



Bismarck Human Relations Committee

3/20/2023 - Minutes

Call To Order

Chair Grueneich called the meeting to order at 5:18 PM.

Roll Call

Committee members present were Geraldine Ambe, Darcy Andahl, Jason Grueneich, Thea Jorgensen, Nicole Ralph, Sargianna Wutzke, and Carl Young. Jason Tomanek and Whitnie Olsen with the City of Bismarck were also present.

Gabrielle Abouassaly and Sashay Schettler were absent.

HRC Mission

Chair Grueneich read the mission statement.

1. Public Comment

No public comment was received.

2. Approval Of Meeting Minutes

Chair Grueneich called for the consideration of the February 27, 2023, meeting minutes. Motion: Carl Young motioned to approve the February 27, 2023, meeting minutes as presented. Darcy Andahl seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved, with committee members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

3. Partnered Events

- A. Families Around The World

The Families Around the World event will be at the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library on March 27, 2023, from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Committee members will arrive at 5:15 PM to set up. Committee members attending will be Nicole Ralph, Thea Jorgensen, Jason Grueneich, Sargianna Wutzke, and Geraldine Ambe.

B. Band Night Parade

The committee discussed participating in the May 12, 2023, Band Night Parade. General consensus is to have a strong showing of individuals walking together. The committee will reach to partner organizations such as Global Neighbors, Dakota Outright, and High Plains Fair Housing Coalition to gauge interest in consolidating several groups into one parade entry. Nicole Ralph volunteered to obtain a truck and trailer that could be decorated as a float for the committee to use in the parade.

4. Build Committee Recognition

A. These Are Your Neighbors Podcast

Thea Jorgensen and Sargianna Wutzke provided an update on the podcast. They reported that they have recorded six episodes to date. They have scheduled the next recordings for April, May, and June 2023. The radio program has begun airing at regular times twice each week on Mondays and Saturdays.

5. Annual Report

Sargianna Wutzke will present the Annual Report to the City Commission on April 25, 2023. The committee discussed items to include in the report, such as activities, events, and community outreach from the prior year. All committee members are encouraged to attend the City Commission Meeting.

6. Other Business

1. Thea Jorgensen noted that she had been approached by individuals looking to get engaged with HRC activities and events. Staff will prepare a signup sheet that can be used during events in addition to business cards that will contain the logo, the mission, and a QR code link to the volunteer sign-up list.

Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.