

AGENDA
CULTURAL RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD
THURSDAY, January 12, 2012 – 7:00 PM
Dodge City Public Library

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of November 10, 2011 meeting

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on Community Development Block Grant by Faye Trent of Great Plains Development.
2. Update on “Building Common Ground” grant through the American Library Association and the Fetzer Institute. Report by Cathy Reeves, Director of the Public Library.
3. Board comments from the USCIS question and answer session held at the Public Library December 6th.
4. Discussion of Kansas Day event.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion with Attorney Feltman on immigration issues.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES
CULTURAL RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD
Thursday, November 10, 2011 – 7:00 pm
Dodge City Public Library – 1001 First Ave.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Greta Clark.

Board Members present: Greta Clark, Debra Muylaert, Marilyn Treto, Oliver Bland, Elva Dominguez. Absent were Cassie Maydon, Nicole Noble, Robert Vinton and representative from Chamber. Mohammad Abdurahman of SRS, and Jane Longmeyer, staff representative from the City of Dodge City, was also present.

Minutes of the October 13, 2011 were approved as presented.

Old Business:

1. Meeting attendance. Board members in attendance agreed that the day and time of the meeting is favorable to a majority of the members. Jane will contact those who have not been attending about possible conflicts and the need to seek new representation if necessary. Appointments are made to city appointed boards and commissions the first meeting in February.
2. Discussion and review of the upcoming newspaper article recognizing the one year anniversary of the Board. The day, time and location of the meeting needs to be added as the last paragraph. The picture taking of the board has been rescheduled for Saturday, Nov. 12, 11:30 at El Capitan.

Greta suggested that Board members invite a guest to attend the meetings. The following were recommended: Oliver/December, Marilyn/January, Debra/February and Greta/March.

New Business:

1. Cathy Reeves, Director of the Public Library, reviewed the programs that will be submitted in the "Building Common Ground" grant that will be submitted in partnership with the Cultural Relations Advisory Board.
2. The Board discussed a letter regarding USCIS bringing a mobile service to select areas to offer immigration services. It was suggested to invite a representative from Sen. Robert's office to provide information.
3. Ideas were submitted for a Kansas Day event. One suggestion was an essay contest for grades 6-8. Prizes could be 1st, 2nd & 3rd solicited from businesses. Themes could be 'Why I Like Kansas', 'What Living in Kansas Means to Me'.
4. The United States Citizenship & Immigration Services will be providing a question and answer program at the Public Library on Tuesday, December 6th. The Board members are encouraged to attend.

Deb invited the Board members to attend the Thanksgiving Fellowship Feast at the National Guard Armory from 11:00 – 2:00 on Thanksgiving Day.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.