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Memorandum:

TO: Mayor Krachmer and City Council Members

FROM: Kevin Watson, City Administrator

DATE: May 16, 2023

SUBJECT: Many Faces of White Bear Lake

Requested Council Action

Direct staff on whether or not to pursue a community partnership with Many Faces of White Bear Lake.

Background

Many Faces was formed in 2018 by six community organizations as a collaborative effort to offer the community opportunities to learn about the many populations who have inhabited our area during our history. Since then, Many Faces has continually expanded its programming as it progresses toward its mission of strengthening community through opportunities to listen, learn, reflect and engage in conversations that promote equity, diversity, and inclusion.

Many Faces of White Bear Lake presented at the May 2, 2023, City Council and invited Vadnais Heights to become one of the 28 other community organizations they partner with to continue their important mission.

Workshops, art exhibits, demonstrations, book club discussions, community conversations and interactive experiences are among the ways Many Faces connect with people. Partnership with this program requires a \$100 annual fee, assistance in promotion of events and programs, and a designated liaison who will attend monthly meetings.

If this partnership is something the Council is in support of, staff recommends assigning Katie Everett, Recreation & Facilities Manager, to serve as the designated Vadnais Heights liaison. Ms. Everett has many connections to various WBL organizations, also serving on the White Bear Community Services Advisory Council with Many Faces representative, Tim Maurer.