



## Human Relations Commission Agenda

5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting  
Thursday, September 1, 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. August 4, 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, August 4, 2022 Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Human Relations Commission was called to order on Thursday, August 4, 2022 at 5:32 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Present: Jordan Bonstrom, Becky Rider, Michelle Kavanaugh (via Zoom), Brenda Fergen, Mike Phelan

Absent: Alexis Oskolkoff, Student Representative Deidre Whiteman

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

2. Adoption of the Agenda

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

3. Approval of the Minutes

Phelan motioned to approve the Minutes of the July 7, 2022 Meeting, seconded by Kavanaugh. Motion carries unanimously.

4. Visitors to be Heard

None

5. Old Business

5a. Bonstrom stated that he looked at USD's Land Acknowledgement Statement, and that the university has not changed or edited theirs for some time. Bonstrom states he met with Megan Red Shirt-Shaw to discuss the statement. Discussions will continue at the next meeting as the HRC continues to seek more input from the Native/Indigenous community.

5b. Phelan had Mark Davis commit to an August 30<sup>th</sup> date to host the listening session. Megan Red Shirt-Shaw and John Little both have found interested people to participate in the event. Bonstrom & Fergen may attend. Location is still to be determined. Bonstrom would like the session to be a place to allow members of the Native/Indigenous community to come together to discuss how they felt in the community. Discussion on the session will continue.

5c. Fergen has researched housing for students. She has tried to find what the main issues are facing students in Vermillion. Fergen also found materials pertaining to landlord conduct that could be beneficial. Information was posted on the HRC Facebook page about what housing discrimination might look like. Bonstrom, Kavanaugh,

and Phelan will all continue to research the topic. Discussions regarding rights of students will continue.

6. New Business

7. Standing Business

7a. Welcome Week schedule for USD will be released soon. Classes for students start the week of August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

8. Adjourn

Moved by Phelan to adjourn, seconded by Fergen. Motion carried unanimously at 6:15 p.m.

Jordan Bonstrom, Chair

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