

AGENDA
CULTURAL RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD
THURSDAY, March 8, 2012 – 7:00 PM
Dodge City Public Library

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of February 9, 2012 meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Update on CDBG Grant
2. Renaldo Mesa visit to present his experience on Fostering Cultural Diversity.
3. Discussion of Organizing a Diversity Leadership? Inclusion? Program. Board members will present ideas on the title of our program. Board members will also present a tentative agenda of speakers and meeting location for the program scheduled to start in September.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Guest appearance by Sheriff Dean Bush.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES
CULTURAL RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD
Thursday, February 9, 2012 – 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, Oliver Bland, Elva Dominguez, Victor Sosa, Mary Marquez and staff Jane Longmeyer. Absent were Robert Vinton, Marilyn Treto and Chamber representative.

Minutes of the January 12, 2012 were approved on a motion by Oliver, seconded by Elva.

Old Business:

1. CDBG Grant. Jane received the list of residents in the designated neighborhood from Faye Trent. Vicki Williamson will review the list to fill in any blanks of names and check with landlords she works with to determine if they will participate or if they need help contacting their tenants. The Board members will then review the list and choose people to contact to offer assistance in completing the application.

New Business:

1. Dodge City Diversity Leadership Program. A suggestion was made to bring back the Hispanic Leadership Program that was held several years ago. Elva explained to the Board the specifics of the program. The Board agreed to facilitate the program and bring it back as a way to bridge a widening gap between citizens and the officials who have been elected or appointed to serve and/or represent them. There appears to be confusion regarding the title as there are several other 'leadership' programs. The Board is to consider other names, removing leadership from the title, and present them at the next meeting. The following dates have been selected for the fall sessions to be held from 6:00 – 8:30 pm on Tuesday evenings:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Facilitator</u>
Sept. 11	Government	Jane
Sept. 18	Law Enforcement/Fire	Jane/Debra
Sept. 25	Sheriff/EMS	Debra
Oct. 2	Court House/Communications	Greta
Oct. 9	Education	Robert
Oct. 16	Social Services	Elva/Mary
Oct. 23	Tourism/History	Oliver/Greta
Oct. 30	Graduation	Greta/Mary/Debra/Jan

Board members are to prepare tentative agendas and locations for the meetings and present at the next meeting.

2. Discussion was held on Marilyn's suggestion that Renaldo Mesa be asked to visit with the Board about fostering cultural diversity and his experience in Garden City. The Board was not opposed to a special meeting late on a Friday afternoon when Renaldo would be traveling back from Topeka.

Jane mentioned that the Sisters of St. Joseph was hosting a conversation on immigration from 1:00 – 3:30 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe on March 1st. Please RSVP to jstull@csjkansas.org.

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