



Bismarck Human Relations Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2019

The Bismarck Human Relations Committee (HRC) met on February 25, 2019, at 5:15 PM in the Bismarck City/County Building, 1st Floor Conference Room, 221 N 5th St. Chairperson Krista Rausch presided.

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Committee members present were Shae Helling, Amy Ingersoll-Johnson, Krista Rausch, and S. Hannah Vanorny. Other guests present were Gloria David, City of Bismarck Liaison and Whitnie Olsen, City of Bismarck Office Assistant.

HRC Mission

The Mission was read by Chair Rausch.

Acceptance of Minutes

Chair Rausch called for consideration of the minutes of the December 17, 2018 Bismarck Human Relations Committee meeting.

Motion: Amy Ingersoll-Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2018 meeting. S. Hannah Vanorny seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with committee members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

Diversity University: Spring / Summer Discussion

Amy Ingersoll-Johnson has been collaborating with Erik Holland and she proposed cohosting a free screening of the 2015 film, Suffragette with the North Dakota Heritage Center for the Human Relations Committee Diversity University spring event. Dialogue will take place regarding the correlation between the British Suffragette Movement and North Dakota. Other possible locations for the screening would be Bismarck State College, University of Mary, Dakota Stage Theater and the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library. The committee decided that March 23rd or 30th 2019 would be preferred for the event.

Motion: Shae Helling made a motion to move forward planning the event with a budget not to exceed \$1000 and an expiration date of March 31, 2019. Amy Ingersoll-Johnson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with committee members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

Diversity University: Fall / Winter Discussion:

Chair Rausch said that Guatemalan food had been suggested for the 2019 Cultural Dinner. Discussion will be held closer to the event.



Human Rights Poetry/Essay Contest Award:

The Committee received the poems and essays submitted for the contest. The Committee members will review and submit their top three choices to Whitnie Olsen by March 11, 2019. Discussion will continue at the scheduled March 18, 2019 meeting.

HRC Brochure:

Committee members approved the brochures that were printed in December. Whitnie Olsen will add additional committee members as they are appointed. The City Administration Office will print current brochures as needed for events.

Other Business

Upcoming Events

- **Women in Municipal Government:** March 10, 2019 at 2:00 pm at the ND Heritage Center

HRC Committee New Appointments

DeeWayne Rognstad and Paul Zondo have submitted applications for appointment on the Human Relations Committee. Their applications will go before the Bismarck City Commission at their February 26, 2019 meeting. The committee would have three vacant positions if Rognstad and Zondo are appointed. Gloria David will wait one month before advertising for the remaining positions on the City website and social media platforms.

Community Mural

The "Community Mural" will be displayed on the wall at Bismarck Tire Center at 503 N 4th St, Bismarck, ND 58501. Amy Ingersoll-Johnson is working with Eileen Walsh from the Dakota West Arts Council to coordinate the project. Eileen is communicating with a prospective artist and is waiting for the final sketch before moving forward with the project. The review process and appropriate permits have been completed. The project is currently waiting on the sketch from the artist. The mural must be completed in 2019.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Krista Rausch at 6:24 pm. The next meeting of the Bismarck Human Relations Committee will be held at 5:15 PM. on Monday, March 18, 2019 in the 1st floor conference room of the Bismarck City/County Building.

Reported by Whitnie Olsen