



Human Relations Commission Agenda

5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

Thursday, April 7, 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. March 3, 2022 Regular Meeting.
4. **Visitors to be Heard**
5. **Old Business**
 - a. Land Acknowledgement Statement
 - b. Discussion of Listening Session
 - c. New Member Recruitment
 - d. Update on Brochure
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, March 3, 2022 Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Human Relations Commission was called to order on Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 5:03 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Shannon Cole, Wendy Hess (via Zoom), Jerry Yutrzenka (via Zoom), Brenda Fergen (5:12 pm), Jordan Bonstrom

Absent: Alexis Oskolkoff, Student Representative (Vacant)

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

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Bonstrom motioned to approve the agenda with the changes of adding new member recruitment and update on brochure to New Business noted, seconded by Yutrzenka. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Approval of the Minutes

2a. Cole moved to approve the February 3, 2022 regular meeting minutes seconded by Bonstrom. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Visitors to be Heard

3a. None

4. Old Business

4a. Cole has drafted a list and gone through local elders for guidance on the land acknowledgement statement. Dr. Cheeseman will be contacted with an informal request, with a formal meeting later. Discussions will continue.

4b. Hess and Bonstrom drafted a list of those who may fall under the classification of protected classes and those they may want to contact regarding listening sessions. An email and in-person form of contact will occur. The draft email will be sent to HRC members to edit. Hess would also like for HRC members and those being emailed to connect the commission with local community leaders. The goal is to find someone who will facilitate the listening session. Hess would like a date set for the event. Cole states that late April or early May would be best overall. Bonstrom agrees with the timeframe. Cole would like a set of possible candidates by next meeting. Hess will reach out to Oskolkoff as well for her opinion. Yutrzenka would like to contact the local high school. He also would like the list to contain a variety of people. Fergen would also like to consider international students.

5. New Business

5a. Cole and Hess both have terms that will expire this year. A student representative will also be needed as well. Bonstrom will contact USD faculty to reach out to students. Applications open March 21st and close on April 14th. Cole would like members to personally ask people to express interest.

5b. Cole talked with Dr. Julia Hellwege of USD and found that a student would like to help the HRC for a community action project. The student asked if the HRC would fund printing to create brochures regarding the HRC. The HRC will wait on a quote then move forward. Cole will contact the interested student.

6. Standing Business

a. Hess said that on March 21st the law school will have a Native American Symposium. All are welcomed to attend this event. Cole stated that this year the Annual Wacipi is the first weekend in April at the Sanford Coyote Sports Center. She also stated that the airing of Selma at the Coyote Twin for MLK Day was a success.

7. Adjourn

Moved by Yutrzenka to adjourn, seconded by Hess. Motion carried unanimously at 5:50 p.m.

Shannon Cole, Chair

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