

AGENDA
CULTURAL RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD
10:00 am Wednesday, August 16, 2023
City Hall – City Commission Chambers/City
Court, 806 N. 2nd Ave.

CALL TO ORDER

CONSENT Calendar

1. June 21, Minutes

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Welcoming Week Committee
 - a. Welcoming Week Proclamation
 - b. International Festival 2023
 - c. Five Flags Video Update
2. Strategic Plan for Welcoming and Integration
 - a. Engage Dodge Program
 - b. Civic Engagement
Voter Videos Partnership
 - c. Language Access
 - d. New Americans Dinner
3. Vacant At-Large Board Position

NEW BUSINESS

1. Meeting with Mexican Consul Padilla Mayer and Consular Staff, 11am, Friday, August 25, City Commission Chambers City Hall
2. Mexican Consulate Mobile Services – Dodge City- August 26-28, Dodge City Public Library
3. USCIS Mobile Services- Dodge City- September 27-29, 2023, Hennessey Hall

BOARD PROGRAMS/DATES (keep in mind):

1. Mexican Consul Meeting- 11am, August 25, 2023
2. Mexican Consulate Mobile Services – August 26 -28, 2023
3. Welcoming Week Proclamation, City Commission meeting- 7pm, Tuesday, September 5, 2023
4. National Welcoming Week – September 8-17, 2023
5. International Festival 2023 – Sunday, September 10, 2023
6. DCCC Constitution Day, 3pm, -September 17, 2023, DC3 Library
7. USCIS Mobile Services- September 27-29, 2023
8. National Hispanic Heritage Month September 15- October 15, 2023
9. Engage Dodge en Español– 9am-11am or 6pm-8pm, September 27-November 6, 2023
10. Human Rights Day – Saturday, December 10, 2023

MINUTES
CULTURAL RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD
Wednesday, June 21, 2023 – 10:00 am
City Commission Chambers – 806 N. 2nd Ave.

CALL TO ORDER

Attendees: Brenda Carmona , Holly Mercer, Karim Schneider, Karla Lees, Kurt Lampe, Coral Lopez, Jacey Wideman, and Fransisco Talamantes

Guests: Debbie Cox, Erica Acosta, and Nicole Martin (Ford County Election Office)

Absent: Esmeralda Ruiz, Esmeralda Soto, Debbie Snapp, Lisa Lampe. Lisa Klassen, and Maria Sifuentes, and Sandra Rodriguez

Staff: Melissa McCoy, Cassandra Ortiz,

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Civic Engagement
 - a. Need to include an overview about Debbie Cox’s presentation to the board.
 - b. Staff has completed the voting video scripts and presented them to Debbie Cox, County Clerk/Elections Officer who provided her edits and additions. The Board has also reviewed the had no additions to the scripts but asked that subtitles be included in the videos. The Board recommended the videos be no longer than 1 minute 30 seconds to encourage engagement and be posted on a variety of mediums (i.e. Facebook, Vimeo, YouTube, web page).
 - c. Holly Mercer shared that DC3 has previously hosted voter registration and a Citizenship Day event on campus to encourage people to register to vote and get engaged. The event was received positively and reached many community members. It was recommended that any future Citizenship Day event be held on/around September 17th (National Citizenship Day) or September 19th (National Voter Registration Day). Both dates are near Welcoming Week, and the event can be included as part of the celebrations.
 - d. The Board asked that rack cards or other printed materials be made to promote any voting events and the voting videos. The printed materials can be shared widely and even placed on lunch tables and common spaces at the partner work sites.
2. Language Access Plan
 - a. There were no new reports on the Language access plan but staff continues to work on the plan.
3. Crossroads Kitchen Video Premiere
 - a. The premiere of the Crossroads Kitchen Video was on Friday, June 16th from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. The premiere was held at Boot Hill Museum to coincide with the Grand Opening of the Mexican Village Exhibit. The Crossroads Kitchen Video has been shared with last year’s participants and on Dodge City’s Facebook page. There was a great turn out for the event.
4. Welcoming Week Committee
 - a. The International Festival 2023 Planning Committee met in prior to the CRAB board meeting to begin preliminary planning. Meetings will be held every two

weeks in preparation for the festival. The next meeting is on July 5 at 2pm in the City Commission Chambers/City Court at City Hall

- b. Holly gave an update on the Five Flags video. She has connected with a variety of historians to flesh out research on Dodge City's history pre-1800s in preparation and is currently in the process of setting up that meeting. The hope is to have a 10 to 15-minute video that will tell the story of the five governmental flags that have flown in Ford County, Kansas geographical area - Spain, France, Mexico, the Republic of Texas, and the United States. A 2-minute video will then be created as well
5. Mexican Consulate Mobile Services – August 26-28, 2023
 - a. The Mexican Consulate will return to Dodge City in August to provide their documentation services as well as an educational presentation.
 - b. It is the only site in Southwest Kansas and will be held at the Dodge City Public Library
 - c. The Consul will be in Dodge City prior and during the mobile services and has asked to meet with Dodge City leadership as well as the Cultural Relations Advisory Board during the visit. More details will be sent to the board at a later date.
 - d. Blanca Soto recommended the possibility of bringing one of the Mexican Consulate Art Exhibits to the Dodge City Community Gallery. She will provide the contact information for this to the staff.
 - e.
 6. USCIS Mobile Services
 - a. USCIS will return to Dodge City September 27 – 29 to provide mobile services by appointment only. Staff will ask USCIS to host mock interviews and a “How to Become a US Citizen” presentation during their visit. Staff will also ask for USCIS to hold another Naturalization Ceremony in Dodge City.

