

Mission Statement

The mission of the Bismarck Human Relations Committee is to protect and promote the personal dignity of all Bismarck citizens and eliminate any discriminatory barriers that prevent them from reaching their full human potential. We seek to make education and compliance a meaningful and visible strategy as we work to recognize the value of a diverse community.

Bismarck Ordinance No. 5208

Ordinance 5208 created the Bismarck Human Relations Committee and received final passage October 8, 2002. The Committee's purpose is to promote acceptance and respect for diversity through educational programs and activities and to discourage all forms of discrimination including protected class discrimination, ADA violations or other statutory or constitutional violations (Chapter 2-11-City Code of Ordinances).

Appointment to the Committee

The Committee consists of nine members who serve without pay. Members are appointed by the President of the Board of City Commissioners, and subject to confirmation by the Board of City Commissioners. Appointees serve three-year terms.



Goals of the Committee

The Bismarck Human Relations Committee has the following goals and objectives as defined in its Strategic Plan:

- A. To exhibit leadership in the areas of civil and human rights
- B. To educate the public about civil and human rights
- C. To identify issues of principal concern in the area of civil and human rights
- D. To recommend priorities and objectives about issues of community concern to the City Commission
- E. To advocate for compliance with federal and state laws regarding civil and human rights, including North Dakota Century Code
- F. Chapters 14-02.4 (human rights) & 14-02.5 (housing) of the City Code of Ordinances



MAYOR'S COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RELATIONS

City of Bismarck
221 N 5th Street
Bismarck, ND 58501

[www.bismarcknd.gov/
HumanRelationsCommittee](http://www.bismarcknd.gov/HumanRelationsCommittee)

Bismarck

Committee Programs & Events:

- Cultural Dinner
- City of Bismarck Humanitarian Award
- HRC Poetry / Essay Contest
- And More!

If you know of different events, please come to a meeting or talk to a committee member



2019 Committee Members and Officers:

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| Krista Rausch | Chair |
| Shae Helling | Vice Chair |
| Darcy Andahl | |
| Amy Ingersoll-Johnson | |
| Brandi Jude | |
| Trevor Vanette | |
| Sr. Hannah Vanorny | |
| Paul Zondo | |

Human Relations Committee Meeting Times/ Locations:

The Bismarck Human Relations Committee meets the third Monday of each month at 5:15 PM (except holidays) at the City and County Office Building First Floor Conference Room, 221 North 5th Street, Bismarck, ND 58501. Meetings are open to the public and public comments are welcomed.

Did you know?

The people in our community speak over 50 different languages!