

AGENDA
CULTURAL RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD
THURSDAY, August 16, 2012 – 7:00 PM
City Hall – 806 N. Second Ave.

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of July 12, 2012 meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discussion of Dr. Vinton's Statement Paper
2. Discussion of Dodge City Community Engagement Partnership program scheduled to begin this fall
3. Approval of invitation.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/STAFF –

1. Reminder of Building Common Ground Grant upcoming events.
 - Sunday, August 19 is the Common Ground Tour 1:00
 - Saturday, September 15 is the Community Café: Discussion of community, civility and compassion in Dodge City 2:00
2. Update on CDBG Housing Grant

ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES
CULTURAL RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD
Thursday, July 12, 2012 – 7:00 pm
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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Greta Clark.

Board Members present: Greta Clark, Robert Vinton, Oliver Bland and Debra Muylaert, and staff Jane Longmeyer. Absent were Elva Dominguez, Mary Marquez, Victor Sosa, Marilyn Treto and Chamber representative.

A phone conference call with Dr. Juan Andrade was the first order of business. Dr. Andrade gave his perspective of our agenda for the upcoming Community Engagement Partnership sessions scheduled to begin in September. Even though this is similar to the Hispanic Leadership Program, the Advisory Board chose not to refer to the program as 'leadership' as we did not want confusion with other 'leadership' programs in the community. The Advisory Board took under advisement Dr. Andrade's comments and felt ready to proceed with the program.

After further discussion among the Board members, Dr. Vinton agreed to put together a statement paper regarding the benefits the participants will achieve by participating in the program. (see attached)

The Board discussed the number of class participants and agreed that this first session should be limited to fifteen. The Board members are being asked to recruit two people each to enroll in the program. The Board members present will contact those who were absent: Oliver: Elva and Mary; Greta: Victor; Robert: Marilyn.

The application was reviewed and it was agreed that the cost should be \$15.00, realizing that even a minimal financial investment gives a stronger dedication to commit to the program. The application will be changed to reflect as an invitation.

Board members are encouraged to sign up for the Building Common Ground tour on August 19th and invite guests.

The CDBG Housing Grant may be granted an extension. There is a proposal to expand the area to include Aves. C,D,E,F & G to Vine St. In looking at the list, there appears to be more home ownership vs. rental property. The proposal is being sent to the Dept. of Commerce.

The Women's Chamber of Commerce is looking for volunteers to work the concession stand for the July 27th Spanish dance at the Roundup Arena. Greta Clark and Oliver Bland are interested in signing up.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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 15 to 20 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:

- 1 • Government – September 11 – *Law enforcement*
- 20 • Law Enforcement/~~Fire~~ – September 18
- Sheriff/~~EMS~~ – September 25 *Fire*
- ~~Court House/Communication~~ – October 2
- 3 • Education – October 9 ~~Police~~
- ~~Social Services~~ – October 16
- Tourism/History – October 23
- 4th • Graduation – October 30 *Tourism*

City Hall March 19
Fire + Sheriff tour March 26
Admin. Bldg. April 2nd
Boothill April 9th

Lastly, a calendar and location of events will be developed where the participants meet for the respective presentations.

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.

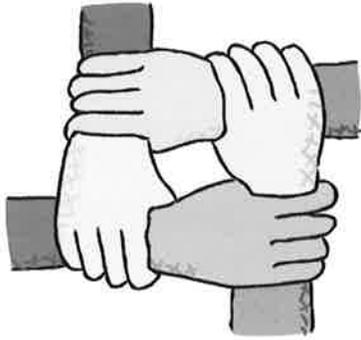
These are but a few benefits that will be gained by the participants.

Participant responsibilities

- Attend all meetings established
- Formulate questions of officials
- Comply with regulations of program

Cultural Relations Advisory Board Responsibilities

- Provide all agendas
- Meeting locations and times
- Provide facilitators



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

Personal Data

Name (last) _____ (first) _____ (MI) _____

Address _____ city, st, zip _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Email _____

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) _____