

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

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of June 14, 2013 meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discussion of volunteering as a Board for the Party in the Park on Sunday, July 28. Report from members of Multicultural Committee.
2. Discussion of status of 'Welcoming America' program. Report by Jane Longmeyer.
3. Discussion of Latino Leadership Parent Workshop. Report by Greta Clark.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion of fall Community Engagement Partnership Program.
2. Information received regarding the Garden City Cultural Relations Advisory Board hosting a Multicultural Summit October 11<sup>th</sup>.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/STAFF –

ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES  
CULTURAL RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD  
Friday, June 14, 2013 – 12:00 noon  
Dodge City Public Library – 1001 N. First Ave.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Greta Clark.

Board members present: Greta Clark, Oliver Bland, Debra Muylaert and Bria Black.  
Absent: Elva Dominguez, Mary Marquez, Marilyn Treto, Erica Vasquez, and Robert Vinton. Staff present: Jane Longmeyer, Intern Ernestor de la Rosa and SRS Simon Muturi.

On a motion Oliver, seconded by Bria, the minutes of the May 10 meeting were approved with a grammatical correction in the second sentence in Item No. 2 of new business. Motion carried.

Simon was asked to report on any further correspondence from the Office of Refugee Services regarding their visit to the area. Simon stated the report was good and that there is several internal documentation of files that need correcting. While here, they checked on housing, employment, ESL classes and integration. They are satisfied with the efforts of the region.

Unfinished Business

1. There was a proposal to assist the Multicultural Task Force with the Party in the Park. The Chamber had suggestions of volunteer opportunities but the Board members suggested we find out first how we can assist the Task Force directly. The item will be placed on the next Board meeting.
  
2. City Administration Intern Ernestor De La Rosa was present to give his findings on the Welcoming America program. It is a non-profit organization to bring United States residents and immigrants together. It focuses on communities that have new immigrants. The program started in 2004 in Iowa and in 2005 a Welcoming Tennessee initiative began. In January of 2009, they hired a Director and has spread. Currently Advocates for Immigrant Rights and Reconciliation (AIRR) is an affiliate with Welcoming America. They are trying to figure out if they will continue to be part of Welcoming America or not. AIRR focuses more in pushing for an immigration reform and they might focus just on that issue. Welcoming America only focuses in three approaches: 1) local leadership development; 2) strategic communication; and 3) public engagement.

Ernestor also reported that there is a Welcoming Cities program, which focuses on local communities and is tailored to the needs of a specific community. To begin a Welcoming City initiative, there is an application to complete, there is no fee, quarterly webinars are available, and an annual conference is organized.

There is a National Welcoming Week September 15-22. There are three suggested focus areas that should be planned during that week: 1) community beautification; 2) healthy communities; and 3) connected communities. You do not have to be a welcoming city or affiliate to participate during this week and there is no fee but an application must be filled out to participate.

The Board recommended that we proceed with the Welcoming Cities initiative and at the July meeting, make our plans for the activities in the three focus areas.

Greta voiced that we have the potential of affiliating with a group that may have future negative agendas.

#### New Business

1. The Latino Leadership Parent Workshop will be October 23 & 24. Area middle schools will participate the first day and high school the second day. In order to make all cultures feel invited, it was suggested that our recommendation would be to change the name to Multicultural Leadership Parent Workshop. It was also suggested that the parents sit in with the students on the sessions rather than separate sessions. Greta will be attending future meetings and report back.
2. Ernestor gave an update to the current immigration legislation. The Immigration reform was debated in the Senate and passed, sending it to the House.

On a motion by Deb, seconded by Bria, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Longmeyer  
City of Dodge City

## Jane Longmeyer

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**From:** Michelle Stegman [Michelle.Stegman@gardencityks.us]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 03, 2013 4:06 PM  
**Subject:** 2013 Garden City Multi-Cultural Summit October 10th and 11th  
**Attachments:** Save the Date Flier.pdf

Good Afternoon:

Save the Dates! The Cultural Relations Board is hosting a Diversity Dinner on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Garden City Community College, K-State Research and Extension, USD 457, Finney County Community Health Coalition, Garden City Cultural Relations Board and Finney County Convention and Visitor's Bureau have partnered to plan and implement a Multicultural Summit on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Please see attached flyer.

If you have questions, please give me a call.

Thanks,  
Michelle

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# Multi-Cultural Summit

## Save the Date

### October 10-11, 2013

## “Unity through Diversity”

### Invited Speakers:

National Center for Cultural Competence

Georgetown University

Professor Don Stull, KU Anthropologist

Panel Presentation: “Opportunities in Diversity”



Called to Order by

Present: Greta, Oliver, Bria, Mary, Robert

Ernesto, Jane, Simon

Absent: Elva Erica

Minutes: Bria motion <sup>ap</sup> Oliver second. Approved

U.F. 1. Party in the Park. <sup>Sum. 28<sup>th</sup></sup> Committee <sup>4:00-10:00 <sup>5:00 setup</sup> gates open</sup>

Jane, Greta, Mary (Jane - monitor litter)

2. Community Beautification

Healthy Community - walk/run <sup>Let's Move Cities & Towns</sup>  
Sunday ~~15<sup>th</sup>~~ 22<sup>nd</sup> <sup>5:00 water</sup> 100 people <sup>from Sheridan</sup>

Connected Communities

Create a flyer: Cultural Relations Advisory Board Walk With Your Neighbor Event  
Invite past Engagement Group

3. Name change recommendation was no, but Ernesto thought it may be tied to a grant. Dates may change to Oct. <sup>(fall break for OCC)</sup> <sup>10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> on</sup>. Parent piece still is being considered at the August meeting. Parent/child session on higher education.

- NB: 1. City Adn - Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>
2. Police & Fire at Each location
3. Sheriff/EMS - jail > Deb
4. Education - Robert
5. History - Public Library - Greta

Contact Engagement Group <sup>contacts to recruit new</sup> soon people

2. Clarion

Bria moved Mary second' carried