

Unapproved Minutes  
Human Relations Commission  
Thursday, May 7, 2020 Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Human Relations Commission was called to order via Zoom on Thursday, May 7, 2020 at 7:07 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Present: Shannon Cole, Wendy Hess, Jordan Bonstrom, Brenda Fergen, Codylee Riedmann, Jerry Yutrzenka.

Absent: Calvin Petersen.

Other Present: Travis Letellier, Lamont Sellers, Mark Daniels

Staff present: John Prescott, City Manager; James Purdy, Assistant City Manager

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Hess motioned to approve the agenda seconded by Yutrzenka. Roll call: Cole-Y, Hess-Y, Bonstrom-Y, Fergen-Y, Riedmann-Y, Yutrzenka-Y. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes

3a. Hess moved to approve the March 5, 2020 minutes, seconded by Fergen. Roll call: Hess-Y, Bonstrom-Y, Fergen-Y, Riedmann-Y, Yutrzenka-Y, Cole-Y. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Visitors to be Heard

None. The new members introduced themselves, what they did in Vermillion and their interest in serving on the Human Relations Commission. The members of the Human Relations Commission who have their term ending also introduced themselves.

5. Old Business

- a. Land Acknowledgment Statement.
- b. Home Rule Update.
- c. Public Relations Ideas.

5a. Daniels provided a brief history on the origin of why the Commission was looking at this issue. Daniels stated that he hadn't yet met with tribal elders to discuss the draft land acknowledgement statement and elicit feedback. This item will remain on future agendas, as developing the statement will be a continuous and sensitive process.

5b. Prescott and Letellier provided background on the Home Rule Charter issue and why the Commission might have an interest in the matter. The goal of the Charter Committee is to develop a Home Rule Charter that could potentially be voted on by the public at the November 2020 general election.

5c. Hess provided information on what led to the development of the proposed mission statement. Hess noted that much of the content related back to the ordinance that created the Commission.

6. New Business

- a. Introduction of New Members.
- b. Discussion of Officer Elections.

6a. This item was moved up and incorporated under Visitors to be Heard.

6b. Letellier explained that there are two Officer positions that can be voted on tonight or at the next meeting.

Motion by Yutrzenka to nominate Cole as Chair, Fergen seconded the motion. Roll call: Bonstrom-Y, Cole-Y, Fergen-Y, Hess-Y, Reidmann-Y, Yutrzenka-Y.

Motion by Cole to nominate Hess as Vice Chair, Yutrzenka seconded the motion. Roll call: Bonstrom-Y, Cole-Y, Fergen-Y, Hess-Y, Reidmann-Y, Yutrzenka-Y.

The next meeting will be Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 7:00pm.

7. Adjourn

Moved by Yutrzenka to adjourn, seconded by Fergen. Roll call: Bonstrom-Y, Cole-Y, Fergen-Y, Hess-Y, Reidmann-Y, Yutrzenka-Y. Motion carried unanimously at 8:17 p.m.

Shannon Cole, Chair

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