

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

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF August 8, 2014 meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Update of National Welcoming Week events – large & extra large t-shirts available.
 - A. The Lost Boys of Sudan book discussion & presentation Saturday, Sept. 13, 2:00 pm @ the Public Library.
 - B. Walk With Your Neighbor Saturday, Sept. 20, 10:00 am @ Eisenhower Park.
 - C. Community Engagement Program – Thursday, Oct. 23, 9:00 – 12:00 @ Public Library.

NEW BUSINESS

BOARD PROGRAMS

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/STAFF –

ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES
CULTURAL RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD
Friday, August 8, 2014 – 12:00 noon
Dodge City Public Library – 1001 N. First Ave.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Greta Clark.

Members present: Greta Clark, Oliver Bland, Elva Dominguez, Mary Marquez, Absent: Robert Vinton, Debra Muylaert, Lawrence Romero, Opie Astorga, Sergio Holguin. Staff Jane Longmeyer. Guests: Lado Lodoka, Refugee Coordinator for KDAC, Jorge Martinez and City Commissioner Jan Scoggins.

On a motion by Oliver, seconded by Mary, the minutes of the July 11, 2014 meeting were approved as submitted.

Unfinished Business:

1. National Welcoming Week Activities recommended to proceed with organizing. There are t-shirts available for National Welcoming Week.
 - A. Book discussion of the Lost Boys and presentation by James Dut, a Lost Boy, on Saturday, September 13, 2:00 pm at the Dodge City Public Library. Jorge will create a flyer to promote the event. Lado is from Sudan and spoke about the journey of the lost boys and suggested a map be available to show the journey or a possible power point. He also stated that there is a movie coming out on October 3rd regarding the Lost Boys of Sudan. Even though the book is for adolescents, it tells the story and takes approximately ten minutes to read. The Board decided that anyone wanting to read the book should do so at the library as there are only six copies available.
 - B. Walk With Your Neighbor event on Saturday, September 20, will begin at 10:00 am with Special Deputy U.S. Marshall Charlie Meade giving a tour of the Trail of Fame and historic downtown. Meet at the Eisenhower Park. Jane will make arrangements for that event and provide water. The Board is also asked to put the event on their calendar, invite their families and friends and plan to participate.
2. The events on the flyer on Garden City's Multicultural Summit September 18-20 were discussed. Members were asked if there were topics on the agenda that they believed we would incorporate into our work. The City does not have a budget and Jane will check to see if other city staff will be attending.

Board Programs:

1. Discussion took place on the Community Engagement program. Board members did not believe that only several hours of meeting with the leadership of the entities would give the full benefit of the program; however, it was suggested that a full program could be offered in the spring and invite the attendees back. Jane will prepare a flyer announcing the program.

Comments from Board Members:

1. Greta spoke on the International Park Festival - its success - and suggested that a list of vendors from the Garden City Fall Fest be requested.
2. Greta made a suggestion that if each board member contributed \$1.00, we could submit \$10.00 to the Arbor Day Foundation and receive ten trees to plant somewhere in the community. No action was made as there was concern for the size of the trees received.
3. Greta mentioned that Representative Bud Estes will be hosting another meeting on Sunday, August 10th, at City Hall. He has invited representatives of the Mayflower Clinic in Wichita to speak on their health and legal services. The 1:00 meeting will meet with Latinos and 3:00 for Africans.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Longmeyer
City of Dodge City

Member of:



The Lost Boys of Sudan



Saturday,

September 13, 2014. Book Discussion of The Lost Boys of Sudan, 2:00 PM at Dodge City Public Library with a presentation by James Dut of the Lost Boys. Books available for reading at DCPL.

Sponsored by Cultural Relations Advisory Board in conjunction with National Welcoming Week.

Cultural Relations Advisory Board

Invites the community to join them in the
2nd Annual Walk With Your Neighbor event.

Saturday, September 20, 10:00 AM

For a guided tour of the Trail of Fame and
historic downtown with Honorary U.S. Marshall
Charlie Meade.

Meet at Eisenhower Park

511 N. 1st.



This Event Is Organized In Conjunction with National Welcoming Week



Dodge City Community Engagement Partnership Program

PURPOSE OF PROGRAM: The purpose of the program is multifaceted. First, the program will identify and provide a cohort of applicants a global awareness of the functions, responsibilities, and impact that different public entities have on the community and on the individual. Second, it is to open avenues of communication between participants and officials through discussion, dialog, and information. Third, it is an effort to integrate the community through a focused, neutral format. Lastly, it is to create for participants a tangible knowledge base for civic engagement.

How does the Cultural Relations Advisory Board (CRAB) propose to achieve this endeavor?

First, community members will be invited to participate in this program. The number identified for possible involvement in the program range from 20 to 25 participants. Second, public entities have been identified. These public entities will present to the participants. To this end, the following community institutions have been recognized as viable presentations:

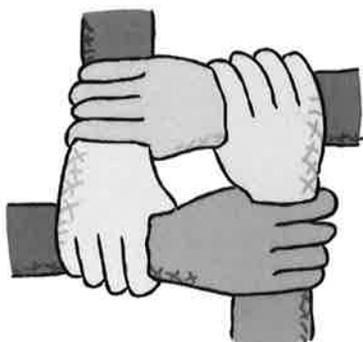
- City Government
- Public Safety
- Education
- Tourism
- Economic Development

How will the participant benefit from participation in this program?

Participants will benefit in different manners. Listed are some of the advantages that cohort members will gain through this experience.

- 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.
- Proper channels and avenues for personal and community advocacy.
- 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.
- Volunteerism and Civic engagement.
- Professional development.

These are but a few benefits that will be gained by the participants.



You are invited to participate in the
**DODGE CITY COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**
Thursday, October 23
9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Dodge City Public Library – 1001 N. First Ave.
(child care provided)

Personal Data

Name (last) _____ (first) _____

Address (city, zip code) _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Email _____

What is your first language? _____ (translators will participate)

General Information

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

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

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

Applications can be returned to City Hall, Attention Jane, P.O. Box 880 or 806 N. Second
Ave., Dodge City, KS 67801

(signature) _____ (date) _____