

# City of Pekin Human Rights Committee Minutes – April 22, 2015

City of Pekin Council Chambers

I. Welcome and introductions – meeting called to order at 7:30am. Present: Melinda Figge, Bill Fleming, Lynn Johnson, Becky Saban and Adrienne Southerland. Also Present: Pamela Anderson. A quorum was not present. No action taken.

II. Approval of minutes (March 2015) – the minutes from the March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting were distributed with the packet.

III. Correspondence and feedback - none

#### IV. Old Business

A. Signing for Everett Dirksen – the city might have some old Dirksen signs that we would be able to use with this project.

B. Banner display with the Park District – The Park District now has a banner. Anderson will order a third banner as we discussed last month. It will have a pocket on it to hold pamphlets or flyers.

C. Come Together sign – the discussion confirmed the direction spelled out in the minutes from last month. The sign should be used for non-commercial use by businesses and organizations that have adopted a diversity statement similar to the City's. While use should be first come, first served, there should be a time-limit if there are others who wish to use it.

D. Marigold Festival – Melinda is working with Amy Whiting-McCoy for an appearance by Josiah Williams at the September 12/13 iTV-3 Kids Experience at the Marigold Festival

E. HRC totes – per last month's discussions, bags have been ordered. There will be several different colors, and we've got 1,700 coming. They will be for distribution at the Marigold Festival (Kids Experience) and some will be given to the chamber, EDC, Main Street, etc. for distribution.

F. Stand Against Racism – everything is set for this Friday on the Tazewell County Courthouse lawn at 11:30. As in past years, students from Franklin Primary School from Peoria will sing.

#### V. New Business

A. Bridges Out of Poverty – flyers for the Bridges Out Of Poverty training (May 28/29) were distributed to the committee.

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VI. Other business to come before the committee

A. Committee members

1. Poverty Simulation – Anderson reported that Linda Seth's poverty simulation at District 108 was very well attended and was a very emotional and physically draining experience. Anderson anticipates more simulations will be held in the future.
  
2. Diversity Festival – Plans are coming together for this event on May 16<sup>th</sup>. It is not an HRC event this year, but some of the HRC committee members serve on the festival committee.

B. Committee advisory members - none

C. City staff - none

VIII. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 8:40am. The next meeting date May 27, 2015

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