



Human Relations Commission Agenda

5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting

Thursday, March 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. February 2, 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, February 2, 2023 Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Human Relations Commission was called to order on Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 5:32 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Present: Jordan Bonstrom (Via Zoom), Becky Rider, Mike Phelan, Trevor Mandernach, Marcus Destin (Guest Via Zoom)

Absent: Michelle Kavanaugh, Alexis Oskolkoff, Student Representative Deidre Whiteman,

Staff Present: John Prescott, City Manager

2. Adoption of the Agenda

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

3. Approval of the Minutes

Rider motioned to approve the January 5, 2023 minutes, seconded by Mandernach. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Visitors to be Heard

Marcus Destin from the USD Office of Multi-Cultural affairs visited with the HRC to discuss his role. He noted that the office has three roles that they assist organizations with: to educate, celebrate, and support. Destin tries to make students feel supported. Some events his office is producing are a virtual museum for black history month and other events such as "Ever Wonder Why".

5. Old Business

5a. Bonstrom stated that there was no update this month, but progress will continue.

5b. John and Megan would have another Session, no current update on which location it will happen at. Discussions took place of who should be an outside moderator for the event. If a member of the HRC decides to facilitate it then it will be okay to not have an outside moderator. Discussed March 21st or March 28th, 2023 as possible options of dates for the event. It would take place in the Powell Conference Room on the mentioned dates.

5c. Resource Fair is happening at USD. There are Work Study students who are addressing the pamphlet design. A document will be uploaded soon.

6. New Business

6a. Brookings' non-discrimination ordinance was sent around to members of the HRC. The group read through it and will discuss more at the next meeting. The Brookings HRC members may be invited to attend the next Vermillion HRC Meeting.

7. Standing Business

No updates at this time.

8. Adjourn

Moved by Mandernach to adjourn, seconded by Rider. Motion carried unanimously at 6:11 p.m.

Jordan Bonstrom, Chair

Vermillion Human Relations Commission