



Joint Commission on Racial Justice and Equity Steering Committee Meeting



AGENDA

Thursday, August 17, 2023 at 5:30 PM

(Joint Commission on Racial Justice and Equity blind copied to comply with Open Meetings Act.)

Location: United Presbyterian Church Room 105
2400 W. Northmoor Road, Peoria, IL (corner of Allen Road and Northmoor)

1. Call to order
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - August Special Meeting Minutes
3. Appointments—
 - Subcommittee applicants—Nominating Committee
4. Informational Items and Reports
 - Charter Amendments
 - Bradley Interns
 - RIEA Ordinance
 - New Commissioners Onboarding Process
 - Subcommittee Liaisons
5. Discussion-Next Steps
 - CO2 Pipeline Continued
6. Recommendations
 - CO2 Pipeline Mortarium
7. New Business
 - Upcoming Co-Chairs Meeting
8. Adjournment

City of Peoria, Illinois, Resolution to Protect Citizens and First Responders from the Dangers of High-Pressure Carbon Dioxide Pipelines

Whereas, a high-pressure carbon dioxide pipeline is being considered to be constructed into the City of Peoria through the City's South Side;

Whereas, no high-pressure carbon dioxide pipelines currently exist in the City of Peoria;

Whereas, carbon dioxide gas in high concentrations can asphyxiate, or at lower concentrations can sicken humans and livestock, thereby creating a risk of injury or even death;

Whereas, a rupture of a CO₂ pipeline has the potential to release a large quantity of carbon dioxide gas at high concentration levels that could travel potentially a mile from a pipeline rupture depending on weather and other factors; that county residents, their families, animals, and others may be within potential harm from a CO₂ pipeline rupture;

Whereas, carbon dioxide gas is colorless and odorless and may not be detected by humans making exposure difficult to detect and avoid and danger zones challenging to define;

Whereas, carbon dioxide gas can intoxicate citizens and first responders and cause disorientation and confusion, limiting the potential for self-evacuation by citizens and making first responder rescue operations challenging and dangerous;

Whereas, carbon dioxide gas is heavier than air and can settle in low lying areas and closed structures for significant periods of time;

Whereas, high concentrations of carbon dioxide following a rupture of a CO₂ pipeline could cause internal combustion engines in motor vehicles to malfunction or even stop operating, limiting the ability of citizens to use their trucks and cars to self-evacuate, and limiting the ability of first responders to use rescue vehicles;

Whereas, the City of Peoria has no reliable information about the geographic extent of a potential danger zone following a rupture of a proposed CO₂ pipeline;

Whereas, large high-pressure liquified carbon dioxide pipelines may rupture with substantial force as the carbon dioxide depressurizes into a gas, producing running ductile fracturing for extensive distances unless stopped through use of sufficiently strong pipe steel or crack arrestors, putting nearby citizens and properties in danger;

Whereas, the City of Peoria first responders should not bear the cost of the specialized emergency response equipment, training, and other resources uniquely necessary for response to a high-pressure liquified carbon dioxide pipeline rupture;

Now therefore, be it resolved:

That the City of Peoria declares a moratorium on any considerations, agreements, or requests for high-pressure liquified carbon dioxide pipelines, and the City Council wishes to table any requests regarding

road, construction, or other agreements or permits, city infrastructure changes, or other measures for any high-pressure liquified carbon-dioxide pipelines, until updated regulations are issued by the U.S. Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration regarding high-pressure CO2 pipelines.

Signed this Day of _____, 2023

Mayor of the City of Peoria

City Manager