



# Michigan City Human Rights Commission

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## Michigan City Human Rights Commission Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 3, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. EOC Room, City Hall Lower Level, East Side Community Room

**Call To Order:** Chairman Diana Gore called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. She thanked members that have accepted their roles on the Commission.

**Roll Call** was conducted. Attendance recorded below. A quorum was not present at first, then 2 members arrived after the meeting was called to order therefore the meeting commenced with a quorum.

**Present** - Albertine Allen   Marty Corley   Gregory Coulter   Bunny Dimke   Mary Ellen Quinn  
Tyra Robinson-Walker

**Absent** - Soljourna Atwater   Dennis Carroll   Melody Haynes

**Others Present** - ALCO   Larry Arness   Ta-Tanesha George   Diane Gonzales

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve the December 6, 2022 minutes was entered by Gregory Coulter and properly seconded by Marty Corley. Motion carried. Vote 6-0.

**Finance Report:** Ta-Tanesha George presented the balance of the Commission Fund for the month ending December 31, 2022 with \$2,047.09 which included a generous donation of \$500.00 that was given by Mr. and Mrs. Lange on December 1, 2022. A motion to approve the Finance Report for January 2023 was entered by Albertine Allen and properly seconded by Mary Ellen Quinn. Motion carried. Vote 6-0.

**Executive Director's Report:** Ta-Tanesha George reported this will probably be her last meeting as Interim Director due to the recent appointment of Diane Gonzales as Human Rights Director by Mayor Duane Parry.

**Staff Attorney Report:** No Report.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Black History Month Contest Subcommittee** - Marty Corley reported he is currently working on sponsorship leads for the annual Black History Month Contest offered to area schools. The Human Rights Commission usually partners with his committee to accomplish this event. Gregory Coulter inquired about the contest. Marty Corley, all Michigan City Area Schools are allowed to participate with K-12 age groups and usually 3 different categories, art, poetry, and essay. The schools would include all Michigan City Area Schools, Marquette High School, Queen of All Saints, St. Paul, St. Stan's, Notre Dame Elementary and Renaissance Academy. Ta-Tanesha reminded the Commission McDonald's has been a proud sponsor in the past with McGold Certificates or McBucks. T-shirts have been done previously and other generous donors in Michigan City as well have donated prizes to the contest. A suggested timeline of January 16th for notices sent out to the

schools, projects returned between February 13-17 with February 23<sup>rd</sup> as a possible date for awards ceremony with the Mayor at approximately 3:00-3:30 p.m. Discussion was held at first with no action taken until the arrival of 2 members which allowed a vote to commence with a quorum. Marty Corley motioned to move forward with the Black History Month Contest for February 2023, and it was properly seconded by Bunny Dimke. Motion carried. Vote 6-0.

**Old Business:** No Report.

**New Business:** No Report.

**Commissioner Comment:** Marty Corley commended Chairman Diana Gore on conducting her first meeting. He gave a 'shout out' to Denice Shipp-Glenn and the Michigan City Black Business Association for hosting a Kwanzaa Celebration, a community wide event that took place December 26, 2022 through January 1, 2023, at the H.O.P.E. Program on McClelland Avenue. Very well coordinated with vendors, food, door prizes and education/awareness of the 7 Kwanzaa Principles. Different organizations presented each of the 7 Principles, it was a great celebration and possibly the Human Rights Commission will be a part of the next Kwanzaa Celebration. It was greatly attended.

**Attorney Larry Arness** thanked Nancy Moldenhauer for her years of service and Chairing the Commission. Hope she enjoys her travels, but she will missed.

**Albertine Allen** welcomed newly elected Director Diane Gonzales to the Commission. **Attorney Larry Arness** thanked Interim Director Ta-Tanesha George for always going above and beyond while doing her job as Director.

**Interim Director Ta-Tanesha George** announced a Thank You card arrived from Christian McDaniel, a student from Michigan City High School, who was the recipient of the \$1,000 Hawkins-Williams Educational Scholarship for year 2022.

**Public Comment:**

**Chairman Diana Gore** congratulated Marty Corley on winning an award. Marty stated he was the emcee for the Rotary Club's Service Above Self Award.

**Chairman Diana Gore** introduced Diane Gonzales, the new Human Rights Director, to the Commission. Diane Gonzales thanked the Commission for welcoming her to the position.

**Adjournment:** The meeting concluded at 4:58 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** February 7, 2023, 4:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Gonzales, Human Rights Director