



Bismarck Human Relations Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2021

The Bismarck Human Relations Committee (HRC) met on February 22, 2021, at 5:15 PM in the Bismarck City/County Building, Mayor’s Conference Room, 4th Floor, 221 N 5th Street. Vice Chair Vannett presided.

Call to Order

Vice Chair Vannett called the meeting to order at 5:21 PM.

Roll Call

Committee members present were, Kollie Flomo, Jason Grueneich, Brandi Hardy, Annette Martel, Trevor Vannett, and Sargianna Wutzke. Mike Connelly was present as to observe the meeting. Whitnie Olsen and Jason Tomanek with the City of Bismarck were also present.

Committee member Darcy Andahl, Krista Rausch and Manisha Sawhney were absent.

HRC Mission

The mission was read by Vice Chair Vannett.

Acceptance of Minutes

Vice Chair Vannett called for consideration of the minutes of the January 25, 2021 Bismarck Human Relations Committee meeting.

Motion: Brandi Hardy made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2021 meeting as presented. Jason Grueneich seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved with committee members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

Public Comment

Mike Connelly was present to observe the meeting.

Introduction of New Member

Jason Grueneich was introduced to the committee as he was participating as an elected member of the committee for the first time.

Humanitarian Award

Whitnie Olsen provided the committee with an update regarding nominations received for the Humanitarian Award. Nominations will be accepted through, March 15, 2021.

Student Essay/Poetry Contest

Whitnie Olsen provided the committee with two essay and poetry advertisement examples to review. The committee discussed the advertisements and parameters of the contest.

Motion: Sargianna Wutzke made a motion to approve the Essay/Poetry contest flyer with the submissions separated into four categories. Kollie Flomo seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved with committee members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.



Bismarck Global Neighbors: Immigrant Advisory Committee

Kollie Flomo provided the committee with an update regarding the Bismarck Global Neighbors Diversity and Inclusion Partnership. He has reached to Leah Hargrove with Bismarck Global Neighbors and has not received updated information from Hargrove to report at this time. Vice Chair Vannett called for discussion regarding the Portland Oregon Immigrant and Refugee Program.

Motion: Jason Grueneich made a motion to table the Portland Oregon Immigrant discussion until May 2021. Sargianna Wutzke seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved with committee members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

2021 HRC Goals

- Student Liaisons: Begin correspondence with schools May 2021
- Diversity University
- Speaking to Service Clubs/Committees
 - Trevor Vannett is working with Darcy Andahl to contact service clubs to arrange times to speak at their meetings. City Administration will prepare a list of service groups for the next meeting.
- Engaging in Community Events

Other Business

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Vice Chair Vannett. The next meeting of the Bismarck Human Relations Committee will be held at 5:15 PM. on Monday, March 15, 2021 in the Mayor's Conference Room of the Bismarck City/County Building.

Reported by Whitnie Olsen