

AGENDA
CULTURAL RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD
FRIDAY, August 9, 2013 – 12:00 Noon
Dodge City Public Library – 1001 N. Second Ave.

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of July 12, 2013 meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discussion of Fall 2013 Community Engagement Partnership Program. Discussion with spring 2013 class members.
2. Discussion of status of 'Welcoming America' program. Report by Greta and Ernestor.
 - a. Review of Commitment to Participate in the Welcoming Cities Project.
 - b. Review of Resolution to be presented at the Sept. 15 City Commission meeting to become an affiliate of the Welcoming Cities initiative.
 - c. Discussion and completion of Welcoming Cities and Counties Needs and Interests Survey due August 9th.
 - d. Discussion of National Welcoming Week Activities. Review of flyer and details for Walk With Your Neighbor event on September 22nd.
 - e. Introductory Webinar on August 20th. More information when sent to us.
3. Discussion of Latino Leadership Parent Workshop. Report by Greta Clark.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/STAFF –

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

On a motion by Bria, seconded by Oliver, the minutes of the June 14 meeting were approved.

Unfinished Business:

1. There are no assigned projects for the Board members but they can help where needed at the Dodge City Days Party in the Park event on Sunday, July 28, at Wright Park from 4:00 – 10:00 pm hosted by the Multicultural Committee of the Chamber. One of the tasks will be to monitor litter and Board members should wear their shirts.
2. The Board recommended that the City complete the application to join the Welcoming Cities program as well as the participation form for the National Welcoming Week scheduled for Sept. 15-22, 2013. A resolution joining the Welcoming Cities program will be presented at the Sept. 16 City Commission meeting. One of the events to target the healthy community focus will be a walk at the bicycle/pedestrian trail starting at the YMCA. Staff will create a flyer which will be titled Cultural Relations Advisory Board 'Walk With Your Neighbor'. Another focus is community beautification and Jane will see if the vacant lot at Ave. A and Plains could be ready for beautification and tree planting. The third event will be to begin our fall series of the Community Engagement Partnership Program.
3. Greta reported that our recommended name change for the Latino Leadership Parent Workshop was not accepted and it was thought that it may be tied to grant funding. The dates may be changed to October during fall break for DCCC so that the sessions could be held there as well as food service provided without disruption for the college students. The parent piece is still being considered at the August meeting. There will also be a parent/child session on higher education.

New Business

1. The fall session schedule of the Community Engagement Partnership Program is:
 - a. City Administration – Sept. 24
 - b. Police and Fire – Oct. 1
 - c. Sheriff/EMS – Oct. 8
 - d. Education – Oct. 15
 - e. History/Public Library – Oct.22

The previous class members will be asked to join the next meeting and help recruit new class members.

2. The Multicultural Summit in Garden City will be the same dates as when we will be participating in the Latino Leadership Parent Workshop so we may not be sending representatives to the Summit.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Longmeyer
City of Dodge City

WELCOMING
AMERICA



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: *City of Dodge City*

Agency: *Cultural Relations Advisory Board*

Date: *08/02/2013*

Representative Name: *Cherise Tieben*

Signature: *Cherise Tieben*



RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING DODGE CITY, KANSAS, AS A WELCOMING CITY THAT RESPECTS THE INNATE DIGNITY OF ALL PEOPLE.

WHEREAS, Dodge City has long been recognized as a hospitable and welcoming place where people, families and institutions thrive and the contributions of all are celebrated and valued; and

WHEREAS, residents of Dodge City live up to the highest American values of acceptance and equality and treat newcomers with decency and respect, creating a vibrant, livable community for all; and

WHEREAS, Dodge City is committed to continue building a welcoming and neighborly atmosphere in our community, where all are welcome, accepted and integrated; and

WHEREAS, policies that negate opportunities for contributions to our community in the fullest capacity hinder Dodge City's prosperity and compromises our commitment to the America values here stated; and

WHEREAS, community efforts that promote understanding and collaboration between our native-born and foreign-born community members are crucial in encouraging and preserving Dodge City's welcoming environment; and

WHEREAS, fostering a welcoming environment for all individuals, regardless of race, ethnicity or place of origin, enhances Dodge City's cultural fabric, economic growth, global competitiveness and overall prosperity for current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, Dodge City is pleased to join the Welcoming Cities initiative to help unite our community and ensure that all are welcome.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Dodge City, Kansas, do hereby recognize Dodge City as a Welcoming City and urge all residents of Dodge City to do their part in reaching out to and welcoming all who live and visit our City.

