

MCDUP ACTIVITIES OVERVIEW



Three Projects Uniting As One

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COMMUNITY REMEMBRANCE PROJECT



- ❧ Goal: to engage in a process of truth and reconciliation to overcome our collective misunderstandings and take a step toward recovery
- ❧ The EJI has developed four pieces for the project, all designed to create awareness and understanding of the history of the time.
 - Creation of a Community Coalition of citizens across all races and socio-economic strata
 - Development of a High School Student Essay Contest around the subject of racial inequality
 - A gathering of soil to honor the sites where the lynchings took place
 - Ceremonial installment of an historical marker regarding one or more of the lynchings
- ❧ The final piece is to receive the corten steel monument for permanent display in the County
- ❧ For further background:
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zgCvYiHGDG8>
 - <https://museumandmemorial.eji.org/museum>

BLACK HISTORY MONUMENTS



- ❧ A community committee appointed by the Mayor has identified two options
 - ❧ Remove the existing monument – cost about \$150,000, or
 - ❧ Erect monuments celebrating local black history from the period (\$8 - \$12k each)
 - At median on 1st Ave. between 10th and 11th streets in Uptown

Examples:



8'h x 4'w 10"d



CORAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS SERIES



- ❧ **Goal:** Initiate a series of community conversations around our racial past, present and future designed to include everyone and elicit thoughts and feelings from all.

- ❧ **Conversations**
 - ❧ 90-minute panel discussions
 - ❧ 2 – 3 panelists per conversation with a moderator
 - ❧ Zoom or face-to-face if possible

- ❧ **Topics**
 - ❧ Closing performance gaps among schools in our district
 - ❧ Building Trust between law enforcement and community
 - ❧ Making room for cultural diversity within the workplace

TIMELINE



2021 *January*

Conversation I – CSU Diversity Forum

July

Conversation II – MCSD

August

Conversation III – Public Safety

Introduction to Council

November

Update via Mayor's Annual Report

2022 *May*

CRP– Essay Contest

August

Approval of Historic Marker Text

November

Essay Contest Winner Reception (Nov.
20)

Future Events

Monuments installation

Marker Installation

PROJECT OUTCOMES



- ❧ Raise the social welfare of our community with regard to cultural flourishing and appreciation.
 - ❧ Acknowledge the horror of our county's lynchings
 - ❧ Raise markers and monuments that highlight our county's black history (late 19th & early 20th centuries)
 - ❧ Identify practical steps toward insuring cultural flourishing and appreciation.