



Human Relations Commission Agenda

5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting

Thursday, June 1, 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. May 4, 2023 Regular Meeting.
4. **Visitors to be Heard**
5. **Old Business**
 - a. Land Acknowledgement Statement.
 - b. Muslim student need.
6. **New Business**
 - a. Review complaint process.
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, May 4, 2023 Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Human Relations Commission was called to order on Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 5:31 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Present: Jordan Bonstrom, Michelle Kavanaugh, Becky Rider, Mike Phelan, Trevor Mandernach, Cameron Morgan, Phil Terwilliger

Absent: None

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 April 6, 2023 minutes, seconded by Phelan. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Visitors to be Heard

Mark Winegar was there to observe but did not have any comments to offer.

Prior to starting Old Business, the Commission members introduced themselves.

5. Old Business

5a. Nothing new to report. The statement has been provided to the City Council. The history of the development of the statement was provided to new Commission members.

5b. The history of having listening sessions and an overview of the two listening sessions held to date was provided. Discussed having another listening session with the native community as well as a listening session for veterans, Muslim students, African-American community, and international students.

5c. No response from the student group to the list of possible locations for prayer.

6. New Business

6a Introductions were completed earlier in the meeting. May run through the complaint process at the next meeting. Each member completed an oath of confidentiality that would be needed in the

event of a complaint. Reviewed some of the items completed by the HRC since it began in 2018.

6b. Rider moved and Kavanaugh seconded to elect Bonstrom as Chair. Motion carried unanimously. Kavanaugh moved and Rider seconded to elect Phelan as Vice-Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

6c. The City Council's proclamation policy that was adopted on May 1, 2023 was reviewed and discussed. Rider moved and Phelan seconded to have a Juneteenth Proclamation and a June Pride Month Proclamation presented at the June 5, 2023 City Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Standing Business

7a. The events for Pride month events were noted. It was noted that May is Asian Pacific Islander month.

8. Adjourn

Moved by Kavanaugh to adjourn, seconded by Rider. Motion carried unanimously at 6:36 p.m.

Jordan Bonstrom, Chair

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