



Bismarck Human Relations Committee

2/26/2024 - Minutes

HRC Mission

Chair Jorgensen read the mission statement

Call To Order

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

Members absent were Katrice Kluck, Sashay Schettler, and Carl Young.

1. Public Comment

No public comment was received.

2. Approval Of Meeting Minutes

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

3. Community Conversations Discussion

The Committee discussed preparations for the upcoming Community Conversations Discussion on February 28, 2024. The Committee reviewed the tentative schedule for the event and will have a co-moderator, Breanna Iron Road. The panelists will include:

- Dawn Kopp
- Sr. Kathleen Atkinson
- Dr. Marie Schaaf
- Travis Albers
- Dr. Leander R. McDonald

4. Annual Report Discussion

Jason Grueneich and Thea Jorgensen will work with Sargianna Wutzke to prepare the Annual Report for 2023. They will present the report at the April 9, 2024, City Commission Meeting.

5. Brochure Discussion

The group discussed printing options for the updated brochures and business cards with the committee's QR code.

Sargianna Wutzke motioned to have the business cards professionally printed for not more than \$100, and Gabby Abouassaly seconded. Upon a roll call vote, all voted aye. M/C.

Jason Gruneich motioned to approve the updated brochure, including the revised QR code, and directed staff to print the brochures in-house, and Gabby Abouassaly seconded. Upon a roll call vote, all voted aye. M/C.

6. Other Business

- Committee members discussed seeking other organizations or measurable goals that align with the HRC mission to help measure the impact of the Municipal Equality Index (MEI). They agreed to seek organizations or systems that could be used to rate the entire community on factors such as welcoming families, diversity, opportunities, and employment.
- Geraldine Ambe noted that High Plains Fair Housing is hosting an event on April 4, 2024, from 6:00 - 8:00 PM.
- Gabby Abouassaly indicated that there may be an opportunity for the HRC to have a booth at BisMarket during the summer of 2024.
- The group discussed requesting additional funds for the 2025 budget. They will bring this item back for discussion at the April meeting.

Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.