

Bismarck Human Relations Committee

6/21/2021 - Minutes

Call To Order

Vice-Chair Vannett called the meeting to order at **5:19 PM**.

Roll Call

Committee members present were Jason Grueneich, Brandi Hardy, Krista Rausch, Manisha Sawhney, Trevor Vannett, and Sargianna Wutzke. Whitnie Olsen and Jason Tomanek with the City of Bismarck were also present.

Committee members Kollie Flomo, and Annette Martel were absent.

Committee member Darcy Andahl joined the meeting at 5:26 PM.

HRC Mission

The mission was read by Vice-Chair Vannett.

1. Approval Of Meeting Minutes

Vice-Chair Vannett called for consideration of the May 17, 2021 meeting minutes.

Motion: Krista Rausch made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2021, meeting as presented. Brandi Hardy seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved with committee members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

2. Public Comment

There was no public present.

3. 2021 HRC Goals

A. Diversity University

There are no updates at this time.

B. Municipal Quality Index Rating

Member Brandi Hardy provided an update on the Municipal Equality Index (MEI) Rating. The Bismarck City Commission will review the request from the HRC to engage with City staff to improve and complete the MEI Scorecard. Discussion followed.

C. Participate In Community Events

Jason Grueneich provided an overview of the HRC booth at the Capitol Pride Event. The promotional information worked to draw people to the booth and increased interactions between the group and the public. Discussion followed regarding other events the group can participate in to engage in the community.

D. Student Liaisons

Jason Tomanek, Assistant City Administrator, opened the discussion by suggesting that a student liaison partnership be developed to have a new logo created for the HRC. The logo would be used for educational materials and printed on a new banner. The committee agreed that students or other community partners would be ideal for creating the logo. Members are going to reach out to community contacts for interest in creating the logo.

Manisha Sawhney asked the committee when they would like to start promoting the Student Liaison program to the schools. Committee members discussed different options for advertising the program to encourage student engagement. Jason Tomanek indicated he would connect with Superintendent Dr. Jason Hornbacher to share information about the HRC and seek feedback for the group. Committee members will present the program pitch to the Bismarck School Board Meeting on August 9, 2021.

4. Other Business

There was no other business to discuss.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 PM.

