



Bismarck Human Relations Committee

7/18/2022 - Minutes

Call To Order

Chair Vannett called the meeting to order at 5:20 PM.

Roll Call

Committee members present were Jason Grueneich, Thea Jorgensen, Nicole Ralph, Julie Ramos Lagos, Sashay Schettler, Trevor Vannett, and Sargiana Wutzke. Jason Tomanek and Whitney Olsen with the City of Bismarck were also present.

Committee members Darcy Andahl and Carl Young were absent.

HRC Mission

Chair Vannett read the mission statement.

1. Public Comment

There was no public for comment.

2. Approval Of Meeting Minutes

Chair Vannett called for the consideration of the June 20, 2022, meeting minutes.

Motion: Sargiana Wutzke motioned to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2022, meeting as presented. Jason Gueneich seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved, with committee members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

3. 2022 HRC Goals

A. Build Committee Recognition

- Public service announcements (PSA) - The group discussed the announcement crafted by Jason Grueneich and Nicole Ralph. Jason Tomanek will contact Dakota Media Access to schedule times for committee members to record the PSAs.

B. Diversity University

1. Hosted Events

- Student Art Show:
 1. Who (Age of students) - Bismarck Public High School Students
 2. Location(s) - The group discussed several potential locations to display the student artwork. Jason Tomanek will reach out to BPS for their input and feedback.
 3. Date(s) - October 15, 2022 - October 22, 2022
 4. Theme - What does Diversity/Inclusion mean to you?
 5. Art medium(s) - All mediums including digital

- Film Screening & 20th Anniversary Event:
 1. Location(s) - Sydney J. Lee Auditorium at Bismarck State College was the preferred location. City staff will reach out to see if the space is available.
 2. Date - October 8, 15, 22, or 29, 2022
 3. Determine film or films - The group discussed showing the film Balkowitsch, a film that focuses on local photographer Shane Balkowitsch and his wet plate photography process. This documentary film highlights Native American culture and history.
 4. Past Humanitarian Award Recipients - The group discussed a desire to highlight some of the Humanitarian Award Recipients from past years and invite them to take part in the program.

2. Partnered Events

There was no new information to discuss at this time.

C. Youth Engagement

There was no new information to discuss at this time.

D. Municipal Equality Index Rating

Jason Grueneich will reach out to the Human Right Coalition to discuss the preliminary rating and inquire about additional measures to help improve the community rating.

4. Other Business

There was no other business to discuss.

Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:13 PM.