

AGENDA
CULTURAL RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD
FRIDAY, February 12, 2016 – 12:00 pm
City Hall – 806 N. 2nd Ave.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN LOCATION! At 12:30, we will be participating in a telephone call with representatives from the Building Welcoming Communities to hear about our 2016 agenda, discuss how they can support our efforts, and better facilitate connections between us and key federal agencies. (see attachment to Unfinished Business #2). To better understand the organization, attached is the White House Task Force on New Americans One-Year Progress Report.

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF January 8, 2016 meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discussion of Board to facilitate a one-day multi-cultural event at Public Library– April-Celebrate Diversity Month.
2. Review of Building Welcoming Communities Campaign and the planned activities for our selections (see attached).
3. National Welcoming Week activity – Community Engagement Partnership Program.
4. Discussion of *International* ~~Multicultural~~ Park Festival event.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation by Cathy Reeves on Latino Americans scheduled presentations.

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

9. May 21 is World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development
10. National Welcoming Week – September
11. National Hispanic Heritage Month begins Sept. 15-Oct. 15
12. Human Rights Day – December 10

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/STAFF –

ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES
CULTURAL RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD
Friday, January 08, 2016
Dodge City Public Library

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Greta Clark.

Members present: Greta Clark, Oliver Bland, Kate Baughman, Debra Muylaert, Melissa Espinoza, Robert Vinton, Lado Ladoka. Staff: Jane Longmeyer
Absent: Sergio Garcia, Elva Dominguez, Mary Marquez.
Guest: J.D. Gilbert, Sally Cauble, Stephanie Furhman

Introductions were made for the guests.

On a motion by Debra, seconded by Oliver, the December 11, 2015 minutes were approved.

Unfinished Business:

2. Sally Cauble reported on securing refugee funding for schools. The Department of Children & Families (DCF) /refugee services is responsible for the grant which has a June deadline. Board of Education staff will help watch for the availability of the grant. Sally will be attending a multi-state migrant conference.

Sally suggested that some type of presentation that would educate the public on the whole refugee process would be beneficial.

1. Discussion of changing meeting day and time. Members liked the Friday but might be flexible for 10:00-11:00 or 12:00-1:00 – expressing support for both. Those not in attendance would be surveyed.
3. The Board selected April for the Multi-cultural event since it is Celebrate Diversity Month. Lado will be checking about inviting two-three families to invite as presenters. The event will be scheduled from 2:00-3:00 at the Public Library.

New Business:

1. The City & Cultural Relations Advisory Board initially registered with the Welcoming Cities initiative. That program has merged with the Building America program with the White House Task Force and a membership invoice in the amount of \$200 was received. The Board requested that the City pay the fee for at least one year to determine if the technical help from the Building Welcoming Communities Campaign will benefit our program.

2. The Board is interested in pursuing the Community Engagement Program in September as part of Welcoming Week.

Under Board programs, the next Multicultural Park Festival meeting is scheduled for January 27, 6:00 pm at Central Station.

On a motion by Oliver, seconded by Debra, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Jane Longmeyer

Welcoming America Building Welcoming Communities Campaign

Learning Cluster: Connecting communities by bringing people from across the community together through dialogues, events, mentoring projects and other opportunities.

Purpose of the Cluster: The connecting communities cluster will focus on practical strategies that help engage receiving communities and immigrants at the local level. Together we will explore innovative, effective strategies and learn from others who have effectively strengthened connections in their communities.

Process and Timeline:

1. **Kickoff conference call** – A conference call in early February will welcome cities to the connecting communities cluster. This will be an opportunity for cities to share more on what they would like to learn, their related experiences to date, and what questions still remain. Welcoming America will design webinars, disseminate tools, and design future calls based on the identified needs of participating communities. This will also help Welcoming America identify the most pertinent federal agencies to engage in the cluster technical assistance.
2. **Webinar Series** – Welcoming America will conduct three webinars – one in March, May, and July - on approaches that are of most interest to participating cities. Specialty webinars on topics like community dialogue, mentoring, National Welcoming Week or other approaches will be designed with input from participants. Where appropriate, federal agencies will be engaged as co-presenters to share related resources and tools.
3. **Tool Dissemination** – Following each webinar, Welcoming America will disseminate webinar slides and related tools for cluster participant review.
4. **Local Implementation** – Each participating city will be encouraged to design a new or deepen an existing effort that creates greater community connectivity. Implementation ideas will be woven into each webinar. Participants will share their ideas with other cluster participants and receive feedback and support for implementation. Where applicable, implementation plans will be shared with appropriate federal agencies.
5. **Coaching** – Cities will have an opportunity to share their local implementation plans on conference calls, which will be scheduled in June and August. Welcoming America will follow up with individualized coaching calls for interested cities.
6. **Wrap-Up** – In October 2016, cluster cities will be asked to complete a short online survey to capture how participating in the cluster has benefitted their work and suggestions for future improvements.

