MEETING MINUTES FOR
MICHIGAN CITY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION               July 2, 2019

PRESENT:      Albertine Allen    Diana Gore    Nancy Moldenhauer    Joanne Tedesco
              Dennis Carroll    Melody Haynes    Mary Ellen Quinn
              Marty Corley      Abagael May     Tyra Robinson Walker

ABSENT:       Steve Garner       Sharon Wright

OTHERS PRESENT:Carl Ridle          Larry Arness     Don Pryzbilinski
              Pat Harris         Hubert Morgan

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Commissioner May

ROLL CALL: The roll call was conducted and attendance and absences are reflected above.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes for April was entered by Marty Corley and
Second by Dennis Carroll. Motion carried 9-0. A motion to approved May minutes was entered by Nancy Moldenhauer
and second by Marty Corley. Motion carried 9-0. A motion to approve minutes for June 4, 2019 was entered by
Marty Corley and second by Tyra Robinson-Walker. Motion carried. Vote 9-0.

FINANCE REPORT: Carl Ridle announced that Sharon Wright submitted her resignation to the Commission.
He reported that the ledger balance is $6620.52 and that there have been no transactions since April 23, 2019.

NOTE: At 4:38 p.m., Albertine Allen joined the meeting.

Nancy Moldenhauer informed members that the $200 check for Pride Fest had not been received. Mr. Ridle
reminded members that the approval has to be shown in the minutes in order to present to the Board of Works.
Tyra Robinson-Walker motioned to approve a $200 payment for the 2019 Pride Festival held on June 29, 2019.
The motion was second by Joanne Tedesco. Motion carried 10-0.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Carl Ridle reported that he attended the 46th Annual Indiana Consortium
of state and local human rights agencies conference in Indianapolis Jun18-20, 2019. In addition, Commissioner
Gore and Attorney Arness attended. He stated that the conference was very enlightening and that he would like
to have more commissioners attend in 2020.

Mr. Ridle informed members that Steve Garner submitted his letter of resignation due to schedule conflict.
Joanne Tedesco announced that she will be moving to Indianapolis and will be submitting her resignation as well.
Don Pryzbilinski stated that individuals interested in serving on the Commission need to submit a letter of
interest to the Mayor for consideration.

Carl Ridle reported that there are four EEO cases pending review. He would like to begin this process as soon as
possible.

STAFF ATTORNEY’S REPORT: Larry Arness thanked Mrs. Tedesco for her outstanding performance on the
Commission.

He stated that he also was impressed by the 46th Annual Indiana Consortium of state and local Human Rights Agencies
conference and reminded members of the educational opportunity available through this event. He also informed
members that Mr. Ridle is the Vice President of the consortium and that he gave a speech at the event. He is also
encouraged other members to attend in the future.
STAFF ATTORNEY’S REPORT – Cont’d:
Attorney Arness reminded members of the probable cause process and stated that members should feel a need to find probable cause. He reported that the state processed over 500 cases and only found probable cause on 16. The average settlement is approximately $5500. He encouraged members to process them in an efficient and timely manner.

Diana Gore commented on her experience at the conference. She noted the diversity of topics and the willingness to help that was offered by the organizers and participants.

SSAAM COMMISSION: Pastor Carroll stated that Mr. Hubert and Mr. Payne are working on the Rise & Shine program with Antonio Bonds. Other activities include:

Trevon James, congratulations – graduated from Ivy Tech

Tonya Troutman received her BS from Indiana University

Minority Health Coalition now Minority Health Partners of LaPorte County.

Breast Cancer walk - September 28th

Real Men Wear Pink Ball is October 5th

Diabetes Classes offered at PNW

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: No Report

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE: No Report

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: No Report

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE: Marty Corley reported that he is waiting on $145 for the painting project. The committee will meet during the next month and provide more details at the next meeting.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Abagael May is seeking contact information for local elected officials to share with individuals needing assistance and guidance. She would like to have the Commission draft script for the individuals to use when contacting these officials. She would also like to have an outline resources available to the community developed by the Commission. It was stated that the HRC will endorse any candidate or state a political position with this process. Nancy Moldenhauer stated that she uses this tool with PFLAG and she volunteered to assist with developing a tool for the HRC. Tyra Robinson-Walker suggested using this as an opportunity to partner with the League of Women Voters and NAACP. Attorney Arness suggested to defer further discussion to the Education Committee and have a report at a future meeting.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE: No Report

MLK COMMITTEE: Tyra Robinson-Walker reported that they are currently in the process finalizing the guest speaker for the program. They are going to use the same emcee as last year.

LAPORTE COUNTY PFLAG: Nancy Moldenhauer reported that over 3000 people and 38 vendors at the 2019 Pride Fest on June 29, 2019. She thanked Daisy Lee and her committee for doing an outstanding job on the event. Commissioner May commented that it was great to see so many people come together is this format.
The next PFLAG meeting will be held on Thursday, July 25, 2019, 6:30 p.m. at the Artspace Lofts. The topic will be advance, education and support. She reminded members that the meetings are on the 4th Thursday of each month and that all are invited to attend.

due to the Pride Festival held on June 29, 2019, 1:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Guy Foreman amphitheater in Washington

**OLD BUSINESS:** Joanne Tedesco submitted a proposal to fund human rights pop-up banners, brochures and table-top displays for events. The estimated cost is $182.47. Mr. Ridle reminded members that ICRC is willing to assist with the development of a marketing plan for Michigan City.

Mr. Ridle discussed expense reimbursements for commissioner Gore and attorney Arness attending the conference in Indianapolis. Nancy Moldenhauer entered a motion to approve the reimbursement of expenses incurred by commissioner Gore and attorney Arness for attending the 46th Annual Indiana Consortium of state and local Human Rights agencies conference in Indianapolis, Indiana June 18-20, 2019. It was second by Joanne Tedesco. Motion carried 10-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Commissioner May informed members that Reverend Lang’s son, Christopher, had been submitted for the HRS’s appointment to the new Youth Leadership Commission. Carl Ridle explained that Chris came to his office to submit his name. Mr. Ridle shared that Chris participated in and completed the Indiana Plan. Mr. Pryzbilinski reviewed the process for appointments. He stated that City Council receives nominations from the Clerk’s office. Nominees can present at council meetings. The nominee must have been approved by the group prior to council appointment. Mr. Pryzbilinski encouraged members to interview Chris and stated that time is not an issue. Marty Corley entered a motion to accept Christopher Lane as the appointment to the new Youth Leadership Commission for the Michigan City Human Rights Commission. It was second by Diana Gore. Motion carried 10-0. Carl Ridle will invite Chris to the next meeting.

Members briefly reviewed the responsibilities of Treasurer for the Commission. Marty Corley and Diana Gore discussed a combined effort for the position. Marty Corley agreed to work with commissioner Gore for the remainder of 2019. She will handle responsibilities beginning 2020. After a brief discussion, commissioner May entered a motion to accept Marty Corley and Diana Gore as co-Treasurers for the remainder of 2019. It was second by Mary Ellen Quinn. Motion carried 10-0.

It was motioned by Joanne Tedesco and second by Abagael May to appoint Nancy Moldenhauer to the Vice-chair vacancy. Motion carried 10-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Abagael May introduced Hubert Morgan of Stanhope Consulting. He is working with Michigan City to develop the downtown Plaza. He reviewed the process to date and discussed future activities. Currently in the process of forming the board to oversee operations of the Plaza. They are conducting outreach activities in order to include input from all stakeholders.

**ADJOURN:**
The meeting concluded at 5:50 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:**
August 6, 2019, 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Carl Ridle, Executive Director