



Bismarck Human Relations Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2020

The Bismarck Human Relations Committee (HRC) met on August 17, 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, Shae Helling, Annette Martel, Krista Rausch, Manisha Sawhney, Trevor Vannett and S. Hannah Vanorny. Whitnie Olsen and Janelle Combs with the City of Bismarck were present.

Committee members Kollie Flomo and Brandi Jude were absent.

HRC Mission

The mission was read by Chair Rausch.

Acceptance of Minutes

Chair Rausch called for consideration of the minutes of the July 20, 2020 Bismarck Human Relations Committee meeting.

Motion: Darcy Andahl made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2020 meeting as presented. Shae Helling seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with committee members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

Public Comment

There were no members of the public in attendance for public comment.

Bismarck Global Neighbors: Immigrant Advisory Committee

Leah Hargrove with Global Neighbors was not in attendance. She provided documents for the committee members to review prior to the meeting. She will be invited to attend the next meeting. Janelle Combs will reach out to Leah Hargrove to discuss her ideas for the committee as to have answers lined up prior to the next meeting.

Motion: Darcy Andahl made a motion to table the item until the next meeting. S. Hannah Vanorny seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with committee members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

Municipal Action Guide: Advancing Racial Equity in Your City

Brandi Jude was absent from the meeting. Discussion was tabled until the next meeting. Janelle Combs will reach out to Brandi Jude to understand her goals for the committee and how best she can help facilitate to attaining those goals.

Community Soccer Tournament



Kollie Flomo was not in attendance to speak about the event but he sent a document regarding registration and rules to members on the committee to review. Discussion regarding the document followed.

Motion: Trevor Vannett made a motion to not participate with the event due to the risks of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Darcy Andahl seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with committee members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

2020 HRC Goals

- Full Committee
- Student Liaisons
 - Manisha Sawhney provided a second draft of the memo to the committee. Two nominated students per school year will be voted to participate as student liaisons on the Human Relations Committee. Manisha will create language for a nomination form and Whitnie Olsen will use it to draft the form for the committee to review for approval at the next meeting.
- Diversity University
 - Cultural dinner: Chair Rausch started the conversation regarding holding the event with the current pandemic situation. Chair Rausch entertained the idea that given the current situation social distancing at the event would be hard to maintain during the pandemic. She brought forward the idea of creating an online cookbook or videos as an alternate project in 2020. S. Hannah Vanorny volunteered to lead the project with help from Manisha Sawhney and Chair Rausch.
 - S. Hannah Vanorny made a motion to postpone the cultural dinner until 2021. Darcy Andahl seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved with committee members in attendance voting in favor of the motion.
- Speaking to Service Clubs/Committees
 - S. Hannah Vanorny updated the committee on her speaking engagements with the community's service clubs and committees. She is speaking with the Sertoma club next, but other arrangements have been postponed due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Other Business

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, September 21, 2020 in the 4th floor Mayor's Conference Room of the Bismarck City/County Building.

Reported by Whitnie Olsen