



Human Relations Commission Agenda

5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting

Thursday, August 4, 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. July 7, 2022 Regular Meeting.
4. **Visitors to be Heard**
5. **Old Business**
 - a. Land Acknowledgement Statement
 - b. Discussion of Listening Session
 - c. Rights of Students in Vermillion
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 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 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, July 7, 2022 Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Human Relations Commission was called to order on Thursday, July 7, 2022 at 5:34 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Present: Jordan Bonstrom, Alexis Oskolkoff (via Zoom), Michelle Kavanaugh (via Zoom), Brenda Fergen, Mike Phelan

Absent: Becky Rider, Student Representative Deidre Whiteman

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

2. Adoption of the Agenda

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

3. Approval of the Minutes

Phelan motioned to approve the Minutes of the June 2, 2022 Meeting, seconded by Fergen. Motion carries unanimously.

4. Visitors to be Heard

None

5. Old Business

5a. Bonstrom stated that he met with Shannon Cole of the Vermillion Cultural Society. Cole was the previous chair of the HRC, and updated Bonstrom on where the land acknowledgement stands. Bonstrom would like to continue discussing it with the Native Studies department at USD. Bonstrom will continue to contact local members of the community with regards to this.

5b. Phelan and Bonstrom both have followed up with Mark Daniels. Bonstrom would like a follow up again by the end of July to see where he is on hosting the listening session. USD Native Faculty and community members will also be contacted. Oskolkoff says Dr. Cheeseman of USD is interested in being a member of the panel. Early August now seems like a date to possibly schedule the session. Discussion will continue next meeting.

6. New Business

6a. The HRC would like to develop a set of rights for students in the City of Vermillion. Phelan will try to draft an item to bring to the next meeting. Bonstrom and Kavanaugh both said they would assist as well.

6b. Kavanaugh opened discussion regarding the managing of the HRC's social media accounts.

7. Standing Business

7a. Sound of music production is tomorrow July 8th through July 11th.

8. Adjourn

Moved by Phelan to adjourn, seconded by Fergen. Motion carried unanimously at 6:04 p.m.

Jordan Bonstrom, Chair

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