

AGENDA
CULTURAL RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD
Friday, August 11, 2017 – 12:00 pm
Dodge City Public Library – 1001 N. 2nd Ave.

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF May 12, 2017.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion of National Welcoming Week

2. Planning for Engage Dodge Program
 - a. Review/revise explanation sheet and set dates for program.
 - b. Review Application for any changes

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 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
CULTURAL RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD
Friday, May 12, 2017
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The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Greta Clark.

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

On a motion by Robert, seconded by Debra, the minutes of the March 10, 2017 meeting were approved.

Robert began the business by asking if anyone was aware of a standard form that should be completed as preplanning by anyone with the potential of deportation – the form to cover who would be responsible of any children left behind, medical authority, disposition of property, etc. Robert's staff has contacted immigration attorneys with no response returned. Jane will ask city staff to see if the Mexican Consulate or USCIS would have such a standard form.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. 'Celebrate Diversity Month' tour of downtown businesses. Those who attended the event felt there was a lot of value obtained and good communication with the business owners. On a motion by Oliver, seconded by Robert, an October tour will be schedule in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month.
2. Main St Festival. After the Main St. Coordinator's visit last month, the board members discussed ideas of hosting a children's booth but did not come up with ideas and there are no prizes available; however, members of the Board will attend the Main St. Festival in our Board shirts and volunteer where needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Greta announced that she has registered for a Welcoming Cities webinar the 'framework on integrating immigrants into our community' on Wednesday, May 31 from 1:00 – 2:30. Contact Great if you would like to sit in on the webinar.
2. Greta asked about the board's representation on the Chamber's Multicultural Committee. The board felt that our purposes are different but that we can consider assisting them with any projects/events.
3. Discussion of summer schedule. With no upcoming items to discuss until August to begin planning the Community Engagement Partnership Program, there will be no meeting in June as board members will be working the Main St. Festival. There will not be a meeting in July either. These are subject to change in the event agenda items need to be brought before the board.
4. Greta spoke on the April 18 Town Hall meeting at the Public Library. The bi-partisan meeting provided an opportunity to submit important issues to legislators and congressman. Those in attendance agreed that there should be more Town Hall meetings scheduled.

5. Debra reported on the recent Racial Profiling/Bias Based Policing meeting. The police department announced that they are seeing progress in hiring police officers and that the department is expanding their effort to be in attendance at community events. The arrest stats report was made available.

6. The Chamber of Commerce has flags for approximately 22 countries. Greta checked with the college about displaying the flags on May 21 for World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development but felt that with no students on campus, it would not be effective. Also, the flags do not come with poles. The Board asked about the flags being on display in Wright Park but there are currently no permanent ground level flag forms. Discussion will continue at future meetings to see if something can be established.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on a motion by Debra, seconded by Oliver.

Engage Dodge Program

Sponsored by The **Cultural Relations Advisory Board**

PURPOSE OF PROGRAM: The purpose of the program is to:

- 1) identify and provide an awareness of the functions, responsibilities, and impact that different public entities have on the community and on the individual;
- 2) open avenues of communication between participants and officials through discussion, dialog, and information sharing;
- 3) integrate the community through a focused, neutral format; and
- 4) create for participants a tangible knowledge base for civic engagement.

The following community institutions will be presenters: (sessions 5:00 – 7:00 pm)

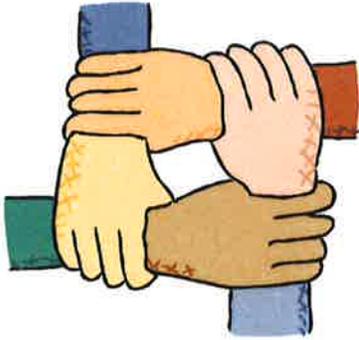
- City Government – Tuesday, September 20 @ City Hall, 806 N. 2nd Ave.
- City Police & Fire – Tuesday, September 27 @ Police Station, 110 W. Spruce St.
- Ford County Sheriff & EMS – Tuesday, October 4 @ Ford County Sheriff, 11311 Comanche Rd.
- Education – Tuesday, October 11 @ The Learning Center, 308 W. Frontview St.
- Public Library & Heritage Center – Tuesday, October 18 @ Library, 1001 N. 2nd Ave.
- Tourism and Graduation – Tuesday, October 25 @ Boot Hill Museum, 500 W. Wyatt Earp Blvd.

How will the participant benefit from participation in this program?

Participants will benefit in different manners. Listed are some of the advantages that participants will gain through this experience:

- Awareness of the functions and responsibilities of elected officials to the community and to the individuals.
- Awareness and understanding of the community.
- Understanding of the different cultures in our community.
- Proper channels and avenues for personal and community advocacy.
- Federal, State, and local programming pertinent to the citizens of our community.
- Becoming a role model for their family and others.
- Learning how to become a contributing member of the community.
- Volunteerism and Civic engagement.
- Professional development.





You are invited to participate in the

ENGAGE DODGE Program

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Personal Data

Name (last) _____ (first) _____

Address (city, zip code) _____

Cell phone _____

Email _____

What is your first language? _____ (translators will participate)

General Information

I have lived in the Dodge City/Ford County area for _____ year(s).

I would like to participate in the Engage Dodge program because: _____

I feel the biggest problem and/or opportunity facing our community today is _____

Applications can be returned to City Hall, Attention Jane, P.O. Box 880 or 806 N. Second Ave., Dodge City, KS 67801

(signature) _____ (date) _____