



Bismarck Human Relations Committee

9/19/2022 - Minutes

Call To Order

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

Roll Call

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

Committee members Julie Ramos Lagos, Sashay Shettler, and Carl Young were absent.

HRC Mission

Chair Vannett read the mission statement.

Public Comment

There was no public for comment.

1. Approval Of Meeting Minutes

Chair Vannett called for the consideration of the August 15, 2022, meeting minutes.

Motion: Darcy Andahl motioned to approve the August 15, 2022, meeting minutes as presented. Jason Gruneich seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved, with committee members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

2. 2022 HRC Goals

A. Build Committee Recognition

- Public Service Announcements
 - Jason Grueneich will coordinate with Dakota Media Access to schedule recording times for the public service announcements. The group will record two recordings, one informational and one promoting the anniversary event on October 22, 2022.

B. Diversity University

City Commission Update - The committee discussed attending the September 27, 2022, Bismarck City Commission Meeting to update the Commission on the upcoming 20th Anniversary Celebration and the proposed podcast with Dakota Media Access. City Administration will add the Human Relations discussion item to the commission agenda and will notice the meeting as a special meeting to comply with North Dakota Century Code.

1. Hosted Events

- 20th Anniversary Celebration - October 22, 2022
 - The committee reviewed the invitations prepared by the City Administration office. After discussion, the committee decided to use option one with modifications.
 - Guests: The committee discussed direct recipients of the invitations. The invitations will be tentatively scheduled to go out after the City Commission September 27, 2022, meeting to the following groups/individuals: Past HRC members, Humanitarian Award Recipients, City Commission Members, The Martin Luther King Jr. Day Committee, Dakota Outright, United Tribes Technical College Leaders, Bismarck State College Leaders, University of Mary Leaders, Bismarck Public School Superintendent, Bismarck Public Schools Career Academy, Governor Doug Burgum, City of Bismarck staff, Bismarck Parks and Recreation District Leadership, and the North Dakota Human Rights Coalition.
 - Entertainment: The group discussed speaking with the following groups to invite them to perform at the celebration: Bismarck Mandan Civic Chorus (Tom Porter), Bismarck Elks Club Men's Chorus, Bismarck Public Schools Drum Circle, and opportunities for open remarks.
 - Refreshments: Committee members volunteered to bring snacks and beverages.
 - Programming: Drum Circle, Invocation from Crisis Care Chaplaincy, welcome from Mayor Schmitz, welcome from Governor Burgum.
 - Master of Ceremonies: Responsibilities will be shared between members Grueneich and Vannett.
 - Members Grueneich and Wutzke will reach out to media outlets to promote the event.

2. Partnered Events

- Podcast
 - The group agreed to resume this discussion at the November meeting.

C. Youth Engagement

- Nothing new was discussed at this time. The group will work toward hosting a student art show in the Spring of 2023.

D. Municipal Equality Index Rating

- There have been no new developments with the MEI score at this time.

3. Other Business

- The group received a resignation from member Julie Ramos Lagos. They looked at two

applications that had been submitted to the committee.

Motion: Darcy Andahl made a motion to recommend Geraldine Ambe to fulfill the unexpired term vacated by Ms. Ramos Lagos. Jason Grueneich seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved, with committee members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM.