

AGENDA
CULTURAL RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD
FRIDAY, June 14, 2013 – 12:00 Noon
Dodge City Public Library – 1001 N. Second Ave.

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of May 10, 2013 meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discussion of volunteering as a Board for the Party in the Park on Sunday, July 28. They are looking for volunteers to sell pins or monitoring gates. Volunteer form attached for review.
2. Discussion of 'Welcoming America' program. Report by City Administration Intern Ernestor De La Rosa.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion of Latino Leadership Parent Workshop. Report by Greta Clark.
2. Report on current immigration legislation by City Administration Intern Ernestor De La Rosa.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/STAFF –

1. Thanks to Elva and Mary for working the Main Street Festival.

Next meeting is July 12, 2013, 12:00 noon at Dodge City Public Library.

ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES
CULTURAL RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD
Friday, May 10, 2013 – 12:00 noon
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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Greta Clark.

Board Members present: Greta Clark, Debra Muylaert, Oliver Bland, Elva Dominguez, Bria Black, Erica Vasquez, Robert Vinton; Staff Jane Longmeyer; SRS Representative Simon Muturi; Guest Leslie Lomas. Absent: Marilyn Treto, Mary Marquez.

A motion to approve the April minutes was made by Deb and seconded by Bria by unanimous vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Simon reported on the visit from the Office of Refugee Services. He was expecting a report the week of May 13th. The perception was that the representative from the Office of Refugee Services was pleased with what has been accomplished so far and that the opportunities for a small town are being met. Tyson in Garden City is hiring but housing is an issue. Simon will share the report at the next meeting.
2. Erica reported that the May meeting of the Multi Cultural Committee was cancelled. There will continue to be work preparing for the Party in the Park event during Dodge City Days and the Board will be kept apprised of any volunteer opportunities.
3. The Board discussed the 'Welcoming America' project that was submitted at the last meeting. The Board is very interested in pursuing the program and will welcome the City's summer intern to research further and coordinate the project.

Jane received a call from a resident who reported that while at Dillon's that morning, staff announced over the PA system that all Hispanic mothers were being recognized for Mother's Day. Board members clarified that May 10th is always celebrated as Latin American Mother's Day. It would have been a better public relations action if it was clarified in the message that it was Latin American Mother's Day.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Oliver reported on his recent appointment by the Governor to The State of African Americans in Kansas Task Force. The Task Force will investigate all issues including participating on profiling training with police department and work on education and scholarship opportunities. The appointment was official May 4th in Hutchinson and he will be representing all of southwest Kansas.

2. Leslie Lomas brought up the issue of a landlord survey which expressed concerns regarding Somali maintenance of properties. Some of the issues understand culture and language barriers. Landlords are performing background checks and reasons for not renting to Somalis are a history of skip outs and damage to property. It was suggested that we offer workshops in home living and give them a certificate upon completion. There needs to be a newcomer do & don't sheet but a hand on practical application is the best education. Simon has copies of a booklet that was developed and he will make them available. It was also suggested that we identify some Somali residents as resource persons who will help give renter information. Training sessions would need to take place every two months. Robert asked if the beef plants could be involved. Bria suggested the plants could be a source but cannot offer the training. Leslie and Simon will continue the discussion on how to resolve this and include the Board as necessary.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/STAFF:

1. Robert reported that the Migrant Family Banquet was attended by 500 people, very diverse group, and very successful. The speaker had an excellent message.
2. The Digital Inclusion Summit is Friday, May 17th at the Civic Center and Board members are encouraged to attend.
3. Jane will advise the Board if there is an opportunity to participate in the Main Street Festival June 9th.

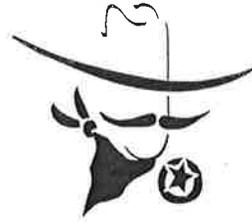
On a motion by Oliver, seconded by Elva, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,


Jane Longmeyer
City of Dodge City

VOLUNTEERS

DODGE CITY DAYS 2013



A New Twist on the Old West - Stache Bash

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP TO VOLUNTEER? A SPECIAL DODGE CITY DAYS T-SHIRT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO WORK TWO EVENTS AND OR 6 HOURS. DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO HELP YOUR COMMUNITY.

IF YOU WISH TO BECOME A PART OF THE DODGE CITY DAYS TEAM, PLEASE SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER. YOU MAKE DODGE CITY DAYS A HUGE SUCCESS. WE APPRECIATE YOU! **PLEASE CIRCLE ANY AND ALL EVENTS YOU WISH TO VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME FOR.**

FRIDAY, JULY 26th

Boot Hill Bull Fry & Bash

- Selling pins 6:00pm-8:00pm

SATURDAY, JULY 27th

Barbecue Contest

- Selling pins 10:00am-1:00pm
- Selling pins 12:00noon-3:00pm
- Monitoring Gates 10:00am-1:00pm
- Monitoring Gates 12:00noon-3:00pm

SUNDAY, JULY 28th

Dodge City Days Party in the Park

- Selling pins 1:30pm-4:00pm
- Selling pins 3:30pm-6:00pm
- Selling pins 5:30pm-8:00pm
- Selling pins 7:30pm-10:00pm

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2nd

Arts, Crafts & Things Show

- Placing Vendors 6:00pm-8:30pm
- Load & Unload 5:00pm-7:30pm

Taste of the Wild West

- Selling Pins 3:30pm-5:30pm
- Selling Pins 5:30pm-7:30pm

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3rd

Arts, Crafts & Things Show

- Placing Vendors 6:00am-8:00am
- Monitoring 8:00am-10:00am
- Monitoring 10:00am-12:00noon
- Monitoring 12:00noon-2:00pm
- Monitoring 2:00pm-4:00pm

Classic Car Show

- Set Up 7:30am-10:30am
- Selling pins 9:00am-12:00noon
- Selling pins 11:30am-2:30pm
- Selling pins 2:00pm-5:00pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4th

Arts, Crafts & Things Show

- Monitoring 10:00am-12:00noon
- Monitoring 2:00pm-4:00pm
- Monitoring 12:00noon-2:00pm
- Load & Unload 4:00pm-6:00pm

McDonald's KidFest

- Selling pins 12:30pm-3:30pm
- Monitoring Gates 12:30pm-3:30pm

Name _____ Address _____
Company _____ Cell Phone _____
Email _____

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Welcoming Cities

Welcoming America and its municipal partners are convening U.S. cities and counties to support locally-driven efforts to create more welcoming, immigrant-friendly environments that maximize opportunities for economic growth and cultural vitality and position communities as globally competitive, 21st century leaders.

Participating city and county governments will connect with their peers through a community of practice that will share good ideas, develop new tools, and receive recognition for their efforts to create more welcoming communities that improve the quality of life and economic potential for immigrants and non-immigrants alike.

Cities and counties that join Welcoming Cities will have the chance to:

- Hear from local government leaders who are making the most of their diversity, by creating “immigrant-friendly” welcoming plans.
- Learn about large and small communities that are responding to demographic change and supporting long-term immigrant integration in a way that speaks to and benefits all members of the community.
- Access new tools and resources to help advance welcoming resolutions, initiatives and strategies.
- Receive support and recognition for their efforts to foster more vibrant, inclusive, and welcoming communities.
- Participate in national and transatlantic learning exchanges that highlight promising practices from globally competitive cities.

What is a Welcoming City?

Welcoming America defines a Welcoming City as a community that:

1. **PLANS:** All relevant sectors, such as government, business, non-profit, and others are engaged to work together to create a welcoming community climate that supports long-term integration.
2. **COMMITTS:** Commitments are made to institutionalize strategies that ensure the ongoing inclusion and long-term economic and social integration of newcomers.
3. **BUILDS COMMUNITY:** Newcomers and long-time residents are engaged to find common ground and shared leadership.

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🏠 *Building a Nation of Neighbors*

Commitment to Participate in the Welcoming Cities Project

As representatives of local government, we recognize that cities and communities that proactively welcome newcomers and take steps to ensure their successful integration will be strategically positioned as globally competitive, 21st century leaders.

We therefore resolve to participate in the *Welcoming Cities Project*, and commit to taking the following initial steps toward creating an environment that is receptive to immigrants, and that unlocks the full potential of all members of the community:

- **Advance a municipal or county-level proclamation or resolution** declaring our locality to be a welcoming one
- **Find ways to institutionalize welcoming efforts** through the adoption of practices that promote inclusion within local government and the broader community
- **Join a cohort of cities and communities** that have pledged to become more welcoming
- **Appoint at least one key municipal staff contact** for the project
- **Participate in three conference calls each year** to share and learn from promising practices from other Welcoming Cities
- **Participate in an annual in-person meeting** with other Welcoming Cities (dependent upon available travel resources).

City or Community Name:

Agency:

Date:

Representative Name:

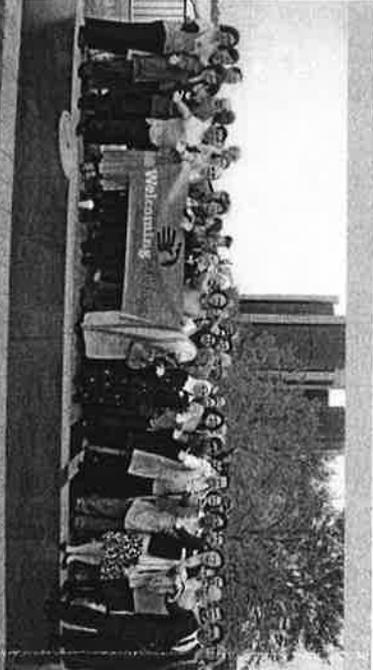
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ABOUT WELCOMING AMERICA



Photo credit: Kelly Crossin

Welcoming America is a national, grassroots -driven collaborative that promotes mutual respect and cooperation between foreign-born and U.S.-born Americans. Through a countrywide network of member organizations and partners, Welcoming America works to promote a welcoming atmosphere—community by community—in which all immigrants and U.S.-born residents can find common ground and shared prosperity.



Staff, community partners, and supporters celebrate Welcoming Michigan's launch on the Detroit RiverFront. Photo credit: Welcoming Michigan

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National Welcoming Week

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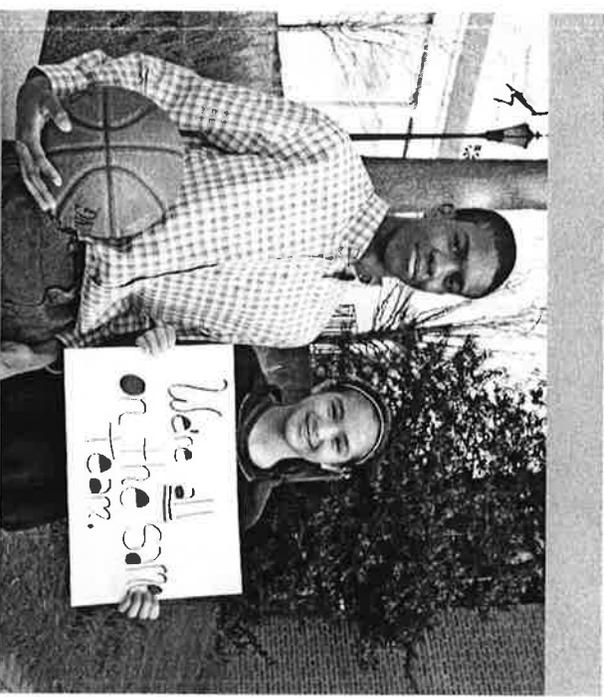


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Welcoming America

Ernesto De La Rosa

June 14, 2013

History:

Many organizations exist to do the important work of helping immigrants adjust to life here in the United States. In turn, Welcoming America focuses on helping people who were born in this country understand and appreciate their new neighbors.

“We believe that just as fertile soil is needed for a seed to grow, receptive communities are critical if immigrants are to thrive. Welcoming America focuses on the communities where new immigrants have made their homes, helping neighbors build relationships built on trust and understanding. Instead of focusing on the seed, we concentrate on preparing the soil in which it will flourish.”

America is seen as a land of opportunity to those seeking a better life for themselves and their families. Our communities are strongest when everyone who lives in them feels welcome.

-Short term initiative in Iowa in 2004

-Tennessee in 2005 “Welcoming Tennessee Initiative (WTI)

-January of 2009: The Welcoming America national office was formed and first staff person was hired.

Affiliate Network: Alabama, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Utah.

Kansas: Welcoming Kansas, Advocates for Immigrants Rights and Reconciliation (AIRR)

- “AIRR was founded in the spring of 2011 as a group passionate about the needs of immigrants.”
- “Our mission is to educate, organize, and inspire the faith community to advocate for immigrant rights and reconciliation.”

