BOARD OF HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES

Regular Meeting: Thursday: November 19, 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, November 19, 2015.

The Human Relations Commissioners present or absent were as follows:

Present: Rachel Hoffman, David Lanpher, Timothy Stone, Hassan Lamba, Waseem Altaf

Absent: Abdiwali Sharif-Abdinasir, Tanya RedRoad, Laetitia Hellerud, Keith Bjornson

Also Present: Willard Yellow Bird, 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
Ms. Hoffman moved the Order of Agenda be approved as presented. Second by Mr. Lanpher. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

Item 3. Minutes: Regular Meeting of August 27, 2015 and Orientation/Planning Session Meeting of September 30, 2015
Mr. Lanpher moved the minutes of the August 27, 2015 Human Relations Commission meeting and the September 30, 2015 Orientation/Planning Session meeting be approved. Second by Mr. Altaf. All members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

Item 4. Presentation: Fowzia Adde, Immigrant Development Center
Executive Director of the Immigrant Development Center (IDC), Fowzia Adde, provided a summary of the Immigrant Development Center's work and their International Market Plaza which is set to open in December 2015 or early January 2016. She stated there is an opportunity for the Human Relations Commission to partner with the IDC, specifically regarding housing and job discrimination services.

Item 5. Public Comment (12:10)
No public comments were heard.

Item 6. HRC Planning Session/Task Force Process Outline
Ms. Hoffman introduced the process outline and schedule for the Human Relations Commission.

Mr. Altaf moved to accept and approve the Human Relations Commission 3-phase visioning process. Second by Mr. Lanpher. All members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

Item 7. Martin Luther King Update

Mr. Lanpher stated the Human Relations Commission award winners have been selected and contacted, and the MLK Committee has begun advertising for the event. Mr. Lanpher added donations will be accepted for the Emergency Food Pantry.

Item 8. Funding Updates

The following funding requests were reviewed:

1) Fargo-Moorhead Pride Collective and Community Center donation of $1500

Mr. Lanpher moved the donation for $1500 be approved. Ms. Hoffman provided a comment of support.

The motion failed for lack of a second.

Discussion was held regarding providing funding if there was a formal application submitted by the Pride Collective and approved by the Executive Committee to ensure the organization's work aligns with the Human Relation Commission's mission.

Mr. Lanpher moved upon submission of a formal application, and approval by the Human Relations Commission Executive Committee, the Fargo-Moorhead Pride Collective and Community Center funding request for $1500 be approved. Second by Mr. Altaf. All members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

2) New American Consortium for Wellness and Empowerment "WE Center" funding request for $500

Fargo Police Cultural Liaison Cristie Jacobsen provided a summary of the WE Center's work, including collaboration of several organizations that work together to empower minority populations and meet the gaps in needs and services currently provided.

Mr. Altaf moved the funding request be approved up to $1,000. Second by Mr. Lamba. All members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

3) Allocation of up to $3,000 with an assured $1,351.80 for replacement of international flags

Ms. Jacobsen provided an update on flags purchased for National Welcoming Week, of which 30 out of 58 were stolen. She proposed that, if replaced, the flags would not again be placed on Broadway. She stated replacement of these flags (not including poles) would total $1,351.80.

Discussion was held regarding the purchase of weighted, standing poles so that the flags can be used at other events.

Mr. Altaf moved to purchase flags and weighted stands up to $3,000 contingent upon whether or not additional funding requests are received in December, with $1,351.80 to be provided regardless. Second by Mr. Lanpher. All members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

Item 9. Other Business and Announcements

Mr. Lanpher moved to support the “Resolution of the City of Fargo to Celebrate and Honor the Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr”. Second by Mr. Altaf. All members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

Ms. Hoffman stated the resolution will be brought to the City Commission for approval in December.

Ms. Jacobsen made an announcement regarding a Saturday night candlelight vigil that is to be held in honor those affected by the recent terrorist attacks around the world and support the refugees in our communities facing backlash as a result.

Item 10. Adjournment

The time at adjournment was 1:12 p.m.