



## Bismarck Human Relations Committee



The Bismarck Human Relations Committee is scheduled to meet in regular session on Monday, January 10, 2022, at 5:15 PM in the 4th Floor Mayor's Conference Room, City/County Office Building, 221 North Fifth Street, Bismarck, North Dakota.

Call To Order

Roll Call

HRC Mission

The mission of the Human Relations Committee is to protect and promote the personal dignity of all Bismarck citizens and to eliminate any discriminatory barriers that prevent them from reaching their full human potential, seeking to make education and compliance a meaningful and visible strategy to recognize the value of a diverse community.

### 1. Approval Of Meeting Minutes

Documents:

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### 2. Public Comment

### 3. 2021 HRC Goals

#### A. Build Recognition Through Participation In Community Events Quarterly

1. Martin Luther King Day Celebration - January 17, 2022
2. Families Around the World - January 24, 2022

#### B. Municipal Equality Index Rating

#### C. New Goals: Continued Discussion

### 4. Other Business

Adjournment

Next meeting: 5:15 PM, February 28, 2022

4th Floor Mayor's Conference Room- Bismarck City/County Building  
221 N 5th Street, Bismarck, ND





## Bismarck Human Relations Committee Meeting Minutes

12/20/2021 - Minutes

Call To Order

Vice-chair Vannett called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

Roll Call

Committee members present were Darcy Andahl, Jason Grueneich, Thea Jorgensen, Nicole Ralph, Krista Rausch, Sashay Shettler, Trevor Vannett, and Sargianna Wutzke. Jason Tomanek with the City of Bismarck was also present.

Committee member Kollie Flomo was absent.

HRC Mission

The mission was read by Vice-Chair Vannet.

### 1. Approval Of Meeting Minutes

Vice-Chair Vannett called for consideration of the November 15, 2021 meeting minutes.

Motion: Sargianna Wutzke made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2021, meeting as presented. Darcy Andahl seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved with committee members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

### 2. Public Comment

- Bill Patrie and Marsha Patrie were present to speak on item 4.D.1. regarding the Martin Luther King Day Celebration on January 17, 2022.
- Zayden Bartosh was present representing the North Dakota Human Rights Coalition (ND HRC).

### 3. Introduction Of New Members

Thea Jorgensen and Nicole Ralph introduced themselves as new members of the committee.

### 4. 2021 HRC Goals

#### A. Diversity University

A brief discussion was held regarding a potential spring cultural dinner activity with one of the local high schools.

#### B. Municipal Equality Index Rating

Jason Grueneich reported that he met with Jason Tomanek, Christine Kujawa, and Renae Moch regarding the Municipal Equality Index Scorecard. Mr. Grueneich noted that both the Library and Public Health are currently engaged in activities that directly support municipal services identified in the MEI scorecard. Mr. Grueneich will continue to work with City staff to support more robust reporting of services provided by the City to help bolster the 2022 MEI scorecard.

#### C. Student Liaisons

The committee reviewed the new logo and promotional materials. They discussed the desire to recognize Taylor Cook, the student responsible for the new logo. They would like to do a group photo and present a certificate of appreciation to Ms. Cook along with sending out a press release to local media with hopes of generating a news story to highlight the student, the Career Academy, and the HRC.

#### D. Participate In Community Events

1. Bill Patrie discussed the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Commission, which was created in 1985 and first celebrated the MLK Jr. Holiday in 1986 at the North Dakota Heritage Center. The Commission is a 501c3 non-profit volunteer organization. The Commission supports the annual MKL Jr. Holiday through events and activities held at Trinity Lutheran Church. For this year's activities, Mr. Patrie noted the hopes of having two keynote speakers, a singer-songwriter, an African choir, and a Native American drum circle as part of the celebration and events. Mr. Patrie went on to say the HRC can help by serving as a sponsor through money or in-kind support. Mr. Patrie encouraged the HRC to have a booth at the event as well.

- o Motion: Jason Grueneich made a motion to have the City Administration prepare a special meeting notice for the event and for the HRC to join the MKL Jr. event. Sargianna Wutzke seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved, with committee members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.
- o Motion: Thea Jorgensen made a motion to donate the remaining balance of the HRC's 2021 funds to support the MKL Jr. event on January 17, 2022. Jason Grueneich seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved, with committee members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

2. A Discussion was held regarding participating in the January 24, 2022 Families Around the World event at the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library. It is anticipated that 250 individuals will attend. The group discussed having a rock painting activity for those in attendance.

#### E. 2022 Goal Setting Discussion

1. Participate in events quarterly.
2. Partner with Global Neighbors for their monthly Global Jamboree hosted at Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library.
3. Active participation from all members in hosted and community events.

#### 5. Other Business

1. The committee discussed opening nominations for the Humanitarian Award and promoting the poetry and essay contest to students.
  - o Motion: Jason Grueneich made a motion to advertise for the Humanitarian Award nominations and the student poetry and essay contest. Krista Rausch seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved, with committee members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.
2. Zayden Bartosh, with the ND HRC, spoke on activities supported by the ND HRC including Q-Space an LGBTQ support group, and diversity and equality inclusion training. The committee expressed interest in training opportunities in the future.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM

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