

City of Pekin Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes

May 25, 2016; 7:30am; City of Pekin Council Chambers

- I. Welcome and introductions: Present: Brian Byrne, Melinda Figge, Bill Fleming, Lynne Johnson, Danielle Owens, and Adrienne Southerland. Also present: Pamela Anderson.
- II. Approval of minutes (February & March 2016)- On a motion by Fleming, second by Figge, the minutes from the February and March meetings were approved as distributed.
- III. Correspondence and feedback – None
- IV. Old Business
 - A. CDBG / City funding expended – Anderson purchased 5,000 pens and 500 frisbees with last year's funds. We need to start thinking about opportunities to invest \$2,000 this year.
 - B. The Blues Ain't a Color – Figge will verify that this is still on the Speakeasy calendar and that Denise La Grassa is still interested. If everything is set we need a facilitator and some additional planning for the event.
- V. New Business
 - A. Strategic planning - Anderson distributed the City Code related to the HRC and our brainstorming list of ideas from 2009 that relate to each of the four purposes/goals. We agreed to devote time to updating this list as a mini-strategic planning session at the June & July meetings. We should document what's been done, what can we do better, and what new things can we do.
 - B. June & July meeting dates – Anderson will be unavailable to meet in June and July. Fleming offered to host the meetings at the Chamber office.
 - C. On a motion by Byrne, second by Southerland, the committee recommended we spend up to \$200 to sponsor an appropriate HRC performer (like Josiah Williams) at the Kids Fest at the 2016 Marigold Festival.

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VI. Other business to come before the committee

A. Committee members

- a. Diversity Festival – About 150 kids and their families attended on a cold day. Some great performances. They are moving it to Saturday of Labor Day weekend in 2017.
- b. Stand Against Racism - was held on April 28th over the lunch hour. It was moved inside due to the potential for inclement weather. Many people missed it, as the sun was out, but the crowd wasn't visible.
- c. Bridges out of Poverty – the next event is June 29 and people can sign up on the City's website.

B. Committee advisory members

C. City staff

VIII. Adjournment – The Meeting adjourned at 8:30 am. Next meeting dates June 22; July 27; & August 24, 2016 (follow up e-mail will be sent)

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