

# City of Pekin

## Human Rights Committee

### Minutes – June 22, 2016

- I. Welcome and introductions – Meeting held at Pekin Area Chamber of Commerce, then moved to CJ's Café. Present: Melinda Figge, Bill Fleming, Roger Goodson, Danielle Owens, and Linda Seth
- II. Approval of minutes (May 2016) – Unsure if we had a quorum, so no action taken.
- III. Correspondence and feedback – none received
- IV. Old Business
- A. The Blues Ain't a Color – Melinda has contacted Shannon Cox to see if she has heard from the speaker. No response yet.
  - B. Marigold Festival performer – Josiah Williams will perform at the Marigold Kids Experience on Saturday from 1 – 3pm; \$200 sponsorship to be paid by HRC.
  - C. Strategic planning
    - a. What's been done – the committee thought the HUD HRC update (see new business) was a good start on a recap of our activities. We will discuss further at our July meeting.
    - b. What can we do better – Again, we will discuss more at our July meeting, but in particular we felt we could expand the community reads program, even for this fall.
    - c. What new things can we do – Again, we will discuss more in July, but we discussed an event similar to the recent Peace for Peoria events.
    - d. Committee members were encouraged to review the October 2009 Prioritizing Process to be prepared for the discussion at our July meeting.
  - D. July 27<sup>th</sup> meeting location – Pekin Chamber of Commerce
- V. New Business
- A. Bridges out of Poverty Day 1 workshop – July 29<sup>th</sup> at the Peking Public library; registration is through the City of Pekin web site; please plan to attend one of the Bridges workshops
  - B. CDBG CAPER (end of the year report) is available for public review from June 20<sup>th</sup> – July 8<sup>th</sup>; please provide comments or questions in written format. A public hearing will occur on July 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 in the Pekin Council chambers. The 2015 fiscal year accomplishments will be presented to City Council at the June

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27<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, with recommended Council approval at the July 11<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. The draft summary for the HRC is included with the distribution of this agenda.

- C. Community Reads – Melinda will talk to Jeff Brooks to see what options we might have to also include a young children's book into our community reads program...maybe one that aligns with an adult version of the book.
- D. Inter Religions Panel – The committee discussed recent panels/events in Peoria (the Peace for Peoria group). They seem to be very well attended by the public and businesses. Linda will research this topic and report back at the next meeting.

VI. Other business to come before the committee

- A. Committee members
- B. Committee advisory members
- C. City staff

VIII. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 8:320 am. The next meeting dates July 27 & August 24, 2016 (follow up e-mail will be sent).

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