COMMUNICATIONS & NEIGHBORHOOD ENGAGEMENT

Cultural Integration

Consistent with the experience of Minnesota and other communities in the Metropolitan Area, Rosemount is experiencing an influx of immigrants into the community. From 2000 to 2010, the percentage of non-white residents increased by five percent. Current programs and services may not be addressing interests of our new population. The City would like to evaluate what can be done to make the community more inclusive.

Questions / Issues:

- What immigrant populations are most represented in Rosemount and is there some reason why they are settling in the community?
- What types of programs and services are they looking for or currently find lacking?

Deliverables:

- Review demographic information to assess current and project future immigrant and non-white populations.
- Interview current service providers to determine what programs are available and interview new residents to assess level of interest in services and what modifications would be desired.
- Review other communities with higher minority populations and itemize what services and programs have been successful based upon participation and use.

Sustainability:

- The project provides sustainable social impacts through integration of new residents into the social fabric of the community. This project is relevant to the City because it would fulfill the City Council 2013-2014 goal to maintain an engaged, healthy, inviting, prepared, and safe community.