



Bismarck Human Relations Committee

3/18/2024 - Minutes

HRC Mission

Chair Jorgensen read the mission statement.

Call To Order

1. Roll Call

Chair Jorgensen called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM. Members present were Gabby Abouassaly, Geraldine Ambe, Jason Grueneich, Katie Houle, Thea Jorgensen, Katrice Kluck, and Sargianna Wutzke.

Members absent were Sashay Schettler and Carl Young.

2. Public Comment

No public comment was received.

3. Consider Approval Of Minutes

Jason Grueneich motioned to approve the minutes as presented, and Katie Houle seconded. Upon a roll call vote, all voted aye. M/C.

4. Community Conversations Follow-Up

Chair Jorgensen provided an overview of the Community Conversations event which had roughly 70 people in attendance. The committee received eight feedback forms with suggestions the group would like to carry out in upcoming events. Overall the committee considered the event successful and that the discussion went well. For future events they will seek to have larger representation of more groups and will include these groups as panelists. The committee would like to see future events be held in an open-house style format. To address concerns about separation in the community, the group will focus future topics on community and avoid politicization of topics. The committee will discuss hosting another Community Conversations event at their April meeting.

5. Annual Report Discussion

Sargianna Wutzke provided the 2023 Annual Report for the committee to review. The report will be presented before the City Commission at its April 9, 2024 meeting. The group divided the report into sections and various members of the committee will present information to the Commission. All

members of the committee are encouraged to attend the Commission meeting to show their support of the committee.

6. Community Events

A. High Plains Fair Housing Movie Night - April 4, 2024, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

The HRC will have a booth at the High Plains Fair Housing Movie Night on April 4, 2024. Chair Jorgensen planned to attend the event and encouraged all committee members who were available to attend as well.

B. Families Around The World - April 22, 2024, 6:00 PM

The committee will be hosting a booth at the Families Around the World Event at the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library on April 22, 2024. They will discuss an activity for the booth at the April HRC meeting.

C. Band Night Parade - May 10, 2024

Due to lack of committee member availability, the general consensus of the committee was to not participate in the Band Night Parade on May 10, 2024.

D. BisMarket

The group discussed hosting a booth at BisMarket one or multiple weekends between June and October. BisMarket takes place each Saturday between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. HRC members discussed dates in July and September that they have available and will reach out to the BisMarket coordinator to discuss booth availability.

7. Other Business

1. Spring Equinox: Friday, March 22, 2024, 9:00 AM at Chief Lookings Village
2. Chair Jorgensen will be meeting with Communications Strategist, Kalen Ost, to develop a communications plan moving forward for the HRC.

Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:31 PM.