



Bismarck Human Relations Committee

5/20/2024 - Minutes

Agenda

1. Call To Order

The Human Relations Committee met on Monday, May 20, 2024, in the Mayor's Conference Room, 221 N 5th St. Committee members present included Jason Grueneich, Katie Houle, and Chair Thea Jorgensen. As a quorum of the committee was not present, no formal actions were taken.

Gabriel Benson, a member of the Bismarck Documenters Program attended the meeting as a guest.

Also present were City Administrator Jason Tomanek and Assistant City Administrator Doug Wiles. Assistant Administrator Wiles will be taking over Administrator Tomanek's role as the committee liaison.

2. Public Comment

No public comment was received.

3. Consider Approval Of Minutes

Minutes were not approved due to lack of quorum.

4. Community Conversations

Chair Jorgensen provided information regarding the upcoming Community Conversations event. Chair Jorgensen reserved meeting room A at the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library from 5:00 - 9:00 PM on July 24, 2024, and November 14, 2024, for the next two events. Chair Jorgensen will notify committee members of dates to meet as the subcommittee for those who can attend to help plan the events. The subcommittee will determine the topic for discussion for the upcoming events.

5. Community Events

A. Capital Pride - June 15, 2024, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Capitol Grounds, 600 E. Boulevard Ave.

Chair Jorgensen discussed the upcoming event and let the members present know that Sargianna Wutzke will be sending out a sign-up sheet for committee members to volunteer for times to be at the HRC's booth at the event. Committee members as well as volunteers are encouraged to attend the event and share time at the booth.

B. Juneteenth - June 19, 2024, 3-7 PM, Kiwanis Park, 318 S. Washington St.

The committee discussed attending the event which will be held at Sibley Park on June 19, 2024. Chair Jorgensen will attend the event and be there to set up the booth. All committee members are encouraged to attend.

C. BisMarket - Saturdays From June - October, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Kiwanis Park/Municipal Ballpark

Gabby Abouassaly provided information prior to the meeting regarding the available dates for BisMarket. Chair Jorgensen will send a poll to the committee members to determine which of the following days will work best to host a booth at BisMarket.

- July 13, 20, or 27, 2024
- September 7, 14, or 21, 2024

D. Global Neighbors Gala

Chair Jorgensen notified the group that Global Neighbors will not be hosting the Gala this year. The committee donated \$250 to sponsor the event at the beginning of 2024. Chair Jorgensen asked that a discussion of the sponsor donation be added to the June 17, 2024 meeting. The committee will need to determine if the funds should be returned to be used for a different project or if they will allow Global Neighbors to put the funds to support Global Neighbor's World Refugee Day event on June 22, 2024.

6. Communications/Marketing

Chair Jorgensen informed the committee that she will continue to work with city staff to promote events prior to them taking place rather than posting the group's participation after the events.

7. Ordering Promotional Materials

The group reviewed the current supply of promotional materials and asked city staff to print 150 brochures as well as a large QR code that attendees could use to easily access the committee's website.

8. DEI/Emergency Services Update

Chair Jorgensen updated the committee on her meeting with Gary Stockert, the City of Bismarck's Emergency Manager, regarding the DEI/Emergency Services Update.

9. Other Business

Jason Grueneich provided an update regarding the flag project he mentioned at the last meeting. The committee will work with the Downtowners and Dakota outright to move forward with the project.

Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 6:02 PM.