



**City of Moorhead  
Human Rights Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
June 19, 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 June 19, 2019, at 5:00 PM.

**1. Call to order** The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm.

**2. Roll call**

Roll Call of the members was made as follows:

Board Member:	Nate Aalgaard	Present
Board Member:	Cani Adan	Present
3 <sup>rd</sup> Ward Council Member:	Deb White	Present
Board Member:	Shinwar Mayi	Absent
Board Member:	Makell Pauling Normandin	Present
Board Member:	Willard Yellow Bird	Present
Board Member:	Heather Keeler	Present

**3. Approval of Agenda/Minutes**

Agenda and minutes were approved with motions made by Deb White, seconded by Willard Yellow Bird and passed by unanimous consent.

**4. Citizens to be heard**

No citizens addressed the commission at this time.

**5. Guest Speaker – Dara Lee – Clay County Housing & Redevelopment Authority**

Dara Lee shared information on the programs offered by Clay County HRA.

Commissioners asked questions and Dara Lee discussed ways in which the community can help support a community goal to end homelessness.

**6. New Business**

**A. Welcoming Community Roadmap Project – Deb White**

Deb White shared information about a Grand Forks program that was designed to promote an inclusive community through a multi-year project. There was discussion

and it was suggested that a Human Rights Commissioner reach out to the Grand Forks group for a discussion and bring back information to the HRC.

#### B. Cultural Diversity/Indigenous People's Day Discussion

Heather Keeler introduced the discussion. Willard Yellow Bird provide some background information. Some citizens shared why this initiative was important to them and the community as a whole.

A motion was made by Heather Keeler to recommend that the City Council pass a resolution to designate and celebrate Indigenous People's Day on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every October. Deb White seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion was then passed by unanimous consent.

### 7. Member reports/Announcements

Citizen shared information on a recent Juneteenth event that was held in a local park. It was the first event of its kind locally and was very well attended.

Citizen shared information on upcoming event "Trading at the Red River"

Deb White shared information on Longest Table event that occurred recently, an upcoming event commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Stonewall Riots, and an event entitled Community and Race: We rise by lifting others.

Cani Adan shared information about a hit and run incident that occurred a few weeks ago. Shared concerns from the victim and information on a fundraising campaign.

Police Chief Monroe shared information on the investigation, reiterated their call for information regarding the incident from the public. Commissioners asked questions and discussed.

### 8. Upcoming events

A motion to adjourn was made by Willard Yellow Bird, seconded by Deb White, and passed by unanimous consent. The meeting adjourned at 6:26pm.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Joshua Huffman, HRC Staff Liaison

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