

City of Bismarck Human Relations Committee

Monday, June 21, 2010

Meeting Minutes

Present: Greg Sturm, Joel Boon, Gerald Azure, Troy Roness, Katie Moore Aitchison, Aruna Seth

Absent: Sonvy Sammons, Geraldine Teevens

Guest: Police Chief Witt, Gloria David, Lorraine Davis

Chairperson Sturm called the meeting to order at 5:18 p.m.

Regularly, scheduled recorded was not able to be present and no substitute was present, so Sturm volunteered to take the minutes for the meeting.

The meeting began with Sturm reciting the mission of the committee. Sturm also provided copies of 'orientation' materials to the newly appointed committee member Katie Moore Aitchison.

New committee member Katie Moore Aitchison was present. All members present introduced themselves and welcomed Katie to the committee.

Motion to approve the February minutes was made by Boon, second by Azure. Minutes were approved with the correction of the spelling of Gloria David's last name (not Davis).

There was no public comment.

Boon interjected prior to agenda item 6 with an item that needed to be addressed. He shared his findings from an interview with the City Attorney regarding the proper protocol for announcing any special meetings or subcommittee meetings. It appears the Human Relations Committee is not in violation of any of the laws and is currently following proper procedure. Organizing standing subcommittees is not advised at this time, but to assign the tasks associated with the committee and annual report as needed. Boon and Roness also mentioned they would formulate a plan to complete the annual report as required.

Agenda items seven brought about discussion from the committee as boon, Aitchison and Sturm provided their ideas for the next committee sponsored and organized event. Guest Lorraine Davis also joined in the discussion and provided insight into housing practices and students transitioning from UTTC to housing in Bismarck/Mandan. Sturm thanked her for the information and encouraged her to

attend future meetings and contact the committee if she desires to be placed on any future meeting agendas.

The committee decided to plan a series of events in the month of September. Sturm will contact the Bismarck Public Library to schedule meeting space. All other committee members will continue to explore topics and potential presenters for the Diversity series. At the July meeting, Sturm will provide the dates and the committee will share their findings on the various topics to include as part of the series.

Boon offered to attend the June 22 City of Bismarck Commissioner's meeting and Azure will attend the July 13 meeting. Both will provide summaries at the July 19 meeting.

Sturm indicated he will send out the minutes for review by the end of June and the Agenda for the July meeting will be provided prior to the next meeting as well.

Next month's meeting date will be Monday, July 19 at 5:15 P.M.

Azure made a motion to adjourn. Second was made by Roness.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Sturm