



## Bismarck Human Relations Committee

12/18/2023 - Minutes

HRC Mission

Chair Grueneich read the mission statement.

Call To Order

Chair Grueneich called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM. Committee members present were Darcy Andahl, Thea Jorgensen, Sashay Schettler, and Sargianna Wutzke. Whitnie Olsen and Jason Tomanek with the City of Bismarck were also present.

Members Gabrielle Abouassaly, Geraldine Ambe, Nicole Ralph, and Carl Young were absent.

### 1. Public Comment

There was no public for comment.

### 2. Approval Of Meeting Minutes

Darcy Andahl motioned to approve the November 20, 2023, meeting minutes as presented, and Sashay Schettler seconded. Upon a roll call vote, all voted aye. M/C.

### 3. Budget Discussion

The group discussed establishing four categories for the 2024 budget expenses and in the future as follows:

1. Registration and partnerships - \$1500.00
2. Host Signature Event - \$850.00
3. Branded and promotional materials - \$850.00
4. Awards and recognition - \$300.00

Thea Jorgensen motioned to approve the tentative 2024 budget as discussed and Darcy Andahl seconded. Upon a roll call vote all voted aye. M/C.

Sargianna Wutzke motioned to dedicate remaining HRC funds as follows: \$350.00 to the MKL Jr. Day Celebration, \$350.00 to Global Neighbors, and the remaining amount to be utilized to boost a social media post promoting the These Are Your Neighbors Podcast, and Sashay Schettler seconded. Upon a roll call vote, all voted aye. M/C.

### 4. Community Conversations Discussion

The committee discussed the upcoming Community Conversation Panel Discussion scheduled for February 28, 2024, at the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library. The committee agreed to invite City Commission members and provide a report on the program at a City Commission meeting in March. The committee will invite the following to be panel members:

- Dan Eastgate - Bismarck Public School Board President
- Sr. Kathleen Atkinson - Ministry on the Margins
- Jasmine Tosseth-Smith - Bismarck Global Neighbors
- President Leander McDonald - United Tribes Technical College
- Kate Herzog or Dawn Kopp - Downtowners Association
- Brian Ritter - Sanford Health
  - Alternates: Mark Meyer, Erica Thunder, Holly Triska-Dally, and Jan Stankiewicz.

The committee will draft an invitation that City staff will send out to community stakeholders identified by the committee.

#### 5. Other Business

Chair Grueneich recognized Darcy Andahl for her time and contributions to the committee, noting that she successfully completed two terms as a committee member with this being her last meeting.

Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM.