

AGENDA
CULTURAL RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD
FRIDAY, May 8, 2015 – 12:00 Noon
Dodge City Public Library – 1001 N. Second Ave.

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF April 10, 2015 meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Report on recent USCIS Mobile Services by Ernestor De La Rosa.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Student will present on their experience on being arrested.

BOARD PROGRAMS (keep in mind)

1. Community Engagement Partnership Program.
2. National Welcoming Week – program recommendation
3. Racial Profiling/Bias Based Policing – report by Board representatives.
4. Multicultural Park Festival – report by Chamber representative.
5. Welcoming Cities Initiative
6. May 21 is World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/STAFF –

ADJOURNMENT

2015 Meeting: June 12

July 10

August 14

September 11

October 9

November 13

December 11

MINUTES
CULTURAL RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD
Friday, April 10, 2015
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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Greta Clark.

Members present: Greta Clark, Debra Muylaert, Oliver Bland, Elva Dominguez, Sergio Garcia, Lado Ladoka, Michael Brakey, Melissa Espinoza. Absent Mary Marquez, Robert Vinton.

Introductions were made for the benefit of the new members.

On a motion by Elva, seconded by Debra, the minutes were approved.

Unfinished Business:

1. Greta Clark reported that she received an e-mail from the Linn School Counselor who said their cultural relations program in the school went well and that some of our suggestions were modified and used in their project.

New Business: USCIS

1. The Board discussed the flyers regarding the USCIS Mobile Services in Dodge City. Elva reported that all of the appointments are full.
2. Jane stated that City leadership is currently in Washington, D.C. and will be meeting with USCIS and discussing further programs.
3. Greta will be attending USCIS training in Kansas City on the 16th that is specific for educators and how they can assist in educating immigrants in preparation for citizenship.
4. An invitation from USCIS to participate in a teleconference on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. (Eastern) to discuss the Notice of Funding Opportunity for the fiscal year 2015 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program will be sent to Greta and Elva. Ernestor and Melissa of the City of Dodge City are aware of the teleconference.

Board Programs:

1. Community Engagement Partnership Program. The program was explained to the new members. It was mentioned that it was difficult to get people to sign up to participate. Lado suggested that we go to their place of worship – go to where they go. The leader is contacted when we would like to attend and they schedule time for us. Michael mentioned that it needs a personal ask and that going to their place of business is effective. Board members are asked to continue to think of how the program should be organized.
2. National Welcoming Week takes place in September. Suggestions were to host a community café in which several tables are set up to discuss different topics such as USCIS, etc. Another suggestion was to highlight the country of Cuba since

borders are now opening up. Elva mentioned that their pastors are from Cuba and would be excellent speakers. At the next meeting we will try to decide on the program we want to organize for the event.

3. Racial Profiling/Bias Based Policing. Debra and Elva reported that the new meeting is scheduled for April 28 as they meet quarterly. Debra made available a report from the police chief that gives statistics on arrests that they review on a monthly basis. At the last meeting, the discussion focused on hiring bilingual police officers. Oliver mentioned that new training is scheduled for May 4th for the police department personnel. Greta has a student who was arrested and she will invite him to come and speak about his experience.
4. Multicultural Park Festival. Is scheduled for July 26. They will have food truck wars, entertainment and vendors. The next meeting of the Chamber's Multicultural Committee is Wednesday, April 22, 6:00 pm at Central Station which will be a social to get members acquainted. Melissa Espinoza is the new chairman of the committee. Our Board members are invited and encouraged to attend the meetings.
5. Welcoming Cities Initiative. Greta and Jane reported on a conference call held in February. The purpose of the call was for a new Welcoming Cities coordinator to visit with all of the members and find out what they are doing in their communities.

Board Member/Staff Report:

1. Cinco de Mayo celebration on Saturday, May 2nd. Cultural Relations Advisory Board members are invited to ride along on the Multicultural Committee's float. Board members are encouraged to wear their special t-shirts.
2. May 21 is World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Diversity. Greta suggested that we put this on the agenda for ongoing discussion.
3. Lado mentioned that June 20 is International Refugee Day and that in Oregon, they had an event where refugees from various countries speak on their experience of becoming a refugee.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Jane Longmeyer