

City of Pekin Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2015; 7:30am; City of Pekin Council Chambers

I. Welcome and introductions. Present: Danielle Owens, Lynne Johnson, Linda Seth, Brian Byrne, Adrienne Southerland, Melinda Figge; also present Pamela Anderson and Agbara Bryson

II. Approval of minutes (June & August 2015) Adrienne 1st; Lynne 2nd; all ayes

III. Correspondence and feedback – Academy of Fine Arts thank you letter

IV. Old Business

A. Bridges Out of Poverty (update): registration flyer for Oct. 22 and 30th to be sent out by end of week

B. Marigold Festival (wrap up) - Josiah Williams preformed from 2-4 on Saturday; \$200 to be sent from City of Pekin.

V. New Business

A. Denise La Grassa workshop discussion – Saturday, November 21st tentative date at the Speakeasy; motioned \$250 to help support bringing Denise Lagrassa Speakeasy performance to the Speakeasy; B. Byrne 1st; A. Southerland 2nd; all aye

B. Distribution of HRC totes: August YWCA adopted the City of Pekin position statement, provide totes for employees; 25 bags for the Salvation Army Healthy Eating program (U of I facilitate program); widen scope of distribution related to diversity and cultural events (Poverty initiatives, Book read, City of Pekin and Tazewell County health fair providers)

VI. Other business to come before the committee

A. Committee members –

a. Night Out Against Crime, October 22 from 5-8pm; share a booth with Pekin YWCA, distribute bookmarks, pencils and

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- b. Pekin Reads program has begun. Book - To Kill a Mockingbird; available at CJ's café, Pekin Public library and Pekin YWCA

B. Committee advisory members

C. City staff

VIII. Adjournment – next meeting date October 21, 2015 – Millennium presentation on new business

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