NEW BUSINESS

- House Bill 2350
 - The A general overview of HB 2350 was provided to the board.
 - Kansas Hispanic and Latino Affairs Commission (KHLAAC) and UFCW2 will provide an informative virtual session on June 28th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Dodge City Public Library and two in-person informative sessions on July 13th from 12:30 pm- 2:00 pm and 4:30 pm- 6:00 pm at the UFCW Community Center located at 309 N. 14th Ave, Dodge City, KS.
- Hispanic Heritage Month
 - Hosted by the HALO organization of DC3. They will be providing evening activities and entertainment in September.
 - Boot Hill Museum is planning an event on September 15 for Mexican Independence Day.
- New Americans Dinner

Coral Lopez reminded the group about the New Americans Dinner to celebrate those that have taken the oath of their citizenship in the past year. Staff will work on setting up the date for this special event and researching those who have achieved their citizenship in the past year.

BOARD PROGRAMS/DATES (keep in mind):

1. June – Immigrant Heritage Month
2. Welcoming Week Webinar- June 22-27, 2023
3. KLAAC & UFCW HB 2350 Virtual Informative Session- June 28th, 2023 @ 6- 8 pm
4. KLAAC& UFCW HB 2350 Workshop—July 13th @ 12:30 pm -2 pm and 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm
5. USD 443 Migrant Night- August 10, 2023 Civic Center
6. National Welcoming Week – September 8-17, 2023
7. International Festival 2023 – Sunday, September 10th, 2023 @ 3-7 pm
8. Dodge City Community College Library Citizenship Day – Friday, September 15th
9. Citizenship Day – September 17th
10. National Voter Registration Day – September 19th, 2023
11. USCIS Mobile Services in Dodge City – September 27 – September 29
12. National Hispanic Heritage Month September 15- October 15, 2023
13. Engage Dodge – September-October 2023
14. Human Rights Day – Saturday, December 10, 2023

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/STAFF

- Lisa Klassen has stepped down from the CRAB Board due to a scheduling conflict. She will continue serve on the International Festival Planning Committee. Staff will work on the recruitment of a new at large board member that will be presented to CRAB for a recommendation to present to the Mayor and the City Commission for approval

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.



Welcoming Week 2023 Proclamation

WHEREAS, all individuals, including immigrants and refugees, are a vital part of our community - bringing fresh perspectives and new ideas, starting businesses, and contributing to the vibrant diversity that we all value; AND

WHEREAS, Dodge City's success depends on making sure that all individuals feel welcome here; AND

WHEREAS, regardless of where we are born or what we look like, we are Dodge City united in our efforts to make our community more prosperous and more inclusive to all who call it home; AND

WHEREAS, Dodge City has celebrated Welcoming Week since 2013 making this year the City's 10th annual celebration of Welcoming Week; AND

WHEREAS, this week, we honor the spirit of unity that is bringing neighbors together to make Dodge City the kind of place where people from around the world feel valued and want to put down roots.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael Burns, Mayor of the City of Dodge City, do hereby proclaim the week of September 8th, 2023 through September 17th, 2023 as

Welcoming Week in Dodge City

I invite all Dodge City residents to join this movement of communities nationwide by renewing our commitment to acting in the spirit of welcoming.

ATTEST:

Michael Burns, Mayor

Connie Marquez, City Clerk



Dodge City International Festival

Sunday, Sept. 10, 3pm-7pm

Wright Park

Featuring

Crossroads Kitchen 3pm - 4:30pm

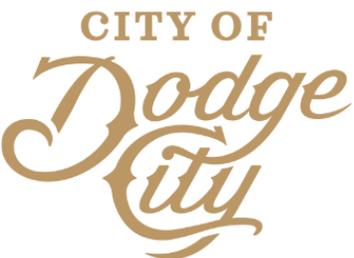
Entertainment 4pm - 7pm

Sit N Low Car Show & Vendors 3pm - 7pm

Questions Call
620-371-3872 or Email
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Sponsors



National Beef

Boot Hill Distillery



Festival Internacional de Dodge City

Domingo, 10 de September, de 3pm a 7pm

Wright Park

Presentando

Crossroads Kitchen de 3pm a 4:30pm

Entretenimiento de 4pm a 7pm

Exposición de autos "Sit N Low" y vendedores de 3pm a 7pm



Para preguntas, llame
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Patrocinadores



Boot Hill Distillery



ENGAGE DODGE APPLICATION

Name (First, Last)* _____

Are you 18 years or older* **YES OR NO**

Street Address* _____

City* _____

Zip Code* _____

Phone Number* _____

Email* _____

How long have you lived in Dodge City?* _____

Why are you interested in the Engage Dodge Program?*

What do you feel is the biggest challenge and/or opportunity facing our community today?*

What questions do you have about the City of Dodge City that you hope to have answered during this program?*



APLICACIÓN ENGAGE DODGE

Nombre y Apellido * _____

Eres mayor de 18 * **YES OR NO**

Dirección* _____

Ciudad* _____

Código postal* _____

Número de teléfono * _____

Correo Electronico* _____

¿Cuánto tiempo has vivido en Dodge City?* _____

¿Por qué está interesado en participar en el Programa Engage Dodge? *

¿Cuál cree que es el mayor desafío y/u oportunidad que enfrenta nuestra comunidad hoy? *

¿Qué preguntas tiene sobre la ciudad de Dodge City que espera haber respondido durante este programa? *



DODGE CITY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Constitution Day

September 17, 2023
3:00 PM, DC3 Library



Snacks and door prizes!

**DO YOU KNOW YOUR
CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS?**

- **Body Autonomy**
- **Bearing Arms**
- **Right to live freely**
- **Voting**

Submit additional
topics you would like
to discuss.

