



Human Relations Commission Agenda

5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 2, 2023
Jack Powell Conference Room – City Hall
25 Center Street
Vermillion, South Dakota 57069

1. **Roll Call**
2. **Adoption of the Agenda**
3. **Approval of the Minutes**
 - a. January 5, 2023 Regular Meeting.
4. **Visitors to be Heard**
5. **Old Business**
 - a. Land Acknowledgement Statement.
 - b. Listening Session Planning.
 - c. Rights of Students in Vermillion.
6. **New Business**
 - a. Non-discrimination ordinance.
7. **Standing Business**
 - a. Future Programming.
8. **Adjourn**

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Addressing the Commission: Persons addressing the Commission shall be recognized. Please raise your hand to be recognized and state your name and address.

a. Items Not on the Agenda Members of the public may speak under Visitors to Be Heard on any topic NOT on the agenda. Remarks are limited to 5 minutes and no decision will be made at this time.

b. Agenda Items: Public testimony will be taken at the beginning of each agenda item, after the subject has been announced by the Chair and explained by staff. Any citizen who wishes may speak one time for 5 minutes on each agenda item. Public testimony will then be closed and the topic will be given to the Commission for possible action. At this point, only commission members and staff may discuss the current agenda item unless a commission member moves to allow another person to speak and there is unanimous consent from the commission. Questions from commission members, however, may be directed to the public through the presiding officer at any time.

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As a courtesy to others, we ask that cellular phones and pagers be turned off during the meeting.

Unapproved Minutes
Human Relations Commission
Thursday, January 5, 2023 Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Human Relations Commission was called to order on Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 5:34 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Present: Jordan Bonstrom, Becky Rider, Michelle Kavanaugh, Mike Phelan, Trevor Mandernach

Absent: Alexis Oskolkoff, Student Representative Deidre Whiteman

Staff Present: John Prescott, City Manager

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Rider motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Phelan. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes

Kavanaugh motioned to approve the December 7, 2022 minutes, seconded by Mandernach. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Visitors to be Heard

Kelsey Collier-Wise presented a history on the building, missions, and information of the organizations housed at the Community Connections Center. Programs offered by the United Way and area agencies that could also assist individuals in need were explained.

5. Old Business

5a. Bonstrom stated that there was no update this month.

5b. Members who attended the December listening session were encouraged to share their notes with the other Commission members. Discussed having a Spring 2023 listening session with members of the LGBTQ community. Michelle will research possible venues. Discussion was held on whether or not to have an outside moderator and the size of the group to invite.

5c. Phelan provided a draft of a Know Your Rights pamphlet. Members were encouraged to review it and determine if additional information should be added.

6. New Business

6a. A draft of a non-discrimination ordinance will be provided at a future meeting.

7. Standing Business

Discussed items that could be done in future years related to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Black History month, and other dates throughout the year. The Commission would like to add "Future Programming" to the Standing Business section of future agendas.

Kavanaugh will attend the USD Resource Fair to present information on the Human Relations Commission.

8. Adjourn

Moved by Phelan to adjourn, seconded by Rider. Motion carried unanimously at 6:35 p.m.

Jordan Bonstrom, Chair

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