Board Member: Angela Ferguson, Immigration Attorney (Austin & Ferguson, LLC)

Approaches: Welcoming America’s affiliates and partners use the following three pronged approach to change the dynamic for the better in communities across the country.

- 1) **Local Leadership Development:** The way a Welcoming affiliate is able to create locally driven Welcoming initiatives is by helping to organize Welcoming Committees, which become the nerve centers for local activities and a resource for community members who decide they want to improve the climate for immigrants in their own. They are also the driving force behind leadership, strategy and fundraising for the two other, complementary strategies communications and public engagement. The committee members also act as ambassadors to the larger community, as well as engaging other individuals in the initiative's work.
- 2) **Strategic Communications:** Welcoming America attempts to change the messages people hear about immigrants in local communities by utilizing positive, value-based messages and proven strategies for engaging receiving community audiences. These can range from strategies such as billboards to social and earned media.
- 3) **Public Engagement/Contact:** This strategy centers on engaging members of the U.S.-born community together with foreign-born residents, and creating opportunities for facilitated contact. Using strategies that range from community dialogues to volunteer service and educational events, to intercultural events, these activities seek to foster meaningful connections that address the hopes and interests of all community members. Engagement work ideally takes place in venues that are convenient and comfortable; where common areas of interest can be explored; and where a "safe space" can be created. Some examples of venues include places of worship, community centers, civic clubs, and local schools and universities. Welcoming ambassadors may be empowered to lead such events.

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Differences, Welcoming Cities/Welcoming America Affiliate: Welcoming Cities are more tailored down to city and county governments. Welcoming Cities communicate with each other, learn from one another, and arrange their activities with each other. An affiliate is more focused to the overall community rather than a particular city or municipality.

- What is a Welcoming City?
- Welcoming Cities Membership
- Points of Contact: Susan Downs-Karkos, stationed in Denver CO
- Current Welcoming Cities:
 - i. Allegheny County, PA
 - ii. Austin, TX
 - iii. Boise, ID
 - iv. Chicago, IL
 - v. Columbus, OH
 - vi. Dayton, OH

- vii. High Point, NC
- viii. Lincoln, NE
- ix. Montgomery County, MD
- x. Omaha, NE
- xi. Philadelphia, PA

Possible Activity:

National Welcoming Week, “Connecting Neighbors, Serving Communities” September 15-22, 2013,

Service Events in 2013 will focus on:

- **Community Beautification**, such as painting a community mural or organizing a park or school clean-up.
- **Healthy Communities**, such as organizing a food drive or a community garden project.
- **Connected Communities**, such as organizing a citizenship drive or serving food at a naturalization ceremony.

Application Form

Sponsor a National Welcoming Week Event

Called to order

Present: Meta, Oliver, Deb, Bria

Simon
Staff: Jane, Ernestor

Meta introduced ^{staff} Ernestor who gave a background info.

Minutes: Oliver moved Bria seconded

pg 2 correction 2nd sentence
Bria: Brierley training and landlord training together. Simon gave Leslie some materials they use in C.C.

Unfinished

Simon - report good. ^{Internal} Document of files. office of refugee settlement. checks on housing, employment, ESL classes, integration. Satisfied with our efforts.

1. Party in the Park - wait to hear from Multicultural Committee before committing to Chamber needs.
2. Welcoming America report:
Non profit org. Bring US residents & immigrants together
Focuses on communities that have new immigrants
Started in 2004 in Iowa. 2005 Wel. Tennessee initiative. Jan 2009 hired Director + then spread.
Kansas: ^{Angela Ferguson} Advocates for Immigration
4 focuses: Social leadership develop; strategic communication
public engagement:

“Welcoming cities” focus on local. tailored to needs of specific community.
To start a Welcoming City,
Complete application
No fee
Quarterly webinars
Annual conference

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National Welcoming Week

Sept. 15-22

3 service

Beautiful

Healthy Communities

Connected Communities

There is an application just to let org know

July meeting nail down our activities
for the 'Week'

Lreta expressed that we are affiliating with
a group that may have future negative

Lreta suggested 1 or 3 days of 2hr.
of community dialogue.

~~Ernesto~~

- N.B.
1. Latino Leadership Oct. 23+24, area middle school
1st day & high school 2nd day
Suggest name to Multicultural Leadership. Also
parents with child.
 2. Ernesto gave highlighted the existin
Immigration debated in Senate. Passed by Feb. 4

Deb moved adj. Bria