**Partnership for a New American Economy
Building Welcoming Communities Campaign
Data and Planning Cluster**

Learning Cluster: Assess and better understand the community by improving data collection, identifying local resources, and setting priorities.

Purpose of the Cluster: The Data and Planning Cluster will focus on making better use of available data to inform public-policy making, educating the public and other key stakeholders about the benefits of immigration, and using data in the process of developing strategic plans for immigrant integration.

Process and Timeline:

1. **Kickoff conference call** – A conference call in February will welcome cities to the Data and Planning cluster. This will be an opportunity for cities to share more on what they would like to learn, their related experiences to date, and what questions still remain. Partnership for a New American Economy (PNAE) will design webinars, disseminate tools, and design future calls based on the identified needs of participating communities. This will also help PNAE identify the most pertinent federal agencies to engage in the cluster technical assistance.
2. **Webinar Series** – PNAE will conduct at least two webinars – one in March/April and one in June/July - on approaches that are of most interest to participating cities. Topics are likely to include: identifying effective, data-driven arguments in support of immigration and immigrant integration; identifying existing sources of data and approaches for data collection and analysis; and using data to inform strategic planning processes. Where appropriate, PNAE will engage federal agencies and other experts as co-presenters to share related resources and tools.
3. **Tool Dissemination** – Following each webinar, PNAE will disseminate webinar slides and related tools for cluster participant review.
4. **Local Implementation** – Each participating city will be encouraged to design a new or deepen an existing effort that uses data for public education and/or policy and program development. Implementation ideas will be woven into each webinar. Participants will share their ideas with other cluster participants and receive feedback and support for implementation. Where applicable, implementation plans will be shared with appropriate federal agencies.
5. **Coaching** – Cities will have an opportunity to share their local implementation plans on conference calls, which will be scheduled in June and August. PNAE will follow up with individualized coaching calls for interested cities.
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Latino Americans: 500 years of history Grant

Things you need to know so you can help spread the word.

National Grant the library received from the National Endowment of the Humanities and the American Library Association in cooperation with the Kansas Humanities Council

Grant is based on the PBS film series: Latino Americans

We do have a copy of the film series available for check out

(If was checked out when I checked on Feb. 5th – so you may have to check and see if it is in)

This grant gives everyone a chance to explore local stories of Latino history and culture and the history of Latinos in the United States.

We have some new materials on the topic

Currently they are on the small display table by the new books

Programs:

Feb 20 & Feb 27 at 4pm

Film screening/showing and discussion

Feb 20: episode 1: Foreigners in their own land

Covers the years 1565-1880 and provides a window to the Spanish Mission System and the era of the Californio rancheros

Feb 27: episode 2: Empire of dreams

Covers the years 1880-1942 and tells of the widespread immigration to the US from Latin countries. It begins first with a small group from Cuba, then a larger one from Mexico.

Discussion led by Valerie Mendoza from the University of Kansas

March 17 at 7pm

“Coronado and the Early Day Spanish Travelers in the Dodge City Area”

Presented by Anthony Lyons

Thursday April 21 at 7pm

“The Mexican Village in Dodge City, from the eyes of those who grew up there”

Panel Presentation

The March and April programs will be on a different poster as it gets closer to those dates.

All programs are free and open to the public.



LATINO AMERICANS

500 YEARS OF HISTORY

Explore an untold chapter of the American story.



Latino Americans: film screenings & discussion

“Foreigners In Their Own Land”

February 20, 2016 at 4 p.m.

“Empire of Dreams”

February 27, 2016 at 4 p.m.

At Dodge City Public Library

www.pbs.org/latino-americans/en/



Latino Americans: 500 Years of History, created by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association, is part of an NEH initiative, *The Common Good: The Humanities in the Public Square*.

Latino Americans: 500 Years of History builds on the PBS documentary film series produced by WETA Washington, D.C.; Bosch and Co., Inc.; and Latino Public Broadcasting (LPB); in association with Independent Television Service (ITVS).