

Unapproved Minutes
Human Relations Commission
Thursday, January 6, 2022 Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Human Relations Commission was called to order on Thursday, January 6, 2021 at 5:06 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Shannon Cole, Wendy Hess, Jerry Yutrzenka, Brenda Fergen, Jordan Bonstrom (5:07 pm) Alexis Oskolkoff (6:03 pm)

Absent: Bentou Kamara

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

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Hess motioned to approve the agenda with the changes of adding student discussion in New Business noted, seconded by Fergen. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Approval of the Minutes

2a. Cole moved to approve the December 9, 2021 regular meeting minutes seconded by Fergen. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Visitors to be Heard

3a. None

4. Old Business

4a. No update on the Land Acknowledgement Statement, will continue discussions at next meeting.

4b. Hess stated that the USD Law School is having a symposium that may aid in inspiration for the HRC's listening session. Hess & Bonstrom will reach out to USD faculty and members of the Law School for more information regarding this. They will try to make a list of those willing to assist by the next meeting.

4c. City staff sent out information regarding the other HRC's within the state, alongside their contact points. Hess and Fergen will be contacting the local HRC's to possibly collaborate with them in the near future.

5. New Business

5a. The HRC was given a mock issue to proceed through the in-take process. The HRC, utilizing their flow chart and the situation conducted this exercise. An in-take subcommittee was mentioned as

a need for this process. Bonstrom will continue to make edits to the flowchart.

5b. The HRC will contact the current student representative to confirm interest in serving on the Commission. The student representative has now missed the last four commission meetings.

6. Standing Business

a. The MLK day movie may happen through assistance with USD. January 19th is looking like a possible date for the event to take place. Cole will update the group when it is finalized.

7. Adjourn

Moved by Hess to adjourn, seconded by Yutrzenka. Motion carried unanimously at 6:31 p.m.

Shannon Cole, Chair

Vermillion Human Relations Commission