

Unapproved Minutes
Human Relations Commission
Thursday, February 2, 2023 Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Human Relations Commission was called to order on Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 5:32 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Present: Jordan Bonstrom (Via Zoom), Becky Rider, Mike Phelan, Trevor Mandernach, Marcus Destin (Guest Via Zoom)

Absent: Michelle Kavanaugh, Alexis Oskolkoff, Student Representative Deidre Whiteman,

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 January 5, 2023 minutes, seconded by Mandernach. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Visitors to be Heard

Marcus Destin from the USD Office of Multi-Cultural affairs visited with the HRC to discuss his role. He noted that the office has three roles that they assist organizations with: to educate, celebrate, and support. Destin tries to make students feel supported. Some events his office is producing are a virtual museum for black history month and other events such as "Ever Wonder Why".

5. Old Business

5a. Bonstrom stated that there was no update this month, but progress will continue.

5b. John and Megan would have another Session, no current update on which location it will happen at. Discussions took place of who should be an outside moderator for the event. If a member of the HRC decides to facilitate it then it will be okay to not have an outside moderator. Discussed March 21st or March 28th, 2023 as possible options of dates for the event. It would take place in the Powell Conference Room on the mentioned dates.

5c. Resource Fair is happening at USD. There are Work Study students who are addressing the pamphlet design. A document will be uploaded soon.

6. New Business

6a. Brookings' non-discrimination ordinance was sent around to members of the HRC. The group read through it and will discuss more at the next meeting. The Brookings HRC members may be invited to attend the next Vermillion HRC Meeting.

7. Standing Business

No updates at this time.

8. Adjourn

Moved by Mandernach to adjourn, seconded by Rider. Motion carried unanimously at 6:11 p.m.

Jordan Bonstrom, Chair

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