

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

Mr. Marty Corley
Chairman

Mrs. Joan Ganschow
Vice-Chairman

Ms. LaTonya Troutman
Secretary

Ms. Nila Williams
Treasurer

Wednesday, April 21st, 2021 Minutes

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll call
 - A. Quorum of 9
 - B. See attendance
- III. Review of [Social Status of African American Males Mission Statement](#)
 - A. -The mission of the Michigan City Commission on the Social Status of Black Males is to study the social conditions of the state's black male population, develop strategies to remedy or assist in remedying serious adversities, and make recommendations to improve the educational, social, economic, employment, and other circumstances for our residents. The Commission serves policymakers and public interest groups, as well as the media, community organizations and members of the general public.
- IV. Treasurer's Report
 - A. No change Currently Ending balance is \$1,073.92
- V. New Business
 - A. Going back to old format to including Meeting Speakers/
Topic for 15- 20 minutes with 10 -15 q & A
 - 1. Please email Chair Corely interested topics for speakers
 - a) Tillman will email Chairman a few topics and a possible speaker with regard to one of the topic
 - b) Casa Representative request being a guest speaker at May 12th meeting to get more minorities to advocate for abused and neglected children
 - (1) The States Commission had a speaker addressing Covid as it pertain s to AA she dealt with a lot of Marion county but the number in AA communities is still low in

comparison to white communities. The discussion is to bring the vaccine age down to 12.

- (2) Commissioner Fly says he knows its going to be hard to influence others with the Johnson and Johnson recall. Feel like I shouldnt have rushed. Less than a month later it is a dilemma.
- (3) Chairman Corely said when someone who looked like me talk like me gave me some good information. So I encourage
- (4) Commissioner Allen said it is on pause right now
- (5) Mimi Gardner
- (6) Commissioner Allen said 5or 6 people out of 7 million have serve consequences but that small % should not prevent other.
- (7) Councilwoman Tillman said anyone who passed away due to covid can get funeral assistance at www.fema.gov
- (8)

VI. Old Business

A. Sub-Committee Reports

1. Fundraiser Committee

- a) Meeting held only Chairman Corely showed up
- b) If anyone has any fundraising activities reach out to Chairman
- c) Another commission is doing a paint and sip for mothers day doing something similar for Fathers day would be great.

(1) Reached out to young lady who helped in the past to see what that would like

(2)

2. Education

- a) Scholarship info is out to his deadline will be may 14th info will be on our facebook.
- b) In the past given 2 recently went to one
- c) Due to funding we will be giving one

3. Health

- a) New director new direction Minority will do a walk more info will be given later. We are trying to reach kingsford heights and other areas to get vaccine numbers up
- b) Getting a car to auction will go towards cancer funds especially breast cancer

4. Employment s

- a) Per tonn and blank conversation reached out to company said that there were AA on the job
- b) blue chip recently had job fair that was well attend
- c) Someone mentioned walmart on last meeting sent info to individuals on person did get employed there so thanks for that info
- d) Donations for 500 still in process
- e) Commissioner Cox how can we combine youth to the training union. I understand courthouse job is total union
- f) Spoke with tonn and black referred to Mr. Bronson about Indiana plan although has been ineffective in our community
- g) Chairman said had descent success prior to mr. bronson but since he has been there for a while things my be different
- h) Commissioner Fly asked if it was job placement
- i) Commissioner Cox said maybe we need to talk with IBEW to see if we cant get them in these positions get them in as apprentice so even when you are training you are getting paid and have to work your way to journeyman

j) Commissioner Milsap said we all have the same goal to get them hired in these trade union we can all agree our community has been unsuccessful in obtaining one

k) Sec Troutman discuss the Soul Power Project and training individuals in solar installation more information can be found

www.naacplaportecounty3061.com/soulpower

5. Criminal Justice

6. Social Factors

VII. Commissioner Round Table

A. Councilwoman Tillman

1. George Flyod verdict. It is not over but just thinking how the world came together for this and if we can use the same momentum to put the guns down. Getting calls about weather change and clicks of individuals. Would like to propose if chief of police can come talk about

2. Child support. When you file your taxes you will have to claim the stimulus check as attachable income either for 2021 its going to offset.

3. Wanting to take inquiries about child support if any questions are needed

B. Fly high youth thanks all those who donated to Fly high youth. S.O.A.R program starts this saturday at Lakeland Estates

In agreement with Chief Campbell addressing guns in community for transparency

Ready vessel to help if others need it

VIII. Public Comment

A. Read states from Facebook

B. Issues about Mayor

1. City Council - no legalities to move forward on

2. City council no confidence vote

a) Mayor voted

- b) Still request resignation despite training efforts as far as community
- c) Mimi Gardner is happy to be here. Healthline has peers station at St franciain in MC
- d)

IX. Adjournment

A. Motion To adjourn made by cox seconded by milsap

X. **Next meeting Wednesday, May 12th, 2021 at 12:00 pm**