



Bismarck Human Relations Committee

3/21/2022 - Minutes

Call To Order

Vice-chair Grueneich called the meeting to order at 5:20 PM.

Roll Call

Committee members present were Jason Grueneich, Thea Jorgensen, Nicole Ralph, Sargianna Wutzke and Carl Young. Whitnie Olsen and Jason Tomanek with the City of Bismarck were also present.

Committee members Darcy Andahl, Julie Ramos Lagos, Sashay Schettler, and Trevor Vannett were absent.

HRC Mission

Vice-chair Grueneich read the mission statement.

1. Public Comment

There was no public for comment.

2. Introduction Of New Members

Newly appointed member Carl Young was introduced to the committee.

3. Approval Of Meeting Minutes

Vice-Chair Vannett called for consideration of the February 22, 2022, meeting minutes.

Motion: Sargianna Wutzke motioned to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2022, meeting as presented. Thea Jorgensen seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved, with committee members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

4. 2022 HRC Goals

A. Build Committee Recognition

Committee members described the purpose for building committee recognition to newly appointed member Carl Young. There were no new items to discuss at this time.

B. Diversity University

1. Hosted Events

Committee members described Diversity University hosted events to newly appointed member Carl Young. There were no new items to discuss at this time.

2. Partnered Events

Committee members explained about participation with partnered community events to newly appointed member Carl Young. Upcoming events include:

- Band Night Parade | May 13, 2022
- Dakota Outright's Capital Pride 2022 | June 17-19, 2022

C. Youth Engagement

Committee members described past events and projects which were geared towards engaging the community's youth to newly appointed member Carl Young. There were no new items to discuss at this time.

D. Municipal Equality Index Rating

Committee members explained the committee's involvement in increasing Bismarck's Municipal Equality Index Rating to newly appointed member Carl Young. There were no new items to discuss at this time.

5. Other Business

Jason Grueneich addressed the committee regarding the support of an anti-hate crime ordinance being drafted for City regulation. The committee was in favor of supporting the ordinance and will provide a recommendation to the Bismarck City Commission when it is available.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss the committee adjourned at 5:53 PM. The next meeting will be held on April 18, 2022.