

**MEETING MINUTES FOR
MICHIGAN CITY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

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Present: Nancy Gonzalez
James Guerrucci
Martin Hernández
Judi Huber
Elizabeth Pacheco-Hubertz
Hezzie Mitchell
Faye Moore
Mary Ellen Quinn
Tyra Robinson-Walker
Cory Soller

Absent: Marty Corley
JoAnn Engquist

Staff: Ta-Tanisha Clark Executive Director
Sammie Phillips Assistant Director
Larry Arness Staff Attorney

Others: Andy Steele ALCO T.V. Cameraman

ROLL CALL:

Chairperson Quinn called the meeting to order and asked for the roll to be called. Assistant Director Phillips called the roll and it was noted for the record. All attendance is noted above.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairperson Quinn asked for a motion of acceptance for the June meeting minutes. Commissioner Huber motioned to accept. Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion. The chairperson asked for a vote.

Ayes: 10 Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Absent: 2 Vacant: 0
Motion accepted as submitted.

FINANCE REPORT:

Commissioner Mitchell, Treasurer, noted no report was available due to the statement having not been received as of meeting date. He will have an updated Treasurer's report at the August monthly meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

Director Clark gave a brief report on the ongoing construction projects in the city. A written report was given to all present. She reported several projects are in the active stages and she continues to monitor said projects. Director Clark also reported the city council has decided to amend the Local Hiring Ordinance from 20% of Michigan City residents to 50%. This change came about from workshops and the council working with local concerned organizations. This change hasn't been voted on yet, but it is on its third reading. She will provide the HRC copies once everything has been finalized.

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ATTORNEY REPORT:

Attorney Arness reported he had no report for this months meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMUNITY RELATIONS/EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Education Committee:

No report given

DISABILITY

Disability Task Force Committee:

Commissioner Guerrucci reported for month of August the Disability Awareness Group awards a Community Spirit Award. This award is given to a member of the disabled community who has shown or done great things for people with disabilities. Anyone with a disability, a parent or caregiver of a person with a disability may be nominated. For further details you may go to the website: www.in.gov/gpcpd. Commissioner Guerrucci also reported the task force met in June and discussed the Disability Brunch on March 8, 2011 at the M.C. Senior Center. The committee also discussed its community recognition award for local businesses. He noted the committee is always seeking new ideals & welcomes everyone to attend the meeting on August 18, 2010 at 3:00 pm in the East Conference Rm.

ANNUAL DINNER:

Chairperson Quinn reminded all present that this years dinner will be at the Lubeznik Center for the Arts on September 10, 2010. Adult tickets are \$20 and students are \$12. Each HRC is asked to sell at least five (5) dinner tickets which are contained in there folders.

OLD BUSINESS:

None noted

NEW BUSINESS:

Director Clark reported the 2010 Scholarship winner, Ms. Erica Nowatzke, sent a thank you card to all Human Rights Commissioners. She briefly read said card.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comments were made

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Quinn asked for a motion of adjournment. Commissioner Moore made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Mitchell seconded. The Chairperson asked for a vote:

Ayes: 10 Nays: 0 Abstained: 0 Absent: 2 Vacant: 0
Motion carried.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 3, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room (WEST). Meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.