

MINUTES
CITY OF MARSHALL
DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION COMMISSION
Wednesday, December 7, 2023 at 3:00PM
Camden Conference Room and Zoom
City Hall, 344 W. Main Street

At-Large Members (Voters): Michele Sterner Knife, Dr. George

Standing Members: Beth Ritter, Nicole DeBoer, Dr. Erin Kline, Dr. Timothy Mok, Denae Winters

City Staff: Addy Wolbaum, Sharon Hanson, Preston Stensrud (Special Guest Presenter), See Moua-Leske

Approval of Agenda

- No quorum for voting

Approval of Minutes

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Inclusive Playground Presentation - Preston Stensrud

- Original plan was to build one big inclusive playground
 - During COVID, funding disappeared
- Shifted idea to include a piece at of inclusive playground at each playground in Marshall
 - Installed at Legion & Independence and ordered for 3rd park (Justice Park- musical theme)
 - All funds are donations
- Disability
 - Not just wheelchair, maybe allergic reaction to wood chips, etc.
- 2021
 - Installed inclusive pieces at Legion Field Park
 - In-ground merry go round
 - Roller table
 - Practice balance
 - Worked with businesses
 - Received funding & grants
 - Artificial turf- specifically made for playgrounds
 - Sidewalk around inclusive area for accessibility
 - 35,000
- 2023
 - Installed inclusive pieces at Independence Park
 - Teeter totter
 - Climbing belt, rocks
 - Spinning like a merry go round
 - Seats designed for different seating options

- 50,000
- Donations
 - Turkey Valley Plant- committed \$60,000
 - Hyvee- big supporter as well
- How are pieces decided?
 - Burk
 - Company used, easy and great to work with
 - State contract worker
 - Preston looks at the catalog and just makes decisions
 - Haven't done data part
 - Gets feedback from donors and families who use it

IBWU Funding Request

- Requested, but do not have quorum to vote on whether or not to grant \$1,500 for event

WorldFest Information

- Looking for partners
 - Visit Marshall?
- Condensing it?
 - Going from 8 performers to 4
- How to make it sustainable
- Change date of event?
- Will still happen, just will look different
- Have a meeting with all possible partners
 - CVB
 - SMSU
 - City of Marshall
- Need to get information, logistics, etc. from Dr. May Lee
- Combining it with Welcoming Week event?

Juneteenth Meeting Update

- 9 people attended
- Held at library
- Library Collaboration
 - Slavery Exhibit
 - Will attempt to bring back for the celebration
- Good discussion on location, partnership, etc.
- More marketing and advertising
- Next meeting: Jan 10th at 1:30 at Library

Member Openings

- Need members
- Create awareness
- Only 4 At Large members right now

- Idea: hold a “Open House” DEI Commission w/ refreshments to encourage more people to apply

Strategic Planning Update

- Contracted a consultant to conduct a strategic planning for the City of Marshall
 - Ashley Hanson- consultant

Meeting adjourned at 4:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
See Moua-Leske