

## **Social Service Human Relations Board**

### **Minutes of the Regular Meeting, Thursday, May 25, 2006**

1. ROLL CALL AND CALL TO ORDER: President Bonta called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Present: President Bonta, Vice-President Wasko, Members Hollinger-Jackson, Franz, and Chen. Staff: Beaver

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the April 27, 2006 meeting were approved as amended. M/S (Franz/Chen) 3/0. The minutes of the March 23, 2006 meeting were approved as amended. M/S (Franz/Hollinger Jackson) 3/0.

3.A. RESOLUTION COMMENDING DENNIS HANNA FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BOARD: President Bonta requested to carry over the Resolution and invite Hanna to attend to accept. M/S (Franz/Hollinger Jackson)

3.B. RESOLUTION COMMENDING DORA DOME FOR HER CONTRIBUTION TO THE BOARD: President Bonta requested to carry over the Resolution and invite Dome to attend to accept. M/S (Franz/Hollinger Jackson)

3.C. ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2005 AND GOALS 2006: The Board discussed the 2005 report and made changes as noted. The volunteer hours will be revised pursuant to information to be provided by workgroup Chairs. M/S (Franz/Bonta) to approve the letter and list of accomplishments as revised and with proviso that volunteer hours will be reviewed and amended.

3.D. SPONSORING PRESENTATION ON OVERCOMING STIGMAS ASSOCIATED WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES: Member Franz explained the idea would be to make this an evening meeting and invite the community. Some ASC members and community members are unable to attend the ASC meeting and this format would enable them to participate and wouldn't require crafting another event. The facilitators provide a self-contained meeting. There was a suggestion this meeting could possibly be televised. This was approved in concept and referred back to the AAWG. Member Franz suggested October would be a good month. Vice-President Wasko asked if/when is Mental Health Awareness month as this would be a good idea to tie together with awareness month. M/S (Franz/Wasko) for the AAWG to work with Member Hollinger Jackson on getting the meeting scheduled.

#### 3.E. WORKGROUP STATUS REPORTS:

*Alamedans Together Against Hate* – Staff person Beaver stated the group met and discussed direction, but now two of three workgroup members have resigned. Franz stated that a trolley and band have been reserved for the Mayor's July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade. The costs for the parade are the same as last year – approx. \$600. Funds raised by the other workgroups can supplement funds raised from the community. Staff will look into signage options. Vice-President Wasko will donate a new SSHRB sign to use on one side of the trolley.

*Assessment and Awareness Workgroup* – All Members are working on the Needs Assessment and will meet again in June for a final read-through. It was requested the full Board to participate in this meeting. Meeting is tentatively set for June 12, 6:15 to 9:15 p.m. or June 13, same time.

*Family Services Workgroup* – Chair Wasko reported the Festival of Families was successful. Fifty tables were set up, most paid, and a few no-shows. Thank you letters will be sent to Harsch Development thanking them and remarking on participation, dignitaries, etc. Logistics were a problem because of all the construction going on at the Centre. Participants thought it was great for networking and making contacts. Most will probably participate next year. There will be a workgroup meeting to debrief on the event. Marisa is tallying responses to the parenting education questionnaire. There were 68 from the event. The questionnaire was also given to the Family Literacy and Head Start programs so there are more than 100 to tally.

*Sister City Work Group* – Member Chen reported that the Mayor cancelled her trip to Wuxi, China. Hopefully the Board can discuss a new date at the Joint Session with the City Council and Mayor.

4. BOARD/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

President Bonta reminded that there are two spots open on the Board. City Clerk will post an ad in the local newspaper. The Board asks a lot of its members and time is often a problem. Member Chen suggested recruiting for a youth member as well.

Staff noted the Alameda County Human Relations Commission Distinguished Citizen Award is approaching and will e-mail the application form and criteria.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None

6. ADJOURMENT:

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Beaver, Secretary

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