ADOPTED by the Governing Body of the City of Dodge City, Kansas, this 15th day of September, 2013.

Kent Smoll, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nannette Pogue, City Clerk

Welcoming Cities and Counties - Needs and Interests Survey

Background: What is a Welcoming Community?

A welcoming community attracts and retains immigrants by promoting a sense of belonging, offering services, and identifying and removing barriers to becoming full participants in the economic, social, cultural and political life of the community. A welcoming city or county also helps longer-term, receiving community members understand who their new neighbors are and helps immigrants integrate into the community and achieve their full potential.

Considering your Local Community: A Survey of Your Interests and Needs

Please take a few moments to reflect on what is happening in your local environment and describe how this cohort can be most helpful to you. This information will be shared only with Welcoming America staff and is being used for planning purposes only. It will remain confidential and only disclosed to other cities or partners in aggregate form. If you have questions about the survey, please contact Susan Downs-Karkos at susan@welcomingamerica.org.

* Required

SURVEY QUESTIONS



Your name

Your city or county name

What is your vision for your community in terms of being welcoming to immigrants? *

What major activities are currently underway in your city or county that support that vision? *

If you have numerous initiatives, please list those that are most important or significant.

How have you engaged the longer-term, receiving community in those activities? *

What activities or initiatives are not underway that you are interested in implementing?
Please identify any key gaps that you see.

What are the greatest challenges you face in realizing your vision? *

Describe the extent to which immigrants in your community feel welcome. *

Describe the extent to which receiving community members provide welcome to immigrants. *

What excites you most about joining the Welcoming Cities and Counties cohort? *

What would you most like to learn more about through Welcoming Cities and Counties? *

How would you like to contribute to this network, in terms of good ideas, expertise, leadership or other ways? *

Any additional thoughts that you would like to share:

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Event Host Commitment Form

National
Welcoming
Week



Thank you for your interest in hosting a National Welcoming Week event! In order to ensure that events are in keeping with our goals for the week, we ask that you please complete this form for approval by the national Welcoming America office. Once approved, your event will be registered in our online public listing of nationwide activities at welcomingamerica.org/welcomingweek2013. *

Please submit this form and any questions to info@welcomingamerica.org or contact 404-592-5621 with any questions.

As a Welcoming Week Event Host partner, I commit to the following:

- To conduct an activity that brings together U.S. and foreign-born community members in volunteer service to the community in one of the approved areas noted below.
- To provide up-to date information regarding my event, including any changes or cancellations made once this form has been submitted.
- To promote the event in my community as part of National Welcoming Week, and to do so in ways that promote unity and inclusivity and are in keeping with the Welcoming America brand.
- To represent only my organization and not Welcoming America if speaking with the media about my event.
- To refrain from promoting any specific policies or conducting any political activities in during my event.
- To share information about my event with Welcoming America for reporting purposes.

Jane Longmeyer Signature

Information about you:

Name: Cultural Relations Advisory Board
Organization Name: City of Dodge City
Website: www.dodgecity.org
Email: jane.long@dodgecity.org Phone: 620-225-8100

Mailing Address (please provide a full address with city, state and zip code):

806 N. Second Ave.
P.O. Box 880
Dodge City, KS 67801

Information about your event:

Date: Sep 22, 2013 Start Time: 5:00pm

Event Name:

Cultural Relations Advisory Board: Walk with your neighbor

Approximate number of attendees:

At least 100 participants

Location (please provide a full address with location name (if applicable), city, state and zip code):

YMCA
Dodge City, KS 67801

Website with more details on event, if available:

Focus area of event:

Community Beautification

Healthy Communities

Connected Communities

Other - please describe Begin a series of five week educational series called 'Dodge City Community Engagement Program' which will cover city government, public safety, education and history.

Other details you would like to share:

Consejo Consultivo de Relaciones Culturales

Invita a la Comunidad a Unirse al Evento

CAMINA CON TU VECINO

Domingo, 22 de Septiembre, 2013

5:00 P.M.

