

Denver Immigrant & Refugee Commission
Wednesday, April 26, 2017
Spring Institute for Intercultural Learning
1373 Grant Street, Denver CO

Present: Victoria Aguilar, Jamie Torres, Jennifer Gueddiche, Fran Campbell, Chiara Subhas, ,
Temi Osifodunrin, Grazyna Lewkowicz, Paulo Alvarez,

Guests: Nermina Mujkanovic and Matthew Mengesha form Congresswoman DeGette's office,
Leslie Mongin

Update on sentencing reform from Jamie. Emphasis on reduction of sentences to reduce
disproportionate impact of municipal code on homeless, immigrant populations. More focus on
paying fines by mail rather than requiring court dates/presence.

There is still pressure to label Denver as a sanctuary city by community groups, as well as
intense pressure opposed to such policies. Still no official definition of Sanctuary City, other
than elimination of communication with ICE/Feds. Denver Mayor's Address of the City (July 10)
will be met with protests.

Mini grant updates

Heritage Cup Soccer Tournament- July 28-30 (Fri-Sun)
101 Yosemite St Denver 80230

Community Events coming up

African Leadership Youth BBQ July 22
Great lawn Park (Denver- in Lowry)

Global Food and Brews event
Spring Institute 5pm-8pm

Community Celebration of Eid el Fitr
Sunday July 2 2-8pm
Clement Park- Littleton

GES Festival- Mayor's Office of HOPE
Globeville-Swansea neighborhood home mitigation
Adelante! July 15th Community event 5pm-10pm Swansea Park (36th and Clinton St)
Movie in the park, BBQ, police and fire, DIRC commission.
DIRC asked to co-sponsor--we need volunteers!!

5280 Table

DIRC will host a table of 8 of 5,280 people invited to the community table in City Park on Thursday, August 10. 12pm

Hate Crimes Forum

AAPI Commission asked us to collaborate/co-sponsor event around hate crime reporting awareness. Denver DA, US Attorney, Denver police all invited. August 1, 2015 at First Baptist Church 1373 Grant street. More information to come.

Mayor's Diversity Awards

Save the Date went out last week. Sept 19 2017

"Celebrating Denver's Commitment to Celebrating and Welcoming All"
July 15th is deadline!!!! We need your help with SPONSORS!!

Commissioners will be asked to vote on the following potential awardees:

Yoal Kidane from Street Fraternity

Myrna Ann Adkins, former President/Founder of Spring Institute

Place Bridge Academy (Brenda Kazin and Akudo)

Commission Partnership Day- Commission is reviewing info that was produced.

Annual City Citizenship event July 6th in City Council chambers at 10 AM
40 new citizens!