



Bismarck Human Relations Committee



6/20/2022 - Minutes

Call To Order

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

Roll Call

Committee members present were Darcy Andahl, Thea Jorgensen, Sashay Schettler, Trevor Vannett, Sargianna Wutzke, and Carl Young. Jason Tomanek and Whitnie Olsen with the City of Bismarck were also present.

Committee members Jason Grueneich, Nicole Ralph, and Julie Ramos Lagos 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 May 16, 2022, meeting minutes.

Motion: Darcy Andahl motioned to approve the meeting minutes of the May 16, 2022, as presented. Thea Jorgensen 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

- Compose public service announcements - Jason Grueneich and Nicole Ralph were not able to attend the meeting. The two had worked to create a public service announcement. The item was tabled for discussion on the July 18, 2022, when Mr.

Grueneich and Ms. Ralph are in attendance.

B. Diversity University

1. Hosted Events

- 20th Anniversary of the HRC
 - Student Art Show
 1. The group discussed collaborating with Bismarck Public Schools to host a Student Art Show to replace the poetry and essay contest that had been conducted in the past. Jason Tomanek will reach out to Superintendent Jason Hornbacher to discuss a path moving forward for the event. Sashay Schettler and Thea Jorgensen volunteered to be the project liaisons for this activity. The general consensus from the members present was to identify details associated with this activity, such as "who, what, when, and where," at the next meeting.
 - Film Screening
 1. Sargianna Wutzke and Thea Jorgenson volunteered to lead the efforts to host a series of films supporting the 20th Anniversary of the HRC. Jason Tomanek will check with Mary Van Sickle at Dakota Media Access about films submitted for the 2022 Dakota Film Festival that may be applicable to HRC's use.

2. Partnered Events

- Band Night Parade - Summary & Report
- Capital Pride - Summary & Report

The group discussed the events and ideas to enhance participation in activities next year.

C. Youth Engagement

There was no new information to discuss at this time.

D. Municipal Equality Index Rating

Jason Tomanek updated the group on the draft MEI scorecard for 2022. He explained that the score had not changed from the prior year despite deliberate efforts to bolster the score. He closed by saying that he and Jason Grueneich will continue working with National Human Rights Coalition to increase the score.

4. Other Business

Sashay Schettler let the committee know that she will be participating in Youth Night at Mandan Rodeo Days and invited committee members to come and speak on behalf of the HRC.

Adjourn

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