

AGENDA
CULTURAL RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD
Wednesday, June 19, 2024 – 10:00 am
City Hall Commission Chambers – 806 N Second Ave.

CALL TO ORDER

Introductions:

Consent Calendar:

1. Approve Minutes from May 15, 2024

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Five Flags Update
2. Welcoming Week Committee Update
 - a. International Festival 2024
3. Engage Dodge “On Wheels”
4. Naturalization Scholarship Update
5. Naturalization Ceremony

BOARD PROGRAMS/DATES (keep in mind):

- June 17-23, 2024 Refugee Week
- June 27, 2024 USCIS Naturalization Ceremony in Dodge City
- June 29, 2024 Latino Summit
- July 25 – August 4, 2024 Dodge City Days
- National Hispanic Heritage Month September 15- October 15, 2024
- September 3, 2023 Welcoming Week Proclamation
- September 8, 2024, Dodge City International Festival, Wright Park
- September 13-22, 2024, Welcoming Week
- Human Rights Day – Tuesday, December 10, 2024

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/STAFF

ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES

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Attendees: Holly Mercer, Cecilia Holguin, Debbie Snapp, Yarisel Sanchez, Jeff Heirs, Brenda Carmona, Karla Lees, Joel Tuche

Absent: Esmeralda Soto, Susan Finley, Coral Lopez

Staff: Melissa McCoy, Darlin Rayo

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve Minutes from April 17, 2024, Meeting: Jeff Heirs motioned to approve the minutes, and Debbie Snapp seconded the motion. Motion Carried 11-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. National Partnership for New Americans, Report by Magaly Arteaga, Program & Training Manager: Magaly gave the board an over view of what NPNA does and their mission. The National Partnership for New Americans is a coalition of state, federal, and local organizations dedicated to integrating immigrants into American society. NPNA advocates for immigrant rights, promotes civic engagement, and facilitating pathways to citizenship.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Five Flags Video Update: Staff showed the draft for the Five Flags Video. Karla offered to add the Dodge City Days itinerary.
2. Welcoming Week Committee Update
 - a. International Festival 2024: Progress is being made in all areas of the planning, crossroads kitchen committee reported they have two past participants confirmed and Lisa Klassen said she also had contacts of people who would like to participate.
3. Engage Dodge Spring Session and Reception Invitation: Darlin Rayo updated the committee on the progress of the Engage Dodge classes coming to an end and extended an invitation to the reception.
4. Naturalization Scholarship
 - a. Awardee Letter and Rejection Letter: Darlin Rayo presented the letters that were used last year, and the committee suggested a few changes. After these changes are made Darlin will send them out to the committee for their review and approval.
5. Immigration Attorney Informative Session Update: No Updates currently.

Minutes Submitted by Darlin Rayo
Approved 00/00/0000

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ADJOURNMENT

Debbie Snapp made a motion to adjourn, Yarisel Sanchez seconded. Motion carried 11-0.