


MINUTES	Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 12:00 P.M.	
Human Relations Commission Meeting	Commission Room 1st Floor—City Hall 224 West Ninth Street Sioux Falls, South Dakota or by teleconference at 1-408-418- 9388, Access Code 2492 321 1175##	

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Tony Burke, Kassidi Smith, Nassir Yemam, Megan Grode Wolters, Megan Myers, Sheku Bannister, Karen Gourley, Dawn Marie Johnson, Elmar Delibasic

PRESENT BY PHONE: Justine Schoolmeester, Anny Libengood

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Lyndsey Meier, Catherine Schlinggen

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m.

ADOPT THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Burke and seconded by Grode Wolters to adopt agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Burke and seconded by Grode Wolters to approve minutes from the March 2022 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS OR PENDING ISSUES BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD

- A. Matt Tobias, Seth Peterson, and Derek Mueller from the City’s Housing Program spoke with the Board and presented Housing programs and initiatives. Programs discussed included the Public Safety Down Payment Assistance Program that grants \$20k down payment assistance for those in public safety positions such as police officers, firefighters, etc. This program is considered a qualified consensus and thus only available for specific areas of town.

The Neighborhood Revitalization Program is assisting home owners with general repairs. The City is using \$1.4 million in federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to assist qualified individuals with home repairs, which can include sidewalk repairs to ensure ADA compliance.

Rental Rehabilitation is another program that assists in maintaining rental properties by offering 3% loans to qualified individuals. They are projecting an increase in interest in this program due to rising federal interest rates.

The City is also working closely with the Southeastern Development Foundation to offer affordable housing to first time buyers. The Board asked how these programs are advertised to the general public and targeted audiences thus recognizing there are areas of improvement in communicating such.

- B. The Board discussed participating in upcoming local events for education and outreach. HRC plans on being present at the upcoming Cinco de Mayo Fiesta, Festival of Cultures, Pride Festival, and Juneteenth.

A motion was made and seconded to move remaining agenda items to next month's meeting due to time constraints. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC INPUT

No public input.

NEXT MEETING

May 12, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Grode Wolters and seconded by Burke. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyndsey Meier
Human Relations Specialist