



City Attorney

DATE: January 6, 2020
FROM: Janelle Combs, City Attorney
ITEM: Ordinance 6407 regarding Human Relations Committee purpose

REQUEST

Consider introduction and call for a public hearing on Ordinance 6407 to amend Ordinance 2-11-01 regarding Purpose of the Human Relations Committee.

Please place this item on the 1/14/2020 City Commission meeting agenda.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Human Relations Committee at their meeting on December 16, 2019, moved to change the mission of the Human Relations Committee. Since its mission is enacted through the ordinances, in order to accomplish this a change in the ordinance is required. A copy of the minutes from both the December and October Human Relations Committee meetings are attached.

RECOMMENDED CITY COMMISSION ACTION

First reading and introduction of Ordinance 6407 and call for a public hearing.

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CITY OF BISMARCK
Ordinance No. 6407

<i>First Reading</i>	_____
<i>Second Reading</i>	_____
<i>Final Passage and Adoption</i>	_____
<i>Publication Date</i>	_____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2-11-01 OF THE BISMARCK CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO PURPOSE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA:

Section 1. Amendment. Section 2-11-01 of the City of Bismarck Code of Ordinances relating to Purpose is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

2-11-01. Purpose. The purpose of the Bismarck Human Relations Committee is to create an atmosphere of inclusion, equality and accessibility through ~~protect and promote the personal dignity of all Bismarck citizens and eliminate any discriminatory barriers that prevent them from reaching their full human potential.~~ The Bismarck Human Relations Committee seeks to make education and outreach ~~and compliance a meaningful and visible strategy~~ to recognize the value of a diverse community.

(Ord. 5208, 10-08-02)

Section 2. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect following final passage, adoption and publication.



Bismarck Human Relations Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2019

The Bismarck Human Relations Committee (HRC) met on December 16, 2019, at 5:15 PM in the Bismarck City/County Building, 1st Floor Conference Room, 221 N 5th Street. Chair Rausch presided.

Call to Order

Chair Rausch called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

Roll Call

Committee members present were Darcy Andahl, Brandi Jude, Trevor Vannett and S. Hannah Vanorny. Whitnie Olsen with the City of Bismarck was present.

Committee member Shae Helling was absent.

HRC Mission

The Mission was read by Chair Rausch.

Acceptance of Minutes

Chair Rausch called for consideration of the minutes of the November 18, 2019 Bismarck Human Relations Committee meeting.

Motion: Brandi Jude made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2019 meeting as received. Trevor Vannett seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with committee members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

Humanitarian Award Nomination

Dr. Robert Roswick was nominated for the Humanitarian Award. The committee discussed the merits of Dr. Roswick and how it met the qualifications to be recognized for the award.

Motion: Brandi Jude made a motion to seek the Bismarck City Commission's approval to present the Humanitarian Award to Dr. Robert Roswick. Trevor Vannett seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with the committee member in attendance in favor of the motion.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Renaming the Human Relations Committee/Committee Bylaws

The committee discussed the options for changing their name.

Motion: Trevor Vannett made a motion to not change the name. Brandi Jude seconded the motion. S. Hannah Vanorny and Darci Andahl did not approve the motion. With a lack of committee votes, the discussion had been tabled for a meeting in the future.



Discussion on drafting the bylaws is tabled for a meeting in the future.

Rewriting the Mission Statement

The committee created a draft mission statement on October 21, 2019: The mission of the Bismarck Human Relations Committee is to create an atmosphere of inclusion, equality and accessibility through education and outreach to recognize the value of a diverse community.

Motion: Trevor Vannett made a motion to approve the mission statement drafted on October 21, 2019 meeting. Brandi Jude seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with the committee members in attendance in favor of the motion.

Diversity University

Spring Event:

Brandi Jude provided an update on the spring event. Brandi Jude asked S. Hannah Vanorny to contact her peers in request of participation in the event. The committee discussed different key topics to highlight at the event. The event will be specific to women and their various roles in the community. The committee discussed a name for the event. Brandi Jude would like to schedule the event around other women's activities in the month of March.

Motion: Trevor Vannett made a motion to allow Brandi Jude to move forward with the March Diversity University event allowing her up to \$1500.00 for expenses. Darci Andahl seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with the committee members in attendance in favor of the motion.

Chair Rausch asked Brandi Jude to provide a list of the qualities, skills, etc. that they are looking for in event participants. Brandi Jude will supply the committee with a list at the January meeting. She also asked for ideas as to how the committee members can help.

