

## **Social Service Human Relations Board**

### **Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Social Service Human Relations Board, February 1, 2016**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

President Biggs called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. Present were Vice-President Williams, and members Hyman, Sorensen, and Davenport. Absent were members Blake and Radding.

#### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES NONE**

#### **3. AGENDA ITEMS**

##### **3.- A ALAMEDANS TOGETHER AGAINST HATE (ATAH) WORKGROUP PLANNING MEETING**

Staff provided a history of the ATAH workgroup, including activities such as members joining APD for a trip to the Simon Wiesenthal Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles in 2000, and playing a leadership role in organizing a city-wide No Room for Hate in Alameda campaign in 2001. The campaign included the City Council passing a resolution declaring Alameda “A Hate Free City”, a Pledge for a Hate-Free Alameda, and No Room for Hate in Alameda posters for display in businesses, schools, City of Alameda buildings, and homes. In 2002, ATAH created a preventing bias-motivated hate and intolerance in Alameda “Guide to Community Action”.

Staff added that in subsequent years, the workgroup helped organize Not In Our Town screenings at the College of Alameda, Annual Alameda Harvey Milk Day celebrations, Season For Nonviolence activities in Alameda schools, and free screenings of BULLY, MILK, and Facing Fear, at the Alameda Theatre & Cineplex.

The discussion that followed included considering updating the 2002 Guide to Community Action, and looking for other opportunities to sponsor events and activities consistent with its mission. ATAH is currently co-sponsoring Alameda’s Everyone Belongs Here campaign.

Also discussed was reports of APD plans to “evict” homeless individuals living in encampments near the Fruitvale Bridge and at Jean Sweeney Park, and American / Islamic relations in Alameda following the window-breaking incident across the street from the Islamic Center. Vice-President Williams requested staff to schedule a meeting between ATAH members and APD Chief Roller to discuss these two issues.

It was agreed that ATAH should continue to support ongoing activities, and continue to meet and discuss future plans,

A Motion was made that the SSHRB Alamedans Together Against Hate workgroup co-sponsor and support the City of Alameda Season For Nonviolence Campaign and Alameda Harvey Milk Day Celebration, and have a presence on the AUSD LGBTQ Roundtable, on an on-going basis.

M/S Williams/Blake Unanimous

**4. BOARD/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS, NON-AGENDA      NONE**

**5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS      NONE**

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.      M\S Williams / Hyman Unanimous

Respectfully submitted by:  
Jim Franz, Secretary