

City of Pekin Human Rights Committee Minutes

February 25, 2015; City of Pekin Council Chambers

I. Welcome and introductions – Present: Melinda Figge, Bill Fleming, Lynn Johnson, Becky Saban. Also present Pamela Anderson. Absent: Roger Goodson, Danielle Owens, and Linda Seth.

We discussed the potential lack of a quorum. We discussed potential new members to recruit from the hospital, prison and Pekin Insurance. We believe we have two openings (Michelle and Telesia).

II. Approval of minutes (October 2014 & January 2015) – no action taken.

III. Correspondence and feedback - none

IV. Old Business

- A. 2015 Diversity Fair (May 16, 2015) – the subcommittee is meeting and planning the event that will feature more arts. This is not directly an HRC event, though we support them and hope the event grows.
- B. Poverty simulation (Dist. 108; fyi - update) – Linda will send us info when this District 108 program is ready.

V. New Business

- A. Signing for Everett Dirksen – The mayor submitted a request to IDOT for signage acknowledging Pekin as the home of Everett Dirksen. Apparently this came at the recommendation of a citizen. IDOT replied with the proper forms and suggested sign size. The Mayor asked the HRC to make this happen. We suggest it also include “champion of civil rights” or some such saying. Pamela will work on this.
- B. Banner display – Pamela will check to see if we can display this at the Sports Park on Koch Street this spring.
- C. Come Together sign – We discussed opportunities for the HRC to promote our events on the back of this sign, facing 2nd Street. Perhaps we need a policy as to which events, particularly events from other organizations, can use the sign.
- D. HRC Budget – Pamela and Melinda will investigate the purchase of

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reusable bags and bookmarks. These could be used as handouts at future events. The budget year ends on April 30th.

E. Marigold Festival – The committee discussed opportunities to bring diversity events to the Marigold Festival – perhaps a drum circle, dance exhibit, step, etc.

VI. Other business to come before the committee

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

VIII. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 8:30am. The next meeting is March 25, 2015.

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