

City of Pekin
Human Rights Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2014; 7:30am

- I. Welcome and introductions – meeting called to order at 7:35am. Present: Pamela Anderson, Teleisa Crnkovich, Bill Fleming, Lynn Johnson, Dr. Mo Khan, Michelle Moul, Danielle Owens, Gregg Ratliff, Becky Saban, and Linda Seth.
- II. Approval of agenda – Fleming made a motion, second by Ratliff to approve the agenda, with the addition of 2014 Goal Prioritization added as a New Business item.
- III. Approval of minutes – Minutes of the January 22nd meeting were approved on a motion by Ratliff, second by Owens.
- IV. Correspondence and feedback – none beyond reports below
- V. Old Business
 - A. Come Together proposed mural discussion – Anderson reported that Bob Blackwell took our idea to the Pekin Park District Board. There were concerns about the location and the long term maintenance of the mural, but they support the vision/mission of the HRC. We discussed ways to minimize maintenance and weather concerns, including plexiglass. We discussed two options – find a location and the limitations, and then ask the art students to create something that will work, or – let the art students create the mural, then find a place that will accept it for display. We discussed other locations, including City of Pekin property and PCHS property. We believe this should be an on-going project, i.e., a new mural in another year or two. We could also make the murals mobile so they can be moved around, print them on vinyl, or print them on t-shirts and window clings. Fleming made a motion, second by Saban, to ask the art students to complete the “Come Together” mural in whatever manageable size works for them. We also need their permission to then duplicate it in other formats.
 - B. HRC message / service organizations / possible outlines – nothing discussed
 - C. Community read project – It was reported that Figge has applied for a grant for the community read project

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D. Update on All the Little Snow Angels – Moul talked to Hallmark about “All the Little Snow Angels. They have 70 or 80 they can ship us at a reduced cost. She also spoke to the Author who will search for more copies. The author was very excited about our project ideas. We might consider bringing her to Pekin to launch any potential program or activities. Moul will pay for the shipment (\$500) from Hallmark for now, until we figure out how to pay for it.

VI. New Business

A. 2014 Goal Prioritization – We ran out of time as we started this discussion, but we did brainstorm various activities around an ethics/diversity fair with food, music, dance, events, etc. We could celebrate our heritage (Italian, German, Irish, etc.) plus other cultures and religions (Hispanic, African American, Muslim, Jewish, etc.) Anderson passed out information related to our mission and previous prioritization efforts. The committee was asked to review this information prior to our next meeting.

VII. Other business to come before the committee

- A. Committee members
- B. Committee advisory members
- C. City staff
- D. Public
- E. Press

IV. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 8:30 am.