

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE: KING LEGACY ADVISORY BOARD

July 28, 2015

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Purpose/Mission summary:

Section 1.16.260 - King Legacy Advisory Board.

- 1) A King Legacy Advisory Board, is hereby created.
- 2) The Advisory Board shall be composed of ten members, with one member nominated by the Benton County Commissioners, one by 509J, and one by either Oregon State University or Linn-Benton Community College. All other members shall be appointed by the Mayor in accordance with Section 1.16.030 herein.

- 3) The Advisory Board exists to celebrate and promote the principles and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with the goal of helping Corvallis to become a more inclusive and just community. This work includes:
- a) Promote inclusion of diverse people and communities within Corvallis.
 - b) Pursue nonviolent solutions to economic and social injustices in Corvallis.
 - c) Be a strong advocate to build a strong and diverse community of Corvallis residents.

(Ord. 2014-20 § 1, 12/01/2014; Ord. 2014-16 § 9, 11/17/2014; Ord. 2008-08 § 1, 04/21/2008; Ord. 2001-07 § 1, 6/18/2001; Ord. 90-50, 1990; Ord. 90-48, 1990; Ord. 86-27 § 2, 1986)

Prior Year Report:

Activities and work completed:

- Annual MLK Day event with speaker Walidah Imarisha attended by about 250 people at the Majestic Theater on the topic of “Oregon’s Racial History and King’s Vision of Justice”.
- Celebrated the 25th anniversary of the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act with a showing of Autism: The Musical and special guests, Diane and Wyatt Isaacs. Close to 200 people attended.
- Co-sponsored the first Juneteenth celebration in Corvallis to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the abolition of slavery. About 150 people attended.
- Co-sponsored the Sprout Film Festival (films by and featuring people with developmental disabilities) with community partners. Over 200 people attended.

- Co-sponsored the first Health Inequities Symposium.
- Selected and awarded high school essay contest winner.
- Submitted updated charge that was approved by City Council. We also adopted a new name, The King Legacy Advisory Board.
- Participated on the Community Involvement and Diversity Advisory Board Task Force.
- Made connections with the Human Relations Commission in Albany, Showing Up for Racial Justice, Community Action for Racial Equity, and Holding Hands Corvallis.
- Were represented at a number of community events, including a community policing forum, the Solidarity Fair, and the openings of three cultural centers at OSU.

Activities and work in progress:

- Planning a community summit to discuss issues of justice and equity in Corvallis.
- Bringing Tim Wise to Corvallis in October, probably the foremost white anti-racist speaker in the country.
- Reviewing policies for possible recommendations.
- Planning annual MLK Day event and essay contest.

Next Year Proposed Work Plan:

Regular activities and work (ongoing or annual):

- Continue to make connections to individuals and groups in Corvallis and listen to their concerns.
- Sponsor annual MLK holiday events and essay contest.
- Continue to partner with community groups and bring opportunities to the community.

Special activities and work for the year:

- Community summit to bring together individuals and groups.
- Special event in addition to annual event. Probably Tim Wise.

Resources:

Prior Year:

\$10,000

Needed for the next year:

\$10,000. We could do more with more if requested by Council.