

MEETING MINUTES

MICHIGAN CITY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

July 7, 2020

PRESENT: Albertine Allen Diana Gore Mary Ellen Quinn
Dennis Carroll Judy Lange Tyra Robinson-Walker
Bunny Dimke

ABSENT: Marty Corley Melody Haynes Nancy Moldenhauer
Abagael May

OTHERS Ta-Tanisha George Pat Harris ALCO TV
PRESENT:

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m. by Executive Director George

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Conducted by Ta-Tanisha George

ROLL CALL: Roll call was conducted. Attendance and absences are recorded above.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was entered by Judy Lange and second by Tyra Robinson-Walker to approve minutes for March 2020. Motion carried. Vote 7-0.

FINANCE REPORT:

Mrs. George reviewed requests for donations that were discussed in the March meeting and reported as follows:

- Pride Fest for 2020 has been cancelled.
- The job fair will be held at Work One. The Chamber of Commerce and the Michigan City Economic Development Corporation will be the sponsors for this year. It will be held on July 9, 2020, 10:00 a.m.
- The Indiana Civil Rights Consortium has been rescheduled for June 2021. Michigan City remains the host city for this event.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Executive Director Ta-Tanisha George provided an update on cases as follows:

- She updated the case report to include a brief summary of the case
- The following cases have been closed: MCHRC #2019-18, MCHRC #2019-17 and MCHRC #2019-15.
- The Probable Cause Committee reviewed MCHRC #2019-14 and No Probable Cause was found. The committee reviewed the case before but asked the Director to obtain additional information. Commissioner Robinson-Walker read the committee's summary which explained the reasons for its' decision. A motion to accept the No Probable Cause ruling as recommended by the committee was entered by Dennis Carroll and properly seconded by Bunny Dimke. Motion carried. Vote 7-0

The Director briefed the Commission on changes made by the Mayor's office for continuation of business during the COVID-19 pandemic:

- The City Hall building is closed to the general public. All physical meetings that were held at City Hall have been moved to Krueger Memorial Park.
- The Information Technology department has redesigned the layout of Krueger Memorial Park to accommodate future meetings in order to be compliant with CDC guidelines for social distancing.
- The Park department staff, who were housed in offices in the basement of City Hall, have been relocated to the Human Rights office suite.

She ended her report after discussing the various updates she has been doing to department forms, pamphlets and the website.

STAFF ATTORNEY'S REPORT: No Report.

SSAAM COMMISSION: No Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: No Report.

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE: No Report. All events postponed

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: No Report

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE: No Report

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: No Report

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE: No Report

MLK COMMITTEE: No Report

LAPORTE COUNTY PFLAG: No Report

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Pastor Carroll thanked members of the commission for their expressions of kindness during the passing of his wife.

ADJOURN:

Motion - Dennis Carroll, Second - Albertine Allen, Vote 7-0
The meeting concluded at 5:01 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

PENDING

Respectfully Submitted
Ta-Tanisha George, Executive Director