

AGENDA
CULTURAL RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD
Friday, January 12, 2018 – 12:00 pm
Dodge City Public Library – 1001 N. 2nd Ave.

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF December 8, 2017.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion of Race Relations Day on Feb. 14.
2. Discussion of spring Engage Dodge program.

March 20 – city government
March 27 – City public safety – police/fire
April 3 – County public safety – EMS/tour jail
April 10 – Education
April 17 – Public Library
April 24 – Tourism/Boot Hill/Graduation

NEW BUSINESS

BOARD PROGRAMS/DATES (keep in mind)

1. Engage Dodge Program.
2. Racial Profiling/Bias Based Policing – Board representation.
3. Welcoming Cities Initiative–
4. Black History Month – February
5. Race Relations Day – February 14
6. April – Celebrate Diversity Month
7. Cinco de Mayo – May 5
8. May 21 is World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development -
Recognizes cultural diversity as a source of innovation, exchange and creativity,
as well as the obligation to create a more peaceful and equitable society based on
mutual respect.
9. June – Immigrant Heritage Month
10. World Refugee Day – June 20
11. National Welcoming Week – September 15-24, 2017
12. National Hispanic Heritage Month begins Sept. 15-Oct. 15
13. Human Rights Day – December 10

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/STAFF –

ADJOURNMENT

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The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Greta Clark.

Introductions were made.

Members present: Greta Clark, Debra Muylaert, Elva Dominguez, Oliver Bland, Bianca Alvarez, Ashley Florez. Absent: Robert Vinton, Sergio Garcia, Tara Burkhart, Mary Marquez.
Staff: Jane Longmeyer, Melissa McCoy.

Guests: Derek Catron, International Rescue Committee; Kate Davis, Blueprint Kansas of Wichita; Davis Hammet, Loud Light of Topeka.

On a motion by Debra, seconded by Oliver, the minutes of the November 10th meeting were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Melissa McCoy will be the new staff representative due to Jane's retirement. There was discussion of appointing a secretary to assist in facilitation of the meeting and Bianca Alvarez agreed to serve in that capacity.
2. Board member terms of office that will expire in January are Cargill, USD #443 and Chamber of Commerce. Ashley Florez will be the representative from Cargill going forward. Robert Vinton and Tara Burkhart will be contacted about representation from those entities.
3. Discussion of an activity for Race Relations Day on Feb. 14 included a display in the Public Library window or a lunch tour of downtown businesses. Jane will Google the day to see what other communities might have planned.
4. A spring Engage Dodge program was discussed and tentatively scheduled to start Tue., March 20 thru April 24. There will be more discussion in future meetings about the format for the sessions.

Derek Catron spoke about the work of the International Rescue Committee and that one of the programs that would benefit the refugees he works with is a mentoring program. There will be a Garden City Refugee Forum January 25 that Derek recommended we attend. He also provided the contact information for Amy Longa, IRC Site Manager, Garden City, amy.longa@rescue.org (620) 805-5350 as a resource.

Kate Davis of blueprintKANSAS, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization fostering voter registration, voter participation and fair representation in the State of Kansas, was in Dodge City this week and spoke about their services. Her contact information is 316-778-0173 kate@blueprintkansas.org.

Davis Hammet of Loud Light also attended the meeting. Loud Light's focus is to increase youth civic participation in Kansas. His contact information is (850) 585-7903 davishammet@gmail.com. He also mentioned the importance of being involved in the upcoming Census.

A light lunch was served and a gift presented to Jane Longmeyer for her retirement and work with the Cultural Relations Advisory Board.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on a motion by Debra and Seconded by Bianca.

The next meeting will be Friday, January 12, 2018, 12:00 noon in the Lois Flanagan Room of the Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Longmeyer