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Ms. Nila Williams

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Meeting Notes

Wednesday, January 13, 2022 12:00pm

- i. Treasurer & Interim Chair, Nila Williams called the meeting to order 12:01pm
- ii. Roll Call:
 - a. Present Via Zoom: Albertine Allen, Dennis Carroll, Kenny Fly, Kerry Hogan, Lester Norvell, Rodney McCormick, Walter Cox, Wendell McCollum, Willie Milsap, Nila Williams
 - b. Absent: Councilwoman Traci Tillman, LaTonya Troutman, Jacarra Williams
- iii. Treasurer's Report presented by Commissioner N. Williams, there was one transaction that was deducted on December 17, 2021 in the amount of \$200.00 to Fly High Youth Services. Balance as of 12/31/2022 is \$2,098.92. Rodney McCormick motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report, Wendel McCollum seconded, all attendees approved voting yes.
 - a. December 2021 minutes were presented: Rodney McCormick motioned to accept the minutes; Walter Cox seconded the motioned. Approved by all attendees voting yes.
- iv. New Business: Nominating Committee Voting for Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer
 - a. Walter Cox motioned to table the Nominations of the Executive Committee until February 2022. Rodney McCormick states reason being there are several people who may not return, or they may be new coming onto the Commission and he wants their input on those positions. 2nd by Rodney McCormick, Roll Call Vote 6 YES, 4 No, motion passes.

Albertine Allen NAY

Dennis Carroll YES

Kenny Fly YES

Kerry Hogan YES

Lester Norvell NO

Rodney McCormick YES

Walter Cox YES

Wendell McCollum YES

Willie Milsap NAY

Nila Williams NAY

v. Old Business: By Laws

- a. Albertine Allen motioned to keep the ordinance and By Laws to state “Bonafide La Porte County Residents” in the Bylaws instead of changing it to being a resident of Michigan City only. 2nd by Lester Norvell, will send letter to City Clerk Secretary that we request this to be heard at the City Council Meeting. Roll Call vote: 8 YES, 2 No Motion passes

Albertine Allen YES

Dennis Carroll YES

Kenny Fly NO

Kerry Hogan YES

Lester Norvell YES

Rodney McCormick NO

Walter Cox YES

Wendell McCollum YES

Willie Milsap YES

Nila Williams YES

Regarding the Bylaws Rodney McCormick motioned to table the vote until we hear the ruling of the Common Council meeting. 2nd by Walter Cox Roll Call Vote: 6 No, 4 Yes...Motion Fails

Albertine Allen NO

Dennis Carroll YES

Kenny Fly YES

Kerry Hogan NO

Lester Norvell NO

Rodney McCormick YES

Walter Cox YES

Wendell McCollum NO

Willie Milsap NO

Nila Williams NO

All attendees agreed unanimously that the Bylaws will be tabled until next meeting in February to give everyone a chance to review.

- vi. Sub-Committee Assignments:
 - a. Education – Wendel McCollum discussed partnership with Health Linc, a vaccination clinic will be held at Joy School next Thursday at 3:15, appointments are recommended, walk-ins welcomed for ages 5 and older. Kenny Fly with Fly High Youth Services will be starting with after school tutoring program, call for more info 219-210-6011,
 - b. Health – Nothing to report currently
 - c. Employment – Kerry Hogan and Willie Milsap will get together and discuss pre-application workshop
 - d. Criminal Justice No Report currently
 - e. Social Factors – No Report currently

- vii. Good of the order, Commissioner N. Williams discussed the Mayor’s request for providing candidates to the commission, one from Justice and one from Neighborhood Association. Anyone who has suggestions please refer them to the Mayor’s office.
- viii. Public Comment: Albertine Allen introduced the new Executive Director of Community Partners, Kisha Ward who is a MC resident, Elston High School, and IU Graduate.
- ix. Albertine Allen motioned to adjourn; Rodney McCormick seconded, approved by all attendees voting yes.
 - x. Next Meeting Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 12:00pm