Upcoming Events

Interfaith Multicultural Potluck

Bismarck Interfaith is hosting an Interfaith Multicultural Potluck on Saturday, February 1, 2020 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Hillside Aquatics Complex community room.

Families Around the World

S. Hannah Vanorny gave the members a handout for an event being held at the Bismarck Public Library on January 13th from 6-8 pm. S. Hannah Vanorny will take brochures and applications for the HRC to distribute at the event. Krista Rausch will try to stay at the booth for an hour. Due to a lack of participation commitment the committee decided to not participate in the event this year. They will revisit discussion to participate in the event in the future.

Annual Report

2019 annual report prepared by S Hannah Vanorny. She will present the report at the January 28th Bismarck City Commission Meeting.



Goals for 2020

Discuss at the next meeting.

Resignations and new membership

Whitnie Olsen updated the committee on the resignation of Paul Zondo. She also let the committee know that Trevor Vannette and Manisha Sawhney would be reviewed for approval at the December 17, 2019 Bismarck City Commission Meeting. Shae Helling's term will expire January 31, 2020. Whitnie Olsen will send him notice of the term expiration and an application.

Other Business

Whitnie Olsen provided a draft brochure to the committee. Committee members provided comment on the brochure.

Motion: Brandi Jude made a motion to approve the draft brochure with recommended changes. Darci Andahl seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with committee members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

January Meeting Date

January 27, 2020 will be the next meeting date for the Human Relation Committee.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Rausch. The next meeting of the Bismarck Human Relations Committee will be held at 5:15 PM. on Monday, January 27, 2019 in the 1st floor conference room of the Bismarck City/County Building.

Reported by Whitnie Olsen



Bismarck Human Relations Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2019

The Bismarck Human Relations Committee (HRC) met on October 21, 2019, at 5:15 PM in the Bismarck City/County Building, 1st Floor Conference Room, 221 N 5th Street. Chair Krista Rausch presided.

Call to Order

Chair Rausch called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

Roll Call

Committee members present were Darcy Andahl, Shae Helling, Brandi Jude, Krista Rausch, Trevor Vannette, S. Hannah Vanorny and Paul Zondo. Other guests present were Whitnie Olsen and Jason Tomanek.

HRC Mission

The Mission was read by Chair Rausch.

Acceptance of Minutes

Chair Rausch called for consideration of the minutes of the September 16, 2019 Bismarck Human Relations Committee meeting.

Motion: Brandi Jude made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2019 meeting as received. Darcy Andahl seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with committee members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

Revising Meeting Date and Time

The committee discussed changing the meeting date and time. Committee members did not present an issue with the date and time. Whitnie Olsen will conduct quorum calls on meeting days.

Upcoming Events

Cultural Dinner – An Evening in Guatemala

Chair Rausch provided an update to the committee. The dinner will take place at Legacy High School in their Black Box Theater on November 7, 2019, at 6:00 PM. Guatemalan volunteers will direct an in-class session for the Legacy High School culinary students on October 24, 2019 from 10:50 AM - 12:10 PM and October 25, 2019 from 12:10 PM - 1:30 PM. S. Hannah Vanorny will attend the Thursday session and Shae Helling will attend the Friday session. The event is listed on Eventbrite and tickets are \$25.00.

Film Festival

The committee was asked to participate in the Human Family event, North Dakota Human Rights Film Festival, November 1-2, 2019. S. Hannah Vanorny, Shae Helling and Chair Rausch committed to volunteer at the event. Chair Rausch will contact Sean Coffman to confirm three volunteers for the event.



Spring Event

Brandi Jude volunteered to be the lead for the spring event. She would like to plan the event for late February or early March. The event would highlight culture and diversity throughout the City. She will provide additional information as the plans come together.

Renaming the Human Relations Committee

The committee brainstormed words which they felt described the Human Relations Committee and the work that they do. The following words were mentioned: inclusion, equality, diversity, education, unity, outreach, accessibility, welcoming, neighbors, friends and human rights.

The committee also created a draft mission statement: The mission of the Bismarck Human Relations Committee is to create an atmosphere of inclusion, equality and accessibility through education and outreach to recognize the value of a diverse community.

Meeting Bylaws

The committee discussed creating bylaws outlining various expectations including attendance. Whitnie Olsen will send copies of other committee bylaws for the committee members to review for discussion at the November 18, 2019 meeting.

Other Business

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Rausch. The next meeting of the Bismarck Human Relations Committee will be held at 5:15 PM. on Monday, November 18, 2019 in the 1st floor conference room of the Bismarck City/County Building.

Reported by Whitnie Olsen