

City of Pekin Human Rights Committee Minutes

June 24, 2015; 7:30am; City of Pekin Council Chambers

I. Welcome and introductions Present: Pamela Anderson, Brian Byrne, Melinda Figge, Bill Fleming, Jenny Lee, Danielle Owens, Linda Seth, and Adrienne Southerland. Also present, Nick Hayward

II. Approval of minutes (May 2015) – The minutes from the May 27, 2015 meeting were approved on a motion by Figge and second by Southerland.

III. Correspondence and feedback – Anderson had posters available from HUD concerning fair housing issues. They are available for the committee to take and post.

IV. Old Business

A. Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing (Nick Hayward/Tri-county Regional Planning) – The committee reviewed and discussed the report. HUD communities are obligated to affirmatively further fair housing. On a motion by Byrne, second by Figge, the committee recommends the Pekin City Council approval this report.

B. Bridges Out of Poverty workshop update – Day 1 and 2 training was held in May. Anderson is trying to schedule a Day 1 training for educators at 108 and 303. The Mayor would like to see the council, department heads, and staff go through Day-1 Straining. Anderson can give 30-minute overviews and Day 1 training.

C. Signing for Everett Dirksen update – The sign is currently being made.

D. Marigold Festival update – Figge is still working with the Marigold Committee to schedule performer(s) at the Kids Experience. In addition to Josiah Williams there are several other potential performers from the Diversity Festival that we could access.

E. First Friday event (July 3rd, 2015) – Artist Grey DePaul and Musician Preston Jackson will be At the Speakeasy Art Center, and the event is being co-sponsored by the HRC, YWCA, and Pekin Coalition for Equality.

V. New Business – None

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VI. Other business to come before the committee

A. Committee members

- i. Byrne mentioned the "Institutes for the Healing of Racism," a program he was involved with in Michigan. There was training for 4 hours/week for 8 weeks.

- ii. The Compassionate Experience is July 10th to 15th at Richwoods Christian Church. It features the plight of the poor in Kenya and the Philippines.

B. Committee advisory members

C. City staff

VIII. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 8:20. The next meeting date July 22, 2015