

Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE)

by Charlie Yunker, Assistant to the City Manager

Members of the city's Government Alliance on Race & Equity (GARE) team attended a speaker series event on Wednesday, December 12th at the Wellstone Center in St. Paul, where they heard from the editor of "A Good Time for the Truth: Race in Minnesota" and contributing essayists Taiyon J. Coleman, an Assistant Professor of English Literature at St. Catherine University, and Shannon Gibney, a writer, educator, activist, and the author of "See No Color."

The team has continued to work on the city's Race & Equity Plan that was formalized at the end of 2017. The team made progress on action items from the plan like; increasing staff capacity through customer service training, exploring methods to track and analyze code enforcement data, and the drafting of an internship program for the Public Works Department. In addition, activities like the Police Department's participation in the COPS program, Students in Government and Youth in Government have also taken place throughout the past year.

Work will continue on these and other action items from the plan. The city is continuing in the GARE Implementation Cohort in 2019 and working with the League of Minnesota Cities on other resources as they become available.

St. Anthony's Racial Equity Cohort:

- Charlie Yunker, Assistant to the City Manager
- Sandy Simon, Office Support Specialist
- Jeremy Gumke, Public Works Superintendent
- Dan Diegnau, Police Lieutenant
- Mattie Jaros, Firefighter
- Chris Morke, Liquor Operations Clerk
- Minette Saulog, GreenCorp Member

Our Racial Equity Plan and other information on the GARE cohort is available on the City's website.