

City of Pekin
Human Rights Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 28, 2012

- I. Welcome and introductions – Meeting called to order shortly after 7:30am.
Present: Pamela Anderson, Melinda Figge, Bill Fleming, Michael Freilinger, Michele Moul, Greg Nelson, Gregg Ratliff, and Becky Saban.
Also present was Amy Psinas.

- II. Approval of agenda – no changes

- III. Approval of minutes – no changes

- IV. Correspondence and feedback - none

- V. Old Business
 - A. Murals (Pekin High School) – Amy Psinas, the PCHS art teacher, was at the meeting to present student ideas for the mural. Greg Nelson reported the retaining wall on Court Street will eventually belong to the City when Veterans Drive is completed and IDOT reroutes route 9. Amy had concerns about students painting on a busy street. She noted we could do something that hangs. Michele suggest we sell bricks or tiles as a fundraiser for the supplies. Amy presented several first-draft concepts from the students. Pam will email our top three choices to the group and ask for votes. We'll ask the students to refine the concept for the winner then take it to the Union Mission and City Council for approval. Target date for the work ins April/May 2013.

 - B. HRC community awareness activity – Pamela reviewed the suggested topics for a community forum from Employers Association/AAIM. This would be similar to the event we held at FCI Pekin last

November. The committee reviewed the two topics and also suggested we look at the choices we had last year. Greg will check with FCI Pekin for availability in May. We'll discuss again at our next meeting.

VI. New Business

- A. December meeting – we agreed to skip the December meeting.
- B. MLKJ luncheon / Coalition for Equality – Pamela will send an email out letting everyone know how many tickets she has left.

VII. Other business to come before the committee

- A. Committee members – Melinda noted the YWCA's Coalition for Equality has plans for their Martin Luther King, Jr. event. On Friday, January 18th Kathryn Harris will be in Pekin performing as Harriet Tubman. She is with the Lincoln Library and has done this in Pekin before. The Y hopes to get her into a couple schools before a 6pm program at the Pekin Public Library. They will also hold an MLK scavenger hunt at the library during the rest of the month.
- B. Committee advisory members
- C. City staff
- D. Public
- E. Press

IV. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 8:17 am.