

MINUTES

Thursday, May 18, 2017



**Sioux Falls
Human Relations
Commission**

**12 Noon—1 p.m.
Commission Room
First Floor, City Hall**

Commissioners:

Present: John Jones, Bill Wood, Sarah Bouwman, Alex Ramirez, Jack Mortenson

Absent: Stephen Brennan, James Larson, Henry Scere, Shirley Halleen,

Staff: Ryan Sage, Assistant City Attorney

DAC Member Present: none

Guests Present: Vicki, Eric

1. Call to Order/Welcome Guests

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the April 20, 2017 meeting minutes was made by Bouwman and seconded by Ramirez. The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Guest Speaker

Vicki Kerkvliet provided the Commission with information on the vision, mission, and work of the Business Resource Network. Kirkvliet also informed the Commission of outreach events including the Disability Friendly Recognition Program.

4. Disability Awareness Commission

The DAC has established committees to work on a signage project and a video education project. The DAC also elected new officers.

5. Compassionate Sioux Falls

The next Compassionate Sioux Falls meeting will be held on May 22, 2017 at 12:00 noon.

6. New Business

- a. Human Relations Office continues to receive a large number of housing discrimination complaints.
- b. The Human Relations Commission has two current openings and encourages interested community members to apply.
- c. Elections were held. Mortenson, Ramirez, and Bouwman were re-elected.
- d. The next meeting will be June 15, 2017.

7. Continuing Business

- a. Roles and Responsibilities

- i. Mortenson discussed efforts to increase outreach and education. The Commission will continue to investigate ways to be more effective with targeted outreach.

8. Public Comment –
No public comment.

9. Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ryan Sage. The next Human Relations Commission meeting will be June 15, 2017.