



Human Relations Committee

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Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

6:00 p.m.

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call of members
 - a. Present: Jeremy Dixon, Larissa Smith (came in 6:10 p.m.), Atha Winston, Debbie Sage, Dave Wesner, Jayla Eison, and Niki Pettit
 - b. Absent: Tracy Williams and Nelson Cuevas
3. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings
 - a. January 12, 2026
 - Niki Pettit – 1st
 - Atha Winston – 2nd
4. Public Participation
 - None
5. Items from members
 - a. Up coming event
 - African Heritage at JW Eater
 - Feb. 27th, 6pm to 8pm
 - Village of Rantoul will have a table and will put out the pamphlets
 - b. Who does the following:
 - Snow removal on roads – Pheasant Ridge
 - Sidewalks unsafe for people because they are snow covered
 - Snow covered areas has been getting addressed, but if you hear more, then let the Mayor know
 - It is on the owner to shovel the snow
 - Why wouldn't their maintenance staff shovel the snow?
 - Owners don't live here
 - Maybe, we place an ordinance as others are doing, where owners of these complexes must in the town
 - What happens if residents are not able to shovel snow?
 - Is it in their lease?
 - What does their lease state?
 - It is more on the management to do?

- Trash in neighborhoods – South Pointe
 - Trash pick up is on the owners of South Pointe
 - People who don't live at South Pointe are putting their trash in those dumpsters as well
 - Possible have someone from South Pointe police the trash area
 - If residents of South Pointe see that someone is dumping, maybe, they call the police and let them know
 - If person at the complex is dumping trash and not putting it in the dumpster, then issue a violation
 - Possible issue a violation with the owner
 - Possible have more pick up days
 - If they have more pick-up days, that might cost the tenants more money because it will cost the owners more money for multiple pick ups
 - It could affect those who are on fixed income
- There just needs to be some sort of level of accountability

c. Online form

- Would like to create an online form for civilians to be able to fill out
 - Think about what questions to ask on the form and what to be on the form
- What happens if we have a tied vote?
 - Possible have the Chairperson removed to have an odd number
 - Could have the Chairperson only vote if there is a tie
 - Possible be able to hold off on the count to the next meeting if there is a tie if someone is absent, so they have the opportunity to vote
- Attendance when it comes to committee members
 - If you are not able to attend, you will need to let Debbie Sage know as soon as possible and the reason
 - By letting Debbie know as soon as possible, she can determine if the meeting will have a quorum or not
 - What happens if a person misses multiple times?
 - Debbie will reach out to that person
 - If the person is no longer interested, then she will let the Mayor know and update the committee members
 - It will be up to the Mayor find a replacement

6. Items to be reviewed

a. Brochure final review

- Approval
 - Nikki Pettit – 1st
 - Larissa Smith – 2nd
- Would like to have one that is translated to Spanish
- Hand out to different areas in Rantoul such as: Multi Cultural Center, Youth Center, Churches, and Schools

b. Review of Bylaws and Ordinance, are there any updates that you want to make?

- Review – within 7 days of filing a complaint

- When would that 7 days count? It would be up to the committee on when they would like to have the start date.
- Talked about sending the complaint by certified mail and regular mail
- Dave will update changes to be consistent by the next meeting

7. Items from Counsel

8. Adjournment

- Niki Pettit – 1st
- Atha Winston – 2nd

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