

RESOLUTION NO. _____
STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF RAMSEY
CITY OF NEW BRIGHTON

A RESOLUTION CREATING AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, the City Council believes in having a welcoming community for all; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has held meetings with city staff and city residents interested in identifying opportunities to engage all of New Brighton's residents; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of New Brighton believes New Brighton already works hard to engage residents and wants to continue expanding on those efforts; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes there is a need for a more formal and proactive approach towards creating an inclusive community, in which more diverse populations could be included in community engagement efforts; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes creation of a task force would have a mission of ensuring the City is taking advantage of every opportunity to make sure all residents experience a sense of inclusion; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes appointment to this task force would include members of the community recommended directly to the council for consideration. And additional members (3 to 5) the first quarter of 2018 during the traditional application for commission time period.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of New Brighton, Minnesota that an Inclusive Community Task Force will be created for the following reasons:

- 1) How to continue existing and foster new partners within the three Mounds View Public Schools in our borders. It can be with district people or NB people so that we (continue to) join efforts in programs, people, and a pulse on our residents.
- 2) Barriers and challenges such as transportation, language, technological (communication outlets), institutional and physical barriers that limit access to information and active engagement for sociologically disadvantage, disabled, youth, elderly and communities of color also need to be identified and addressed.
- 3) Creating a contact list that would be inclusive of all community organizations (business, geographic, cultural, schools, etc) that could be used as a liaison for notifying them of important updates, for reaching out to them and for requesting their input.
- 4) The City of New Brighton should strive to create a workforce, including elected and appointed officials, and volunteer resources that contain a broad range of diversity including race, gender, language, life experience, and cultural background to improve understanding and effectiveness in dealing with all communities.
- 5) A standing Task Force on inclusivity should identify ways to make New Brighton welcoming to all residents or people who would choose to live here including those with disabilities. Others have identified race/cultural/ethnicity others have identified LBGTQ we shouldn't forget those with disabilities.

- 6) Assist the City in identifying changes to the public spaces in NB that could be changed to be more welcoming to different populations. What specifically could be done? Create a budget and recommend as timeline for implementation.
- 7) To have the task force identify ways for the city to engage youth of color and get them more involved with the City.
- 8) Consider whether a permanent City Commission should be created to replace the Task Force.

ADOPTED this 10th day of January, 2017 by the New Brighton City Council with a vote of _____ ayes and _____ nays.

Valerie Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dean R. Lotter, City Manager

Terri Haarstad, City Clerk