MICHIGAN CITY
COMMISSION ON THE SOCIAL STATUS
OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN MALES

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Mr. Arthur Payne, Jr. Ms. Joan Ganschow Ms. LaTonya Troutman Mr. Marty Corley
Chairman Vice-Chairman Secretary Treasurer

Call to order
Wednesday June 12th  Meeting called to order at approximately 12:00 noon by Chairman Arthur Payne

Roll call
Roll call taken by Marty Corley

Commissioners Present
1. Marty corley
2. Willie milsap
3. Joan Ganschow
4. Arthur Payne
5. Tracy Tillman
6. Lester Norvell
7. Edward Carnes
8. Dennis Carrol
9. Walter Cox
10. Gene Simmons

Commissioners Absent
1. La’Tonya Troutman
2. Felice Kelly
3. Nila Williams
4. Albertine Allen

Quorum of 10

Review of Minutes
Motion made by Corely to accept the minutes.
Seconded by Cox
All in favor
I’s 10
Nay’s 0
Motion carried

Treasurers Report (See Attached)
Two (2) items subtracted since last meeting.
Five hundred dollars ($500) to the basketball camp
One thousand dollars ($1000) to Scholarship winner.
Current Balance
$3,736.15
Pending Transaction
One thousand dollars ($1000) to Laura for African Garden
Balance After Pending Transactions
$2,736.15
Review of Social Status Spending will be available next month
Motion made by Norvell to accept the Treasurer's Report
Seconded by Cox
All in favor

I's 10
Nay's 0
Motion Carried

**Scholarship**

Scholarship Committee -Commissioners Corely, Tillman, and Troutman convened
Three (3) Scholarship Applicants
Applicants were reviewed winner was chosen based on Eligibility Requirements and Essay
Soloman Martin, Michigan City High School Senior, Football Player, attending Marion
University in the fall majoring in Secondary Education. Unable to attend

Motion made by Carnes to accept Soloman Martin as our Scholarship Winner
Seconded by Milsap
All in favor

I's 10
Nay's 0
Motion carried

Scholarship have been available for 5 years. Challenges are present in finding African American Male Applicants but the committee prevails.

Troutman will send his information to Rev. Ashley.

**African Garden**

Plants are in the ground. Watering is needed, the Rain has provided thus far.
Seeking Green thumb Commissioner to Chair Garden volunteers to maintain the Garden.
A Few Adults and a Master Gardener.
No Commissioners have volunteered.
Williams was involved last year

**Guest Speaker Ricky Anderson, Rushing For Yards**

Focus on football players to raise money for equipment and traveling.
Program will help Players build resume and future success.
Elected 50 individuals to have their yards cut.
Sponsorships needed for gas, lawnmowers, water, and other needs.
All checks made out to Michigan City High School.
Friday, June 12 will be the first day to cut yards. 10 yards this week. Seeking more Vetern yards

Motion moved to donate two hundred dollars ($200) to Rushing for yards by Corely.
Cox donated fifty dollars ($50).
Seconded by Milsap
All in favor

I's 10
Nay's 0
Motion Carried

For more information, recommendations for seniors, disabled, and veterans yards, or donations
Please contact Ricky Anderson, Rushing For Yards at 219-243-4529 or Facebook Rushing For Yards.
**Guest Speaker, Herbert Morgan**

Urban Planner, Communities under distress also communities of color.

Civic Plaza planned for Downtown on 7th and Franklin planned to be the Living Room of Michigan City.

Civic Plaza will be inclusive to all residents based on community survey to attend, participate, and sustain the plaza

- Space to include a stage, designated area for seniors and children.
- Stage available to rent to hold events.
- Will not be ran by city, however through a 501 © 3 seeking annual fundings from the city. Board will comprise of City official, Michigan Area School Board, Main Street, African American and Latino representation as well as a youth committee

Spoke to Horizon Bank about Reinvestment, Credit Building Workshops, and Micro loans form sm businesses

Commission would like a seat at the table.

**Round Table**

**Pastor Carroll**
St John's united Vacation Bible School is July 22- 26th

**Pastor Carnes**
Yeild the floor

**Tracy Tillman**
Barbershop Talk discussing Child Support at Marvelous Cuts on June 29th, 2019 at 12 noon.
Secretary will put on social media and new paper

Joan Ganschow
Drug Free Partnership had Breakfast and Learn Wednesday June 5th that went well.
Will meet again on the first Wednesday of the month in August. No July meeting due to holiday

**Lester Norvell**
Deaths in Eastport are a problem.
Last week there was a death in Eastport the problem needs addressing.

**Willie Milsap**
Yeild the floor

**Gene Simmons**
Yeild the floor

**Marty Corely**
Youth Leadership Academy startin in 2 weeks with 50 kids participating
LTG Summer Basketball league runs Tuesdays and Thursdays teams are set to play from 7-10 at Barker Middle School with William Walker and Brandon Williams.

**Author Payne**
More Black Applicants needed at Fire Department. African Americans age 21 and older may apply.

**Adjournment**
Ganschow motioned to adjourn
Seconded by Milsap
  All in favor
    I’s     10
    Nay’s   0
  Motion carried
Meeting Adjourned at 1:12pm