



Bismarck Human Relations Committee

6/17/2024 - Minutes

Call To Order

The Human Relations Committee met on Monday, May 20, 2024, in the Mayor's Conference Room, 221 N 5th St.

Roll Call

Committee members present included Katie Houle, Carl Young, Jason Grueneich, Geraldine Ambe, Sargianna Wutzke, Gabrielle Abouassaly, and Chair Thea Jorgensen. Members Sashay Schettler, and Katryce Kluck were absent.

John Frase attended the meeting as a guest.

HRC Mission

Chair Jorgensen read the mission statement.

AGENDA

1. Public Comment

No public comment was received.

2. Consider Approval Of Minutes

Sargianna Wutzke motioned to approve the April 15, 2024 minutes as presented, and Katie Houle seconded. Upon a roll call vote, all voted aye. M/C.

Carl Young motioned to approve the May 20, 2024 minutes as presented, and Jason Grueneich seconded. Upon a roll call vote, all voted aye. M/C.

3. Community Conversations

The group discussed the upcoming Community Conversations event that is focused on Accessibility. They have invited the following guest to speak on the panel for the event and are waiting to hear back about availability:

- Julie Horntvedt
- Kirsten Dvorak
- Sandy and Matt McMerty

- Sean Cleary
- Roxanne Romanick
- Royce Schultze
- Trevor Vannette

Chair Jorgensen will work with City Administration to market the event to the public. Katie Houle will prepare the program as she did with the last event.

4. Community Events

- A. Juneteenth - June 19, 2024, 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM, General Sibley Park And Campground, 5001 S Washington St, Bismarck

Jason Grueneich motioned to sponsor a table at the Juneteenth Event for \$250.00, and Gabrielle Abouassaly seconded. Upon a roll call vote, all voted aye. M/C.

- B. BisMarket - Saturdays From June - October, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Kiwanis Park/Municipal Ballpark

The committee discussed participating in World Refugee Day instead of holding a booth at BisMarket in July.

- C. World Refugee Day - June, 22, 2024, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Kiwanis Park, 318 S Washington St

Jason Grueneich motioned to donate the funds allocated for Global Neighbors Gala to Global Neighbors World Refugee Day, and Carl Young seconded. Upon a roll call vote, all voted aye. M/C.

5. Communications/Marketing

Chair Jorgensen will continue to work with Kalen Ost in City Administration to advertise the upcoming Community Conversations event.

6. DEI/Emergency Services Update

Chair Jorgensen has been working with Gary Stockert, City Emergency Manager regarding the DEI/Emergency Services.

7. Other Business

- Humanitarian Award - Call for applications in August.
- Budget - City Administrator Tomanek updated the committee with the progress of the City Budget Committee.

Adjourn

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