

**BOARD OF HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES**

Regular Meeting:

Thursday:

August 27, 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, August 27, 2015.

The Human Relations Commissioners present or absent were as follows:

Present: Rachel Hoffman, Abdiwali Sharif-Abdinasir, Tanya RedRoad, David Lanpher, Keith Bjornson, Timothy Stone, Hassan Lamba, Waseem Altaf

Absent:

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

Item 1. Welcome and Introductions

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

Item 2. Approve Order of Agenda

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

Item 3. Minutes: Regular Meetings of March 19, May 21, and July 16, 2015

Mr. Lanpher moved the minutes of the March 19, May 21, and July 16, 2015 Human Relations Commission meetings be approved. Second by Mr. Altaf. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

Item 4. Presentation: Andrea Baumgardner, National Welcoming Week

Andrea Baumgardner, with The Barry Foundation, gave a summary of the Community Table event to be held at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 13 at Rabanus Park. She stated Cultural Diversity Resources, Growing Together, and other diverse partner organizations will be hosting this event, which includes a locally grown and prepared lunch for 500 community members to kick off national Welcoming Week.

Cultural Planner Willard Yellow Bird read the Proclamation from Mayor Tim Mahoney, which addresses September 12-20 as National Welcoming Week.

Fargo Police Cultural Liaison Cristie Jacobsen stated Members are welcome to attend the soccer tournament taking place on September 19 at Johnson Park for national Welcoming Week, noting the cultural leaders from each team will be speaking and six countries are being represented so far.

Item 5. Public Comment (12:10 p.m.)

No public comments were heard.

Item 6. Schedule New Member Orientation

Members discussed possible dates to hold the new member orientation and retreat, noting these could be held in place of the regular September Human Relations Commission meeting.

Item 7. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Update

Mr. Lanpher stated the upcoming Martin Luther King Jr. Day event will be held on January 18, 2016 at the Fargo Theatre starting at 6:30 p.m. and gave a brief summary of the event details.

Item 8. Funding Updates

The following funding request was reviewed as followed:

- 1) International Flags for National Welcoming Week funding request for \$3633.41 (grand total was \$4,274.60 with a 15% discount from Gompf Displays)

Mr. Lanpher moved the funding request in the amount of \$3633.41 be approved. Second by Mr. Altaf. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

Item 9. Other Business and Announcements

Mr. Bjornson noted to the Board that Willard Yellow Bird is the Americans with Disabilities (ADA) contact for the City of Fargo and added there is a form available for any ADA complaints that people may have.

In addition, Mr. Bjornson stated Freedom Resource Center, including their Access Coordinator Jerry Christianson, is working on a project to assess all polling booths statewide regarding accessibility.

Item 10. Adjourn

The time at adjournment was 12:44 p.m.