

**BOARD OF HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES**

Regular Meeting:

Thursday:

March 17, 2016:

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, March 17, 2016.

The Human Relations Commissioners present or absent were as follows:

Present: Rachel Hoffman, Tanya RedRoad, David Lanpher, Hassan Lamba

Absent: Abdiwali Sharif-Abdinasir, Keith Bjornson, Laetitia Hellerud, Timothy Stone

Also Present: Dan Mahli, Cristie Jacobsen (Fargo Police)

Item 1. Welcome and Introductions

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

Item 2. Presentation

Barry Nelson, Organizer with the North Dakota Human Rights Coalition (NDHRC), gave a brief presentation to the Board stating the NDHRC is a broad-based coalition of individuals and organizations with an interest in the furtherance of human rights in North Dakota. He stated the NDHRC seeks to empower individuals in North Dakota in their communities, state and local governments, and society at large to promote and protect human rights for all people. Discussion was held regarding understanding and respect for diversity within schools; being a welcoming community; and issues the NDHRC is focusing on, which include voter identification, the anti-discrimination bill, immigrants and refugees, and gender pay equity.

Item 3. Approve Agenda

No action was taken by the Board.

Item 4. Minutes: Regular Meeting of February 18, 2016

No action was taken by the Board.

Item 5. Public Comment (12:30)

No public comments were made.

Item 6. Funding Updates

a. Welcoming Week

Discussion was held regarding the proposed funding of \$2,500 towards the 2016 Welcoming Week, including distribution of the funds towards a specific event or Welcoming Week as a whole. In addition, members discussed the international flags from last year's Welcoming Week and ways to secure these flags at future events.

b. Funding Requests

The following funding request was reviewed:

- 1) Fargo-Moorhead Coalition for Homeless Persons' funding request for \$500 to assist with the Project Community Connect and 2nd Chance Employment Fair Event on April 13, 2016.

Due to the lack of quorum, review/approval of the request will occur at a future meeting.

Item 7. Other Business and Announcements

No other business or announcements were made.

Item 8. Adjourn

The time at adjournment was 1:02 p.m.