



Bismarck Human Relations Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2020

The Bismarck Human Relations Committee (HRC) met on June 15, 2020, at 5:15 PM in the Bismarck City/County Building, 4th 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, Kollie Flomo, Brandi Jude, Annette Martel, Krista Rausch, Manisha Sawhney, 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 May 18, 2020 Bismarck Human Relations Committee meeting.

Motion: Brandi Jude made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2020 meeting with the correction of the next meeting date in the footer. Darcy Andahl seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with committee members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

Public Comment

There were not any members of the public present with comments.

2020 HRC Goals

- Full Committee
 - Committee fully staffed
- Student Liaisons
 - Manisha Sawhney will bring a rough draft of communications that will be sent to the schools to the next meeting for the committee to discuss. The intention being that the communications would go to the schools after the fall semester begins.
- Diversity University
 - Spring Diversity University event
 - Brandi Jude recommended postponing the event until spring 2021. Members present agreed to planning the event for spring 2021.
 - Fall Diversity University cultural dinner event still anticipated to take place with planning to continue closer to the event.
- Speaking to Service Clubs/Committees
 - S. Hannah Vanorny updated the committee on her speaking engagements. She will be speaking to two groups in July at Touchmark over Microsoft Teams.
- Participate in Community Events



- Due to COVID-19 the committee has not taken part in any events

Other Business

Future Meetings

Whitnie Olsen updated the committee on plans for future meetings. Until the recommendation for social distancing has been lifted, the committee will continue to meet through Microsoft Teams. She will let the committee know when the guidelines have been lifted and the committee can meet in person.

Municipal Action Guide: Advancing Racial Equity in Your City

Brandi Jude presented a link to the committee regarding racial inequality in the City of Bismarck. She would like the HRC to act as advisors to the City Commission regarding racial inequality within the City of Bismarck. She did not know if this would be a project the committee as a whole would like to engage in or if creating a subcommittee would be appropriate. City staff will review the requirements and report back to the committee as well as sharing the link to the committee members.

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, July 20, 2020 in the 4th floor Mayor's Conference Room of the Bismarck City/County Building.

Reported by Whitnie Olsen