

AGENDA
CULTURAL RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD
Friday, December 8, 2017 – 12:00 pm
Dodge City Public Library – 1001 N. 2nd Ave.

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF September 8, 2017.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion of selecting a secretary for the Board.
2. Discussion of term of office for Board Members.
 - a. Cargill -
 - b. USD #443 – Robert Vinton
 - c. Chamber of Commerce – Tara Burkhart
3. Discussion of Race Relations Day on Feb. 14.
4. Discussion of spring Engage Dodge program.

BOARD PROGRAMS/DATES (keep in mind)

1. Engage Dodge Program.
2. Racial Profiling/Bias Based Policing – Board representation.
3. Multicultural Park Festival – partnership with Chamber representative.
4. Welcoming Cities Initiative–
5. Black History Month – February
6. Race Relations Day – February 14
7. April – Celebrate Diversity Month
8. Cinco de Mayo – May 5
9. 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.
10. June – Immigrant Heritage Month
11. World Refugee Day – June 20
12. National Welcoming Week – September 15-24, 2017
13. National Hispanic Heritage Month begins Sept. 15-Oct. 15
14. Human Rights Day – December 10

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/STAFF –

ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES
CULTURAL RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD
Friday, November 10, 2017
Dodge City Public Library

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Greta Clark.

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

On a motion by Oliver, seconded by Debra, the minutes of the September 8th meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Engage Dodge. Board members evaluated the six sessions of the Engage Dodge program. Adding the trolley tour to the city's session and touring the transportation hub and recycle center, as well as driving around to demonstrate housing programs and code enforcement was well received. Hosting the education session at the USD #443 building was also preferred over The Learning Center from the previous year. Attendees were well engaged with lots of questions during the sessions and having presenters speak Spanish worked very well.
2. The booth at the Health Fair was deemed successful in that Attorney Michael Feltman and Greta Clark escorted representatives from USCIS to meet representatives of the various booth/organizations and discuss services available through USCIS. Next year the booth at the Health Fair will be determined on timing and whether a separate Community Conversation event can be scheduled for Welcoming Week.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The presentation from the Garden City Refugee Forum was discussed. Jane mentioned several highlights including: 1) 580 refugees arrived in Kansas for the year with 84 (or 14%) in Southwest Kansas; 2) The top three nationalities were Burma, Dem. Rep. Congo and Somalia; secondary migrants composed a larger % of RCA beneficiaries in Garden City than in the rest of Kansas; and 4) FY 18 refugee resettlement ceiling is 45,000.
2. The upcoming dates for future Garden City Refugee Forums is January 25, April 26 and July 26.
3. Staff met the International Rescue Committee case worker for Dodge City at the Forum, Derek Catron. He will plan to attend the Cultural Relations Advisory Board meetings in the future.

Debra reported on the recent Racial Profiling/Bias Based Policing meeting. She presented the stop stats for June, July, September and October. The stats are now available on the city's

website on the police department page. They will begin taking minutes of the meeting and have them posted on the website also. Also reported was two officers resigning, one given a conditional offer and three in background.

On the agenda for the December meeting will be the discussion of selecting a secretary for the Board and discussion of Race Relations Day February 14.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Jane Longmeyer