



Bismarck Human Relations Committee Meeting Minutes

9/20/2021 - Minutes

Call To Order

Vice chair called the meeting to order at 5:16 PM

Roll Call

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

Committee member Kollie Flomo joined the meeting at 5:32 PM.

HRC Mission

The mission was read by Vice Chair Vannett.

1. Approval Of Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Vannett called for consideration of the August 16, 2021 meeting minutes.

Motion: Krista Rausch made a motion to approve the minutes of August 16, 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

There was no public present for comment.

3. Bismarck Public Schools Discussion With Sashay Schettler, Indian Education Director

Sashay Schettler with Bismarck Public Schools attended the meeting to discuss her program within the school district. Discussion followed as to how the HRC can collaborate with the program.

4. 2021 HRC Goals

A. Diversity University

1. Update From Jason Tomanek Regarding Cultural Dinner Conversation With Kim Hertz.

Jason Tomanek provided an update about his meeting with, Kim Hertz, regarding the 2021 cultural dinner. Ms. Hertz and the Legacy Culinary students cannot commit to the event in November due to the COVID-19 pandemic but would be willing to reevaluate holding the event in the spring. The group discussed member Sawhney going into the classroom to give an Indian culinary presentation. Sawhney agreed to give the presentation and Tomanek will connect her with Kim Hertz.

B. Municipal Equality Index Rating

Jason Grueneich updated the committee regarding the discussion he had with City Administration and Public Health Director, Renae Moch. City Departments are currently performing some of the tasks on the MEI index rating but they have not been reported. Grueneich and Tomanek will continue to work with City Departments to check off more items on the MEI score sheet.

C. Student Liaisons

1. Update From Jason Tomanek Regarding Bismarck Public Schools Career Academy Project

Jason Tomanek provided an update about the BPS Career Academy Project to have a new logo created. Committee member Rausch recorded a video and Tomanek provided a written document for the students explaining the scope of work and ask of the committee. Tomanek will continue to be the liaison between the committee and the Career Academy students.

D. Participate In Community Events

Other Business

1. Member Brandi Hardy noted that this was her last meeting as she is moving out of state and had submitted her resignation. City Administration will advertise for her position.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 6:36 PM.

