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MICHIGAN CITY COMMISSION ON THE SOCIAL STATUS OF AFRICAN AMERICAN MALES

APRIL 12, 2023, MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Kenny Fly, Sr, Linda Conley, Pastor Dennis Carroll (via Zoom), Walter "Tony" Cox, Dwayne Hurt, Willie Milsap, W. Faye Moore, Mike Jones

ABSENT: Stasi Benning, Rodney McCormick, Sean Fitzpatrick, Pastor Robert Johnson

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Fly at 12pm

Roll Call: Roll call was conducted. Attendance as above.

Reciting of pledge conducted. Commissioner Cox called for a moment of silent prayer for the violence being conducted in Michigan City.

Reading of Mission Statement was tabled until May meeting as no one present had copy of statement.

Approval of minutes: minutes read and moved for acceptance by Commissioner Cox. Motion seconded and minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report for April tabled until next meeting as Treasurer Benning absent all in agreement.

New Business: Chairman Fly requested that Old Business be moved up to discuss FaceBook issue. All in agreement. Chairman Fly to contact former Chairman Marty Corley to request that current page be deleted, and a new page will be created by Chairman Fly.

Commissioner Milsap suggested that to speed up the process of providing the missing 8 months of minutes, each commissioner take a month. All present in agreement. Secretary Conley will provide dates / months of missing minutes.

New Business: Chairman Fly stressed the importance of sub committees' meetings and reports. Community violence was addressed by Chairman Fly. Commissioner Cox suggested that perhaps the issue of community violence should be addressed as a public health crisis.

Commissioner Milsap informed commissioners that Work 1 was located at the old Central School where job openings are posted.

Public Comment: Desmond Upchurch, South Bend mayoral candidate, spoke of the violence among young males in South Bend and expressed interest in bringing the Social Status program to South Bend.

Chairman Fly reminded that voting was May 2nd.

Motion for adjournment by Commissioner Cox, seconded by Commissioner Milsap. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 12:50p.

Next meeting: May 10th, 2023

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Indiana Commission on the Social Status of the Black Male is to study the social conditions of the state's black male population and to develop strategies to remedy or assist in remedying serious adversities and make recommendations to improve the educational, social, economic, employment and other circumstances for Hoosiers. The Commission serves policymakers and public interest groups as well as the media, community organizations and members of the general public.