

City of Pekin Human Rights Committee Meeting Agenda

August 24th, 2016; 7:30am; Pekin City Council Chamber

I. Welcome and introductions – Present: Pamela Anderson, Brian Byrne, Chief John Dossey, Melinda Figge, Bill Fleming, Lynn Johnson, John McCabe, Danielle Owens, Becky Saban, Adrienne Southerland

II. Approval of minutes (July 2016) – Minutes of the July 2016 meeting were approved on a motion by Figge and second by Saban.

III. Correspondence and feedback – The City has again purchased two tables to the MLK luncheon in Peoria. HRC members can contact Anderson if they're interested.

IV. Old Business

- A. The Blues Ain't a Color – The event is set for September 23rd at 7pm at the Speakeasy. It will be sponsored by the HRC, the Diversity Festival and the YWCA. We need a good audience and members were asked to help promote it to their networks. The mayor agreed to moderate a discussion after the presentation.
- B. Strategic planning (review July minutes and moving forward)- the committee discussed the strategic plan conclusions.
 - a. Danielle will contact Pam Cochran of the Pekin Ministerial Alliance to see if there is support for an educational series on world religions.
 - b. Pam & Brian will contact the Peoria Ministerial Alliance to see how we can work with them to duplicate some of their successful community educational programs. Tentatively this could be a series in January and February of 2017.
 - c. We need to use our "Come Together" banner at more of our events.
 - d. Chief Dossey indicated that many of the topics we discuss will fit in nicely with some of his community policing programs he is developing.
- C. Bridges out of Poverty – The next session is scheduled for Tuesday from 9am to 4:30pm.
- D. HRC funding – We don't need to spend the \$1,000 for *We Are Called to Rise*. As it turns out, that is good, as we have a balance of \$550 to be spent this fiscal year.
- E. Community Reads – The author of *We Are Called To Rise* will be at the Pekin Public Library on Tuesday, October 25th. Jeff has applied for a grant to buy books. The committee decided there was not enough time this semester to work on a companion book for young readers.

V. New Business

- A. None

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VI. Other business to come before the committee

- A. Committee members
- B. Committee advisory members
- C. City staff – Anderson is working on the RFPs for public services from the Community Development Block Grants. There is a concern that the requests will exceed the available funding. She suggested the HRC could be part of the group that ranks the requests to help with prioritization.

VIII. Adjournment

Next meeting date September 28th at City Hall.

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