



Bismarck Human Relations Committee

8/15/2022 - 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, Thea Jorgensen, Sashay Schettler, Trevor Vannett, and Sargianna Wutzke. Jason Tomanek and Whitnie Olsen with the City of Bismarck were also present.

Committee members Nicole Ralph, Julie Ramos Lagos, 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 July 18, 2022, meeting minutes.

Motion: Darcy Andahl motioned to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2022, meeting as presented. Thea Jorgensen 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

The group discussed providing digital media content to display on the City's social media accounts throughout October to celebrate and recognize the HRC's 20th Anniversary. The group agreed to provide eight posts, two per week, throughout October.

B. Diversity University

1. Hosted Events

- 20th Anniversary of the HRC
 - The group discussed having a party on Saturday, October 22, 2022, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library. The party will celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the HRC. The general consensus of the committee is to invite past committee members, Humanitarian Award recipients, City Commission members, and other organizations that align with the HRC's mission. The group intends to provide light refreshments. The committee agreed to develop a program and finalize the details at the September 19, 2022 meeting. City Administration will create an invitation for the committee to review and distribute.

2. Partnered Events

Mary Van Sickle with Dakota Media Access attended the meeting to discuss options for film screenings and possible programming to raise awareness of the HRC's mission. The group agreed to develop a podcast program focusing on public conversations supporting the HRC's mission. Ms. Van Sickle suggested that the group create a list of topics, a name for the program, a monthly schedule for recording, and a minimum of six episodes to start. The goal would be to have one new program each month. The format would involve two HRC members and a guest expert related to each month's topic. The group will have Ms. Van Sickle back at the October or November meetings to share ideas and receive feedback about moving forward with the podcast.

C. Youth Engagement

1. Who (Age of students) - Bismarck High School Students
2. Location(s) - to be determined
3. Date(s) - Spring semester
4. Theme - What does Diversity/Inclusion mean to you?
5. Art medium(s) - All mediums, including digital

Jason Tomanek will follow up with Dr. Hornbacher at the beginning of the school year to work through the details to develop and host a student art show with all Bismarck High School students.

D. Municipal Equality Index Rating

Jason Grueneich let the committee know that he has not heard back from the Human Rights Coalition but he will continue to reach out to them.

Other Business

The group discussed the attendance policy.

Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM.