

**AGENDA**  
**CULTURAL RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD**  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2016 – 12:00 pm**  
**Dodge City Public Library – 1001N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF** March 11, 2016 meeting

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Discussion of name change for Community Engagement Partnership Program
2. National Welcoming Week activity(s) –
  - a. Community Engagement Partnership Program.
  - b. Roundtable discussion by refugees from different countries.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discussion of Data Collection Cluster.

**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, March 11, 2016  
Dodge City Public Library

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Greta Clark.

Members present: Greta Clark, Debra Muylaert, Elva Dominguez, Lado Ladoka. Staff:  
Jane Longmeyer

Absent: Sergio Garcia, Oliver Bland, Kate Baughman, Melissa Espinoza. Mary Marquez,  
Robert Vinton.

The minutes of the February 12, 2016 meeting were reviewed.

**Unfinished Business:**

1. The Board discussed the multi-cultural presentation to celebrate April as 'Celebrate Diversity Month'. The presentation was to include several speakers/families who would talk about their country and the challenge of being refugees in a 'café' discussion format. The Public Library has had the most success with these presentations and there were no dates in April on a Saturday that were available. Members present decided to wait until September and include this as a Welcoming Week event.

The Public Library has their Latino Americans speaker series on Thursday, March 17 and Thursday, April 21. Reference to the Cultural Relations Advisory Board was made in the grant application that is making the presentations possible. Advisory Board members are encouraged to attend.

2. Building Welcoming Communities Campaign. Greta and Jane sat in on a webinar regarding 'Connections Cluster' that we selected in the survey. The webinar was mainly asking what our organization was currently doing and what help they can provide.

During the discussion with the Board members, it was suggested that we focus on just one signature program at this time. The Community Engagement Partnership Program was very successful the two previous sessions that were hosted; however, there is uncertainty on how to recruit people to participate. Mary Marquez had mentioned at a previous meeting that she could work the program in as a requirement for her students. It was also mentioned that through the Department of Children and Families, refugees who do not have a job must commit to hours of participation.

The name of the program 'Community Engagement Partnership Program' may not clearly define the program. It was originally designed to mirror the leadership program but we didn't want to define it as such. Members of the Board are asked to think about a new name for the program.

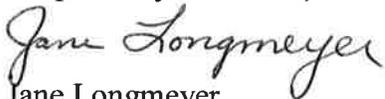
Sessions for consideration and discussion:

- a. City Government & voter registration.
  - b. Public Safety
  - c. Education
  - d. Community Enrichment to include service agencies and boy/girl scouts, 4-H, Public Library, fine arts (music, dance, etc.)
  - e. Tourism (trolley ride)
3. National Welcoming Week – kickoff the Community Engagement Partnership Program.
  4. The International Park Festival will be renamed to Party in the Park since there appeared some confusion on who was the target audience. The time is also being shortened to be determined.

Lado mentioned that they have a group organizing a mentoring program for refugees in Garden City. They are still working on a syllabus and will start small with approximately six mentors committing to six months.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jane Longmeyer



## Topics and presentations include:

- City Government
- Public Safety
- Education
- Tourism
- Economic Development

The purpose of the program is to: 1) give awareness to participants of the functions and responsibilities of organizations in the community; 2) open avenues of communication between the participants and officials through discussion; and 3) give participants a community knowledge base for civic engagement.



## The participant benefits include:

- ◆ An 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.
- ◆ Knowing proper channels and avenues for personal and community advocacy.
- ◆ Understanding 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.
- ◆ Confidence for volunteerism and civic engagement.
- ◆ Professional development.

Complete the following information and return to:

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Dodge City, KS 67801

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your first language \_\_\_\_\_

I have lived in the Dodge City/Ford County area for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

I would like to participate in the Dodge City Community Engagement Partnership Program because

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

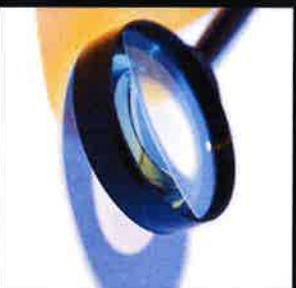


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Want to know more about the community and its leadership? Gain confidence for civic engagement?

The Cultural Relations Advisory Board is sponsoring a fall session of the Dodge City Community Engagement Partnership Program.



Thursday, October 23, 2014  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Dodge City Public Library  
1001 N. Second Ave  
(Interpreters and child care provided)