores-Witte regarding her schedule and ability to attend Thursday meetings. Member Hollinger Jackson wanted everyone to know she hasn't a computer at work, so in cases regarding immediate response, people should call instead.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None

ADJOURNMENT – President Bonta adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Beaver, Secretary

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