En el Estacionamiento de Family YMCA en la Ciudad de Dodge City
240 San Jose
Dodge City, KS 67801



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Este Evento es Organizado en Conjunto con Semana Nacional de Bienvenida

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Dodge City - A Welcoming City

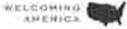
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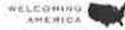
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Dodge City Community Engagement Partnership Program

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 – Tuesday, September 24
- City Police & Fire – Tuesday, October 1
- Ford County Sheriff & EMS – Tuesday, October 8
- Education – Tuesday, October 15
- Tourism and Graduation – Tuesday, October 22

How will the participant benefit from participation in this program?

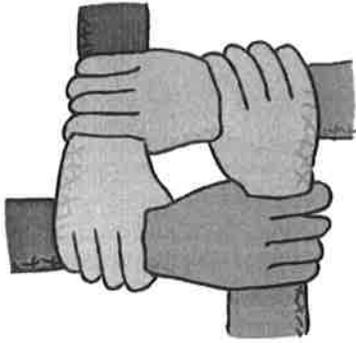
Participants will benefit in different manners. Listed are some of the advantages that cohort members will gain through this experience.

- 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.

Participant responsibilities: 1) Attend all meetings established; 2) Formulate questions of official; 3) Comply with regulations of program

Cultural Relations Advisory Board Responsibilities: 1) Provide all agendas; 2) Meeting locations and times; 3) Provide facilitators



You are invited to participate in the
**DODGE CITY COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**

Personal Data

Name (last) _____ (first) _____

Address _____ City, St, Zip _____

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 _____

Applicant commitment

I understand the purpose of the Dodge City Community Engagement Partnership Program, the requirement to attend all scheduled sessions. The cost of the program is \$15.00. Applications can be returned to City Hall, Attention Jane, P.O. Box 880 or 806 N. Second Ave., Dodge City, KS 67801

(signature) _____ (date) _____

Roma Meraz Valencia
Special Investigator
of the
Kansas Human Rights Commission



Will Present Information Regarding

FAIR HOUSING:
WHERE & HOW TO GET HELP

Thursday, August 29, 7:00pm
Dodge City Public Library
Lois Flanagan Room

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Guests: Simon Muturi of DCF, Elio Mavrin, Mona Ortiz, and Adriana Figueroa

Staff: Ernestor De La Rosa

On a motion by _____, seconded by _____, the minutes of July 12, 2013 meeting was approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Discussion of Fall 2013 Community Engagement Partnership Program:
 - Greta Clark gave a brief summary of the Community Engagement Partnership Program and passed out the Dodge City Community Engagement Partnership Program as well as the application form for the same program.
 - Guests, Mona Ortiz and Adriana Figueroa are willing to participate in this program and invite family and friends.
2. Discussion of Welcoming Cities Program:
 - a. Ernestor De La Rosa gave a brief summary about what Welcoming Cities is and announced to the committee that the commitment form has been submitted to the Welcoming America Organization.
 - b. The Welcoming Cities resolution for Dodge City was presented and reviewed by the Board. The Board members were happy with the resolution. The Board was also in agreement the resolution be presented at the September 15 City Commission meeting to become an affiliate of the Welcoming Cities initiative.
 - c. The Board then moved on to the Welcoming Cities Needs and Interests Survey. The Board together helped fill out the survey. Great responses and ideas were shared. The survey then was going to be officially submitted by Ernestor De La Rosa to Welcoming America later that day.
 - d. The Board also moved on to discuss the National Welcoming Week Activities: Regarding the Flyer, Elva Dominguez suggested minor changes be made. Elva suggested making the “Cultural Relations Advisory Board” font to a smaller size font. Moreover, she also suggested making the “Invites The Community To Join Them in A” part to a bigger size font. Guest Adriana Figueroa suggested the Board make a short summary type

of flyer for the "Walk with your neighbor" event to help invite friends and family. She will email Ernestor De La Rosa to help create one. Nametag: Board members were happy with the design of the nametag for the event. Board member, Bria Black suggested changing "Dodge City, Kansas, Welcomes You!" to Dodge City, Kansas- A Welcoming City." All Board members were in agreement with that suggestion.

- e. Ernestor De La Rosa announced to the Board, the Welcoming Cities Introductory Webinar on August 20, 2:00-3:00 P.M. Board members will contact Jane Longmeyer confirming if they would participate.
3. Chairman Greta Clark gave a short summary of the Latino Leadership Parent Workshop to Board members and guests. The Board decided to provide a workshop during that event, but does not know the subject yet.

On motion by Bria Black, seconded by Elva Dominguez, the meeting was adjourned.