



## Bismarck Human Relations Committee

8/21/2023 - Minutes

Call To Order

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

Committee members present were Gabrielle Abouassaly, Darcy Andahl, Jason Grueneich, Thea Jorgensen, Nicole Ralph, and Sargianna Wutzke. Whitnie Olsen with the City of Bismarck was also present.

Geraldine Ambe, Sashay Schettler, and Carl Young were absent.

HRC Mission

Chair Grueneich read the mission statement.

### 1. Public Comment

No member of the public was present for comment.

### 2. Approval Of Meeting Minutes

Chair Grueneich called for the consideration of the July 17, 2023, meeting minutes.

Motion: Sargianna Wutzke motioned to approve the July 17, 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. Fargo Human Rights Committee Collaboration

The group discussed collaborating with the City of Minot and the City of Fargo committees which are similar to the Bismarck HRC.

#### B. Dakota Pro Musica Performance Event

Sargianna Wutzke updated the committee regarding the Dakota Pro Musica's event "Considering Matthew Shepard." The committee voted to be a sponsor of the event and donate \$250.00 to the event at the July 17, 2023 meeting.

4. Build Committee Recognition

A. These Are Your Neighbors Podcast

Vice Chair Jorgensen provided an update on the radio program and future guests. The group discussed ways to promote the program and build a following. Future guests may include Aaron Hummel, Michelle Erickson, and Sashay Schettler.

5. Municipal Equality Index Subcommittee Update

The subcommittee consists of members Ambe, Abouassaly, Grueneich, and Schettler. The subcommittee will plan to meet on Saturday, August 25, 2023, at 10:30 AM at Mocha Mamas coffee shop in Bismarck to prepare questions to present to the National HRC representative at the meeting at 11:05 AM on Monday, August 28, 2023.

6. Other Business

The committee discussed hosting its annual event in the spring instead of in October as they did last year. The event would consist of a community conversation focusing on diversity in the community and support for a hate crime ordinance. The committee will ask City and County Commission members to participate in an open discussion. The committee will confirm dates and times at a later date.

Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.