

**BOARD OF HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting:**

**Thursday:**

**January 15, 2015:**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Human Relations Commissioners of the City of Fargo, North Dakota, was held in the City Commission Room at City Hall at 12:00 o'clock p.m., Thursday, January 15, 2015.

The Human Relations Commissioners present or absent were as follows:

Present: Rachel Hoffman, Abdiwali Sharif-Abdinasir, Tanya RedRoad,  
David Lanpher, Keith Bjornson, Laetitia Mizero

Absent: Aaron Hill, Waseem Altaf

**Item 1. Welcome and Introductions**

Chair Hoffman welcomed Members to the meeting and introductions were made.

**Item 2. Approve Order of Agenda**

Mr. Lanpher moved the Order of Agenda be approved as presented. Second by Mr. Bjornson. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

**Item 3. Minutes: Regular Meeting of December 18, 2014**

Mr. Lanpher moved the minutes of the December 18, 2014 Human Relations Commission meeting be approved. Second by Mr. Sharif-Abdinasir. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

**Item 4. Presentation: Cristie Jacobsen, Cultural Liaison Officer**

Cultural Liaison Officer Cristie Jacobsen provided a brief summary of her role within the community, including outreach, collaboration, and education for the various ethnic populations in Fargo.

Board Members thanked Ms. Jacobsen for the work she has done with the community and her continued efforts on educating others about law enforcement.

**Item 5. Public Comment (12:10)**

No public comments were heard.

**Item 6. Update on Martin Luther King Day Celebration**

Cultural Planner Willard Yellow Bird gave an update on the upcoming Martin Luther King Day Celebration on Monday, January 19, 2015.

**Item 7. Review Funding Requests**

The following funding requests were summarized as follows:

1. Somali Community Development of North Dakota – Youth Engagement Program (sports) funding request for \$2,080 pertains to assisting with expenses for an indoor facility to be used for youth sports and other service learning projects.

Mr. Lanpher moved \$250 be approved, noting the funding request excludes refreshment expenses. Second by Ms. RedRoad. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

2. Fargo Social Outreach – New Americans Annual Soccer Tournament funding request for \$1,455 pertains to assisting with expenses for the annual New Americans soccer tournament on May 24-25, 2015.

Mr. Lanpher moved \$250 be approved, noting the funding request excludes refreshment expenses. Second by Ms. Mizero. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

**Item 8. Other Business and Announcements**

1. Discussion was held regarding National Welcome Week on September 12-20, 2015 and the possibility of various organizations sponsoring different events throughout this week, including an international youth soccer tournament to celebrate the various cultures in the community.
2. It was stated the City of Fargo and Human Relations Commission are in support of the nondiscrimination legislative bill to amend the North Dakota Human Rights Act and the North Dakota Fair Housing Act to include sexual orientation and gender identity, which will be introduced at the upcoming legislative session.

**Item 9. Adjourn**

The time at adjournment was 12:55 p.m.