



Human Relations Commission Agenda

5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

Thursday, February 3, 2022

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 6, 2022 Regular Meeting.
4. **Visitors to be Heard**
5. **Old Business**
 - a. Land Acknowledgement Statement
 - b. Discussion of Listening Session
6. **New Business**
7. **Standing Business**
 - a. Resources and Events
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 Mayor 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 governing body 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 6, 2022 Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Human Relations Commission was called to order on Thursday, January 6, 2021 at 5:06 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Shannon Cole, Wendy Hess, Jerry Yutrzenka, Brenda Fergen, Jordan Bonstrom (5:07 pm) Alexis Oskolkoff (6:03 pm)

Absent: Bentou Kamara

Staff Present: John Prescott, City Manager; Stone Conley, Assistant to the City Manager

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Hess motioned to approve the agenda with the changes of adding student discussion in New Business noted, seconded by Fergen. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Approval of the Minutes

2a. Cole moved to approve the December 9, 2021 regular meeting minutes seconded by Fergen. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Visitors to be Heard

3a. None

4. Old Business

4a. No update on the Land Acknowledgement Statement, will continue discussions at next meeting.

4b. Hess stated that the USD Law School is having a symposium that may aid in inspiration for the HRC's listening session. Hess & Bonstrom will reach out to USD faculty and members of the Law School for more information regarding this. They will try to make a list of those willing to assist by the next meeting.

4c. City staff sent out information regarding the other HRC's within the state, alongside their contact points. Hess and Fergen will be contacting the local HRC's to possibly collaborate with them in the near future.

5. New Business

5a. The HRC was given a mock issue to proceed through the in-take process. The HRC, utilizing their flow chart and the situation conducted this exercise. An in-take subcommittee was mentioned as

a need for this process. Bonstrom will continue to make edits to the flowchart.

5b. The HRC will contact the current student representative to confirm interest in serving on the Commission. The student representative has now missed the last four commission meetings.

6. Standing Business

a. The MLK day movie may happen through assistance with USD. January 19th is looking like a possible date for the event to take place. Cole will update the group when it is finalized.

7. Adjourn

Moved by Hess to adjourn, seconded by Yutrzenka. Motion carried unanimously at 6:31 p.m.

Shannon Cole, Chair

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