

Unapproved Minutes
Human Relations Commission
Thursday, January 5, 2023 Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Human Relations Commission was called to order on Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 5:34 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Present: Jordan Bonstrom, Becky Rider, Michelle Kavanaugh, Mike Phelan, Trevor Mandernach

Absent: Alexis Oskolkoff, Student Representative Deidre Whiteman

Staff Present: John Prescott, City Manager

2. Adoption of the Agenda

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

3. Approval of the Minutes

Kavanaugh motioned to approve the December 7, 2022 minutes, seconded by Mandernach. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Visitors to be Heard

Kelsey Collier-Wise presented a history on the building, missions, and information of the organizations housed at the Community Connections Center. Programs offered by the United Way and area agencies that could also assist individuals in need were explained.

5. Old Business

5a. Bonstrom stated that there was no update this month.

5b. Members who attended the December listening session were encouraged to share their notes with the other Commission members. Discussed having a Spring 2023 listening session with members of the LGBTQ community. Michelle will research possible venues. Discussion was held on whether or not to have an outside moderator and the size of the group to invite.

5c. Phelan provided a draft of a Know Your Rights pamphlet. Members were encouraged to review it and determine if additional information should be added.

6. New Business

6a. A draft of a non-discrimination ordinance will be provided at a future meeting.

7. Standing Business

Discussed items that could be done in future years related to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Black History month, and other dates throughout the year. The Commission would like to add "Future Programming" to the Standing Business section of future agendas.

Kavanaugh will attend the USD Resource Fair to present information on the Human Relations Commission.

8. Adjourn

Moved by Phelan to adjourn, seconded by Rider. Motion carried unanimously at 6:35 p.m.

Jordan Bonstrom, Chair

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