



MEETING OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE

12/16/2024 - Minutes

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Call to Order

The Human Relations Committee met on Monday, December 16, 2024, in the 4th Floor Mayor's Conference Room, 221 N 5th St.

Committee members present included Gabrielle Abouassaly, Geraldine Ambe, Katie Houle, Sargianna Wutzke, Carl Young, and Chair Thea Jorgensen. Member Sashay Schettler was absent.

2. Public Comment

No public comment was received.

3. Consider Approval of Minutes

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

4. Upcoming Events

A. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

Member Wutzke let the committee know that the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration will be different this upcoming year. The Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Commission will be presenting the movie *February One: The Story of the Greensboro Four*, a 2003 documentary film about the 1960 Greensboro sit-ins, which began on February 1, with a moderated discussion to follow at the Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library. A free-will donation will be collected to support the Ministry on the Margins Prison Re-entry Program. The committee agreed that those who are available will attend the event.

B. Bismarck Global Neighbors

Member Wutzke motioned to make a \$250 donation to Bismarck Global Neighbors to help support their upcoming event, and Katie Houle seconded. Upon a roll call vote, all voted aye. M/C.

5. Committee Updates

A. Member Application Update

B. Humanitarian Awards Presentation

The committee will present the 2023 Humanitarian Awards to Sanford Health Bismarck and Micah Olson at the December 17, 2024, Bismarck City Commission meeting.

C. Ordinance Update

Ordinance passed at the November 26, 2024 Bismarck City Commission meeting.

D. Subcommittee Conversation

Nothing new to discuss at this time. Will bring back in the new year with the new committee members.

E. New Position Timelines

The committee will hold elections of officers at the January 27, 2025, HRC meeting.

6. Community Conversations

The committee discussed the next Community Conversations event. Homelessness and transportation are possible discussion topics.

A. Subcommittee Meetings: Dates/Appointees

7. Other Business

No new business was brought forward.

8. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.