

AGENDA
CULTURAL RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD
FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2016 – 12:00 pm
Dodge City Public Library – 1001N. 2nd Ave.

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF April 8, 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 - Information available through US Census Bureau *Datas I will schedule*

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 – *Kate - Nicodemus –*
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. June – Immigrant Heritage Month
11. National Welcoming Week – September
12. National Hispanic Heritage Month begins Sept. 15-Oct. 15
13. Human Rights Day – December 10

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/STAFF –

ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES
CULTURAL RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD
Friday, April 8, 2016
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The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Greta Clark.

Members present: Greta Clark, Debra Muylaert, Elva Dominguez, Sergio Garcia, Kate Baughman, Mary Marquez, Robert Vinton, Lado Ladoka. Staff: Jane Longmeyer
Absent: Oliver Bland, Melissa Espinoza. Mary Marquez..

On a motion by Debra Muylaert, seconded by Elva Dominguez, the minutes of the March 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