



MEETING OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE

4/15/2024 - Minutes

1. Call to Order
Chair Jorgensen read the mission statement.
2. Public Comment
No comment was received.
3. Consider Approval of Minutes
Committee Member Abouassaly motioned Approve, and Committee Member Grueneich seconded. Upon a roll call vote, Committee Member Schettler, Jorgensen, Committee Member Ambe, Committee Member Abouassaly, Committee Member Grueneich, Committee Member Wutzke, Committee Member Houle voted aye. None abstained from voting.
4. Community Conversations
Chair Jorgensen provided an overview of the Community Conversations Event. The Committee received support from the City Commission to host additional events in the future. The Committee discussed hosting two more events in 2024. They will seek community input regarding discussion topics and guest speakers. Chair Jorgensen will reach out to the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library to reserve Meeting Room A for events in July and November. Members of the subcommittee will meet to discuss topics and possible panelists and report back at the May meeting.
5. Community Events
 - A. Families Around The World - April 22, 2024, 6:00 PM
The group discussed the upcoming Families Around The World event. Committee members Schettler, Wutzke, Abouassaly, and Jorgensen plan to attend the event.
 - B. BisMarket - July 13, 20, & 27, 2024 and September 7, 14, & 21, 2024
The group discussed possible dates to host a table at the BisMarket.
 - C. Capital Pride - June 14-16, 2024

The group discussed participating in the Capital Pride Event. The committee will host a booth at Capital Pride on June 15, 2024. Member Wutzke will send a sign-up sheet to the committee. All members are encouraged to participate.

6. Communications/Marketing

Chair Jorgensen opened discussion about promoting the committee through social media. Chair Jorgensen has been working with City Administration to coordinate messages for social media.

7. Ordering Promotional Materials

The group discussed possible promotional items to be ordered for upcoming events including sunglasses, notebooks, tote bags, etc.

8. Other Business

- Possible upcoming events for discussion:
 - Juneteenth, June 19th from 3-7 PM
 - Global Neighbors Gala
 - Feather tying ceremony
 - Family listening sessions through Bismarck Public Schools
- Member Grueneich introduced the idea of installing flag holders for downtown businesses. He will discuss the idea with the Downtowners Association to see if it is a project they would like to take part in.
- 2025 Budget
 - The Committee discussed requesting a \$2,000 budget increase for 2025. The committee believes that they have shown responsibility through the use of the budget thus far and would use the increased budget to support the City's mission and strategic plan.
 - Committee Member Grueneich motioned Approve, and Committee Member Schettler seconded. Upon a roll call vote, Committee Member Schettler, Jorgensen, Committee Member Ambe, Committee Member Abouassaly, Committee Member Grueneich, Committee Member Wutzke, Committee Member Houle voted aye. None abstained from voting.

9. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:12 PM.