



Bismarck Human Relations Committee Meeting Minutes

8/16/2021 - Minutes

Call To Order

Chair Andahl called the meeting to order at 5:16 PM.

Roll Call

Committee members present were Darcy Andahl, Jason Grueneich, Kollie Flomo, Annette Martel, Trevor Vannett, and Sargianna Wutzke. Whitnie Olsen and Jason Tomanek with the City of Bismarck were also present.

Committee members Brandi Hardy, Krista Rausch, and Manisha Sawhney were absent.

HRC Mission

The mission was ready by Chair Andahl.

1. Approval Of Meeting Minutes

Chair Andahl called for consideration of the July 19, 2021 meeting minutes.

Motion: Vice Chair Vannett made a motion to approve the minutes of July 19, 2021, meeting as presented. Sargianna Wutzke 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 for comment.

3. 2021 HRC Goals

A. Diversity University

The committee discussed the upcoming cultural dinner. Committee members agreed that the committee could work together as a whole on the event this year. The committee would like to extend an invitation to attend an upcoming meeting with the event coordinator at Legacy High School.

B. Municipal Equality Index Rating

Jason Grueneich updated the committee on the Municipal Equality Index (MEI) rating received from the Human Rights Campaign. Discussion followed. Mr. Grueneich will work with City staff to ensure the MEI survey is completed with recognition of the work the City is already doing that may not have been credited in the most recent survey.

C. Student Liaisons

Jason Tomanek updated the committee on the conversation he had with Bismarck Public Schools superintendent. The committee discussed different ways to get students involved including having students from the Career Academy create a new logo.

D. Participate In Community Events

The committee discussed different community events such as, Urban Harvest and BisMarket, in which they could participate.

Other Business

Expiring terms. Tomanek reminded the committee that three members have terms that will be expiring. Current eligible members are encouraged to reapply for another term.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.

