

## **Advisory Team on Government Policies and Practices**

**Process:** The seven City Council members reviewed all applications and nominations received from the public and also reached out to others who may not have been in the applications and nominations. Each Council member then made a list of recommendations to the mayor and included his/her very top choice. The mayor was required to pick at least one person from each Council member's list. The mayor picked the top choice from each of the seven Council members to fill seven seats on the team.

Next, the mayor's Selection Committee read through the nominations and applications for those who were named to the team already (through Council recommendation) and the remaining applications and nominations. The Selection Committee met as a group, together with the mayor, to go through a consensus process to choose the remaining five team members and alternates. The lists are below.

### **Advisory Team Members** (in alphabetical order)

These people have been contacted and have agreed to be part of the team, with the exception of one person.

Steve Blaine

Juan DeLaFuente

Alexis DeVries

Michael Holmes

Cory Koplin

Doug Larsen

Samantha Malcom

Liz Magill

Raymond Owen (still waiting for answer)

Yadira Ramos

Cholwe Walker

Thomas D. Young

### **Alternates**

Mayor Dowse will contact the following alternates after the August 10 Council meeting.

Sara Kern

Marvin Bradford

Yaneth Santiago Huerta

Racheal Savage

**Other Applications or Nominations**

*(These residents were not chosen for appointment at this time. The mayor will email these residents after the August 10 Council meeting.)*

Lottie Aslakson

Lauren Beamon

Scott Bender

Terese Bjornstad

Ashley Bland

Charles J. Bleything

Elizabeth (Beth) Breeden

Jenna Collins

Nancy Connolly

Stacy DeVries

Teri Eastlund

Laurie Engeldinger

Susan Forsythe

Laurie Groves

Tammy Gustafson

Crystal Henderson

Yanelis Jinete

Samantha Kiecker

Chandler Kirchner

Anthony Korder

Amie Kranz

Scott Krivinchuk

Latesha

Jodi M. Lewis

Janae Vonch

Sarah H. McCormack Hoffman

Sandy Fernandez Mejia  
Shannon Mullaney  
Chaz Neal  
Christopher Nelson  
Liz NeSmith  
Williams Ortiz-Arizmendi  
Amber Dawn Plank  
Jared Price  
Lucy Richardson  
Mark Ryan  
Joshua Scott  
Roger Sievers  
Cory Stemmann  
Aaron Thompson  
Adam Weeks  
Dana Willis-Jick  
Benjamin Winter  
Michelle Wyatt

### **Selection Committee**

Mayor Dowse chose five community members for his Selection Committee to assist in selecting a portion of Advisory Team members. The Selection Committee has the following characteristics:

- \* Consists of people who regularly interact with multiple facets of the community, including resident groups who are often under-represented
- \* Provides representation of one former law enforcement professional
- \* Includes people who have demonstrated the ability to work as a team and find consensus
- \* Involves people who approach this work through an equity lens

To avoid conflict of interest, Selection Team members were either not in the pool of those who applied or were nominated, or they chose to not participate as a Task Force member.

### **Selection Committee Members**

--*Gene Grave*. Gene was a Red Wing Police Officer for 31 years, including 12 years as a sergeant. Gene now works at the Red Wing Public Library where he still assists community members on a daily basis.

--*Rayanna Lennes*. Rayanna is the Prairie Island Indian Community Communications Manager and is a member of the Prairie Island Indian Community.

--*Jennie Wendland*. Jennie is co-founder and Executive Director of Disability Support International (DSI) and is a Red Wing Human Rights Commissioner.

--*Temeka Wirkkala*. Temeka is a community advocate and facilitator who works with parents, families, and community organizations to enrich lives and find ways to reach more equitable outcomes for Red Wing families.

--*Jeimmy Yusty Rojas*. Jeimmy is the Culture Liaison for the Goodhue County Education District who works with students and families across Red Wing and the county. Jeimmy is also a Red Wing Human Rights Commissioner.

--*Sean Dowse*. Sean is the mayor of Red Wing.

The Selection Committee used the following criteria to help inform its choices, though this list was not definitive in the committee's decision-making.

### **Selection Committee Criteria to Assist in Choosing Members**

--Person offers a unique perspective.

--Person listens, identifies as, understands, or works with an under-represented group.

--Person has valued skill(s) that will be helpful in this team.

--Person has shown they want to work as a team that can have a range of differing opinions.

--Person has not been very involved in the past with government bodies.

--Person helps create a diverse group of people as a whole.