

Memorandum

TO: City Council
FROM: Renee Eisenbeisz , Assistant City Manager
DATE: August 3, 2026
SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing a partnership with Many Faces of the White Bear Lake Area
ITEM NUMBER: 8.h
SECTION: CONSENT AGENDA

REQUESTED MOTION

To approve resolution 26-64 authorizing a partnership with non-profit organization Many Faces of the White Bear Lake Area.

INTRODUCTION

The city council is being asked to approve a partnership with Many Faces of the White Bear Lake Area, a non-profit organization.

DISCUSSION

The human rights commission advises the city council on ways to establish and promote a community where all people are welcomed, valued, and respected. The commission uses four goals as guiding principles to accomplish their mission:

1. To promote opportunities to build awareness and foster respect for social equity, civil and human rights in our community.
2. Encourage respect and understanding of all individuals and groups by engaging in outreach, education, listening and collaboration in the community.
3. Aid and advise the city council in regard to general human rights issues as they relate to city programs and services.
4. Strengthen and maintain effective relationships with key community groups and organizations in order to further the mission by creating a community where all people feel welcomed, valued and respected.

Over the last several years, the commission has been working on goal #4 and partnering with other Shoreview organizations or neighboring organizations whenever they can. Some examples include partnering with the Ramsey County Library to host panel discussions and display traveling exhibits, as well as working with St. Odilia to host speakers.

Earlier this month, the commission had two representatives from Many Faces of the White Bear lake Area attend their meeting. This non-profit organization is a collaboration of 28 organizations including the cities of White Bear Lake, Vadnais Heights, and Mahtomedi. They provide educational discussions and events focused on strengthening the community. Attached is background information on their group.

The commission feels that this group aligns with its mission and goals around building awareness and providing educational opportunities. They unanimously approved a recommendation to join the organization at their July 15 meeting. In order to be a partner organization, the city would need to pay a \$200 annual partnership fee and attend regular meetings. The commission has an annual budget of \$1,000 for events that this would come out of.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the above information, it is recommended that the city council approve resolution 26-64 authorizing a partnership with non-profit organization Many Faces of the White Bear Lake Area. If approved, the assistant city manager or their designee will attend the regular meetings on behalf of the city.

ATTACHMENTS

[Resolution 26-64](#)

[Many Faces of the White Bear Lake Area](#)