



**HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA
June 19, 2019 - 5:00 PM
City Hall Council Chambers**

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1. **Call to order** _____
2. **Roll call** _____
3. **Approval of Agenda/Minutes** _____
4. **Citizens to be heard** _____
5. **Guest Speaker - Dara Lee - Clay County Housing & Redevelopment Authority - Section 8 Housing** _____
6. **New business** _____
 - A. Welcoming Community Roadmap Project - Deb White _____
 - B. Cultural Diversity/Indigenous People Day Discussion _____
7. **Reports/Announcements** _____
8. **Upcoming events** _____

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**City of Moorhead
Human Rights Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2019 at 5:00 PM
City Hall Council Chambers**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Human Rights Commission was held in the City Hall Council Chambers on May 15, 2019, at 5:00 PM.

1. Call to order The meeting was called to order at 5:06pm.

2. Roll call

Roll Call of the members was made as follows:

Board Member:	Nate Aalgaard	Present
Board Member:	Cani Adan	Joined at 5:10pm
3 rd Ward Council Member:	Deb White	Present
Board Member:	Shinwar Mayi	Present
Board Member:	Makell Pauling Normandin	Absent
Board Member:	Willard Yellow Bird	Absent
Board Member:	Heather Keeler	Present

3. Approval of Agenda/Minutes

Agenda and minutes were approved with motions made by Deb White, seconded by Shinwar Mayi and passed by unanimous consent.

4. Citizens to be heard

No citizens were present.

5. Guest Speaker – Yoke-Sim Gunaratne – Cultural Diversity Resources

Yoke-Sim Gunaratne shared information on the programs offered by Cultural Diversity Resources.

Commissioners asked questions and Yoke-Sim Gunaratne discussed ways in which the Human Rights Commission can help support Cultural Diversity Resources’ goals.

6. 2019 Annual Plan

Commissioners discussed Annual Plan, made some minor adjustments, and approved the 2019 Annual Plan with a motion made by Deb White, Seconded by Shinwar Mayi, and passed by unanimous consent.

Agenda Item 3.

7. Member reports/Announcements

Canı Adan shared information regarding a new grant opportunity called Pathways to Prosperity – a collaborative effort to assist New Americans to increase skills.

8. Upcoming events

Debt White shared information on a May 22nd Mobility Matters Forum and a June 12th Longest Table Event.

Canı Adan shared information on a June 30th Somali Week event that will be held at Horizon Middle School and information on a new grant program

9. New business

Meeting adjourned at 5:54pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Joshua Huffman, HRC Staff Liaison

The proceedings of this meeting are digitally recorded and are available for public review.



Human Right Commission Memo

Date: 6-4-19

To: Human Rights Commission

Prepared by: Joshua Huffman

SUBJECT: Indigenous People Day – Discuss recommendations to City Council

BACKGROUND/KEY POINTS: In response to an inquiry from Human Rights Commissioner Heather Keeler, included herein is additional history on Columbus Day as a holiday and the possibility of recommending to the City Council that the City establish an Indigenous Peoples Day.

The City of Moorhead does not officially recognize Columbus Day as a holiday. Attached is a 10-4-1993 resolution of the Moorhead City Council to recognize October 12 as Cultural Diversity Day in the City of Moorhead. The recommendation to establish Cultural Diversity Day was advanced by the Moorhead Human Rights Commission in 1993 as a recognition of Moorhead’s growing cultural diversity.

In light that Moorhead does not officially recognize Columbus Day, and the Human Rights Commission previously established October 12 as Cultural Diversity Day, the current HRC may wish to consider one of the following options:

1. Affirm and commit the HRC to elevate the “Cultural Diversity Day” recognition by the City of Moorhead, demonstrating that Moorhead celebrates and welcomes the varied cultures that make up our community; or
2. Recommend that the Moorhead City Council replace Cultural Diversity Day with Indigenous People’s Day.

ACTION NEEDED: Discuss and, if appropriate, approve a resolution to make a recommendation to the City Council for consideration.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Americas are inhabited by many diverse cultures which have vastly enriched humanity by interweaving so many diverse arts, cultures, and systems of knowledge;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Moorhead, upon recommendation of the Moorhead Human Rights Commission, that the 12th day of October be designated as the celebration of cultural and lifestyle diversity of all peoples. This day will henceforth be known as "Cultural Diversity Day".


PASSED by the City Council of the City of Moorhead this 4th day of October, 1993.

APPROVED BY:



MORRIS L. LANNING, Mayor

ATTEST:



KAYE E. BUCHHOLZ, City Clerk

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