

City of Pekin Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes

August 26, 2015, City of Pekin Council Chambers

I. Welcome and introductions. Present: Melinda Figge, Bill Fleming, Roger Goodson, Lynn Johnson, Linda Seth, and Adrienne Southerland; also present were Pamela Anderson and Sarah Newcomb.

II. Approval of minutes (June 2015)

III. Correspondence and feedback

IV. New Business

- A. Introductory conversation on Intersections of Poverty and the 'Isms' video and exercise – The group watched the video and discussed the messages. The committee gave it positive reviews.

V. Old Business

- A. Assessment of Fair Housing (update) – The presentation to the City Council has been put on hold pending further education.
- B. Bridges Out of Poverty (update) – A poverty café was held on August 20th, and a second one is scheduled for September 9th. Poverty Simulations will be held on September 11th and October 5th. The Bridges Out of Poverty program will be held on October 22nd.
- C. Signing for Everett Dirksen (update) - Two of the signs are up, and Pamela will work on the paperwork for three other locations.
- D. Marigold Festival (update) – Josiah Williams is booked and ready to go on Saturday at 2pm. The committee discussed offering Josiah a stipend or donation for his appearance. Everyone was okay with the idea and Linda Seth will check with him and get the info to Pamela.
- E. First Friday event (July 3rd, 2015)(wrap up)

VI. Other business to come before the committee

A. Committee members

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- B. Committee advisory members
- C. City staff

VIII. Adjournment – next meeting date September 23, 2015

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