

AGENDA
CULTURAL RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD
FRIDAY, March 14, 2014 – 12:00 Noon
Dodge City Public Library – 1001 N. Second Ave.

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of February 14, 2014 meeting

OLD BUSINESS

1. Review of two current documents that contain comprehensive information for newcomers.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Partnership opportunity with Dodge City Area Chamber of Commerce Multicultural Committee on the Dodge City Days Party in the Park. Report by Sergio Holguin.

BOARD PROGRAMS

1. Discussion of the Community Engagement Partnership Program for Spring 2014 – invite graduates of 2013 sessions.
 - *Date & Time
 - *Location
 - *Topic

2. Discussion of National Welcoming Week activities in September 13-21, 2014.
 - *Walk With Your Neighbor” event
 - Date
 - Event activities
 - * Cultural Diverse Art with Carnegie
 - * Cultural Presentations through Public Library

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/STAFF –

1. Simon Muturi, refugee coordinator through DCF, has accepted a position in Kansas City. The process of a hiring a replacement has begun.

Next meeting will be Friday, April 11th. Kathryn Carter, Director of Racial Profiling and Biased-Based Policing Unit of the Office of Attorney General Derek Schmidt will be training Board members on the topic of fair and impartial policing.

ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES
CULTURAL RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD
Friday, February 14, 2014 – 12:00 noon
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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Greta Clark.

Members present: Greta Clark, Elva Dominguez, Oliver Bland, Mary Marquez, Debra Muylaert, Robert Vinton, Lawrence Romero, Opie Astorga, Sergio Holguin, Michael Brakey. Staff Jane Longmeyer. DCF: Simon Muturi. Guests: Daily Globe Reporter Chris Guinn.

On a motion by Debra, seconded by Oliver, the minutes of the January 10, 2014 meeting were approved.

Unfinished Business:

1. Discussion took place on developing a formal welcome packet for new people moving to Dodge City. Suggestions of what information should be in the packet include: location of utility services, babysitters, housing, common code enforcement ordinances, and quality-of-life activities. Greta mentioned that there was a model of a central location in Great Bend that was supposed to serve as a front door but was not quite as successful as anticipated. Opie suggested that a survey to find out what problems people have in settling in the community would be helpful. Debra mentioned that we would need to have the welcome information as part of our meeting agenda to make sure it stayed updated. Greta has a model to use that can help us. Board members are to be thinking of what should be included in the welcome packet. There were also suggestions as to distribution: 1) new residents directed to one central location; and 2) major employers would have the copies available.

New Business:

1. Kathryn Carter will be a guest speaker at the April 11th meeting. The presentation will begin at 11:30 with the Dodge City Police Department Racial Profiling Board in attendance.

Board Programs:

1. Elva gave a background history of the previous Hispanic Leadership Program and how we developed the Community Engagement Partnership Program based on some of that programming. It was recommended that the graduates of the

program be brought together for a program in the spring and they be asked to recruit someone for the fall program and make suggestions on the program. We will proceed with planning the spring program for May. The guidelines will be sent to new members.

2. Board members were invited to participate in the Welcoming Cities and Counties quarterly conference call.
3. Discussion took place in planning National Welcoming Week activities and to pursue the potential for the following:
 - a. Continue to expand on the Walk With Your Neighbor event and include food sites from different cultures.
 - b. Check with Carnegie Center for the Arts to see about an art display from different cultures. It was suggested that the Mexican Village be one of the displays. Jane will check with Summer to see about availability. The Heritage Center is also a great source.
 - c. Have presentations at the Public Library from residents of different countries.

Comments from Board Members:

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

Respectfully submitted,



Jane Longmeyer
City of Dodge City

Member of:



CULTURAL RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD

Invites the Community to join them in a

Walk With Your Neighbor Event

Sunday, September 22, 2013

5:00 pm

Dodge City Family YMCA Parking Lot
240 San Jose
Dodge City, KS 67801



Let us come together to build communities where every resident has the opportunity to contribute at his or her best. Let us come together to create more prosperous communities and to reaffirm that Kansas still stands as a beacon of freedom and opportunity.

COME WALK WITH US

This Event Is Organized In Conjunction With National Welcoming Week

