

MINUTES

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION COMMISSION

Wednesday April 6, 2022 – 3:00 PM

City Hall, 344 West Main Street

On Main and Zoom

AT LARGE MEMBERS PRESENT: John DeCramer, Joyce Tofte, Michele Knife Sterner, Marcy Heemeyer, Sara Runchey

STANDING POSITION MEMBERS PRESENT: Ted Stamp, See Moua-Leske, Beth Ritter, Samira Sheikh, Lauren Mellenthin, Beth Wilms, Tim Mok, Denae Winter

ABSENT: Monica Talamantes, Don Robertson, George Taylor, Ross Wastvedt , Kumara Jayasuriya, Sharon Hanson, City Administrator, Jay Lee, Nicole DeBoer

STAFF PRESENT: Amanda Becker, Community Education Coordinator and Kyle Box, City Clerk Addy Wolbaum, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Assistant,

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Assistant, Addy Wolbaum introduced Senior Demographer, Megan Dayton with the State of Minnesota Demographic Center. Dayton provided an overview of the past and current census results to show trends related to diversity throughout the State of Minnesota. A copy of the presentation will be provided to the Commission members.

Member Moua-Leske provided an update on Welcome Week. Southwest Minnesota State University will read a land acknowledgement opening the event at 12 PM and ending at 8 PM. Community, Cuisine & Culture are the basis for the event and will include indoor food vendors, craft beer, hands on education and interactive entertainment. The DEI Commission will have booth on the floor at this event with community surveys, board and commission applications and general information on the 150th Anniversary for the City of Marshall. A sign-up sheet will be sent to Commission members to volunteer at the booth.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Assistant, Addy Wolbaum provided an update on the World Café Event, there will be a survey available for the community to participate. Those results will be compiled by the YWCA who will summarize both World Café events and the community surveys and provided an update to the Commission by the end of June. Member DeCramer also requested the Commission provide an update to the City Council after this has been completed.

There was also discussion regarding Welcoming Week. It was requested that a subcommittee be formed to start planning for the event. Members, Runchey, DeCramer, Knife Sterner, Heemeyer, Sheikh, Co-Chair Tofte, and DEI Assistant Wolbaum will join the subcommittee. Any other member is welcome to join.

At 4:00 PM the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kyle Box
City Clerk