

AGENDA
CULTURAL RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD
FRIDAY, March 10, 2017 – 12:00 pm
Dodge City Public Library – 1001 N. 2nd Ave.

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF February 10, 2017.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion of request to assist Mexican Consulate visit March 18 & 19 in contacting agencies to set up booths of information or present information. The Mexican Consulate will have their program at City Hall.
2. Introduction of Main Street Coordinator Krissy Pulkrabek and discussion of partnering on events.
3. Discuss details of the April meeting on Friday, April 7th, as a downtown tour in celebration of ‘Celebrate Diversity Month’.

BOARD PROGRAMS/DATES (keep in mind)

1. Community Engagement Partnership 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 16-25, 2016
13. National Hispanic Heritage Month begins Sept. 15-Oct. 15
14. Human Rights Day – December 10

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/STAFF –

ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES
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The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Greta Clark.

Members present: Greta Clark, Oliver Bland, Robert Vinton, Debra Muylaert, Mary Marquez, Maria Kane (Chamber), Dennis Tukasinguara. Absent: Elva Dominguez, Sergio Garcia. Guest: Bianca Alvarez (USD #443). Staff: Jane Longmeyer.

On a motion by Debra, seconded by Oliver, the agenda was amended to include under New Business the discussion of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement being in the community. Motion carried.

On a motion by Debra, seconded by Oliver, the minutes of the January 13, 2017 meeting were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. On a motion by Oliver, seconded by Mary, Greta Clark was nominated to serve as Chairperson and Debra Muylaert to serve as CoChairperson for the next year. Motion carried.
2. Discussion of request by Mexican Consulate and City of Dodge City for the Cultural Relations Advisory Board assist in providing speakers at the Mexican Consulate visit March 18 & 19 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Greta volunteered to contact Doreen and Jose Vargas regarding the topic 'How to Obtain my ITIN' and check for someone on the topic of loans for home mortgages . Bianca will contact Elva Solis about the topic 'Income Tax Filing' and YMCA having a booth. Jane will contact the police/sheriff about the topic 'Identify and Credit Theft' and Brandon Heinz about the Public Library having a booth.
3. Krissy Pulkrabek of Main Street was unable to attend but will be invited to attend the next meeting to talk about the Board partnering with Main Street on assisting with events in the downtown area.
4. Discussion of April meeting as a downtown tour. Greta presented the idea that the Board schedule their April meeting as a meet and greet tour of downtown businesses in recognition of Diversity Month and that Board members invite coworkers and guests to participate in the luncheon tour. Due to Good Friday on the regular meeting

date, we will move the meeting to the 1st Friday – April 7th. The group will meet at the El Capitan statue at noon.

5. Discussion U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) being in the community. At this time, the Board did not believe a Listening Event would be successful. The Board will be available should they be asked to assist in organizing/assisting with a specific event.

Board Programs:

1. The Racial Profiling/Bias Based Policing has not met.
2. The Refugee office in Garden City is accepting household items if someone has items to donate.

The next meeting will be Friday, March 10, 12:00 noon at the Public Library.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Jane Longmeyer