

Community Stakeholders Roundtable
Theme 5 Diversity
February 26, 2009

The group met on Thursday, February 26, 2009, at the new Tuttle Construction building. The meeting consisted of a review of the minutes of the last meeting. An update on action items was provided.

An open discussion was held focused on bridging gaps between racial groups in the community. In general, the discussion focused on methods for encouraging greater social interaction between blacks and whites. An observation suggested that many cultural events in the community did not include the interests of blacks. One suggestion was to conduct a music-centered event designed to get participation from all groups in the community. The thinking is that greater social interaction in events that bring a critical mass of blacks and whites together could improve interaction leading to enhanced understanding of cultural differences, and greater social harmony. The removal or reduction of racial barriers should contribute to a greater participation of local black youth in the pursuit of law enforcement careers.

Attendance:

Charles Thomas
Dawn Daniel
Ed Monfort
Keiko Hahn
Laura Clark
Mike Steiger
Pat Miller
Phyllis Miller
Phyllis Fetzer
Rick Boerger
Sheri Ketner
Vince Ozier
Nicole Ward