



## MEETING OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE

10/21/2024 - Minutes

### AGENDA

1. Call to Order

The Human Relations Committee met on Monday, October 21, 2024, in the 4th Floor Mayor's Conference Room, 221 N 5th St.

Committee members present included Gabrielle Abouassaly, Jason Grueneich, Katie Houle, Sashay Schettler, Sargianna Wutzke, and Chair Thea Jorgensen. Members Geraldine Ambe, Carl Young, and Katryce Kluck were absent.

2. Public Comment

3. Consider Approval of Minutes

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

4. Community Conversations

Chair Jorgensen is going to reach out to invited panelists to confirm their attendance at the event. Doug Wiles, Assistant City Administrator, noted that Community Development Director Ben Ehreth would be willing to sit on the panel if they had a vacant seat.

A. Housing Discussion

5. These are Your Neighbors Podcast Update

Member Wutzke updated the committee that she and Chair Jorgensen were on the Mayor's Insights program and would be on Studio 701 to talk about the These are Your Neighbors Podcast. Chair Jorgensen informed the committee that the next guest on the podcast will be Jason Tomanek, City of Bismarck Administrator.

A. Neighbor Award Discussion

After discussion, the committee agreed to table the conversation until January.

#### 6. BisMarket Follow-up

Members Grueneich, Houle, and Abousally updated the committee on the event. Committee members feel that the event will provide a different demographic of the community for outreach.

#### 7. Budget Update

The committee discussed the budget report and possible uses for the remaining 2024 budget. Member Schettler noted that the 2024 Dakota TESOL conference. The conference is geared toward educators who serve students learning English as a second language in the K-12, higher ed, adult ed, migrant, colony, and Native American spaces.

Member Grueneich motioned to donate \$250.00 to the 2024 Dakota TESOL Conference and Member Wutzke seconded. Upon a roll call vote, all voted aye. M/C.

Member Grueneich motioned to donate \$250.00 to the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Commission for the 2025 event, and Member Houle seconded. Upon a roll call vote, all voted aye. M/C.

Member Grueneich motioned to allow City Administration to research and purchase a pop-up banner at a value not to exceed \$350, and Member Houle seconded. Upon a roll call vote, all voted aye. M/C.

#### 8. Community Calendar

Chair Jorgensen will continue to compile events for the community calendar.

#### 9. 2024 Humanitarian Award Discussion

The committee agreed to present the Humanitarian Awards at the December 17, 2024, City Commission meeting. City Administration will send letters to the recipients inviting them to attend the meeting.

The committee discussed calling for Humanitarian Award nominations through the month of February and presenting the award in April.

#### 10. Expiring Terms and Applications

Member Grueneich motioned to ask City Administration to move forward with changing City Ordinance Title 2.2.11.03 from a composition of nine members to seven members, and Member Schettler seconded. Upon a roll call vote, all voted aye. M/C.

#### 11. Other Business

Member Grueneich submitted his resignation from the committee.

- Grueneich Resignation Letter

Member Schettler motioned to accept the resignation and Member Houle seconded, upon a roll call vote, all voted aye. M/C.

#### 12. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM.

