

**MEETING NOTES FOR  
MICHIGAN CITY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

*October 6, 2020*

**PRESENT:** Albertine Allen Nancy Moldenhauer  
Dennis Carroll Tyra Robinson-Walker  
Marty Corley

**ABSENT:** Bunny Dimke Melody Haynes Abagael May  
Diana Gore Judy Lange Mary Ellen Quinn

**OTHERS** Ta-Tanesha George Pat Harris Larry Arness  
**PRESENT:** Janaya Blakely Felecia Blakely Jay Blakely

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Zoom meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. by Ta-Tanesha George.

**PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE:** Not Conducted (Zoom meeting)

**ROLL CALL:** Roll call was conducted. Attendance and absences are recorded above. In the absence of a quorum, this was recorded as an informal meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** No quorum. September minutes will be held over for approval at the November meeting.

**FINANCE REPORT:** Marty Corley reported that the balance on hand is \$4799.75 and the report is included as part of the notes.

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:** Mr. Corley introduced the winner of the Hawkins-Williams scholarship, Ms. Janaya Blakely to HRC members. He noted that she graduated from Marquette High School and will be attending Howard University. Larry Arness, on behalf of the full HRC, offered congratulations to Miss Blakely and asked if she wanted to say anything to members. Instead of reading her essay she summarized that she is an advocate for the underserved and minorities. She plans to use her education in political science to improved lives.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** No Report. The Executive Director was experiencing technical difficulties. She was able to contribute to the meeting via ZOOM messaging.

**STAFF ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** No Report

**SSAAM COMMISSION:** Mrs. George reported that there is an ordinance before the council to add two additional members to the commission.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** No Report.

**SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE:** No Report.

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:** No Report

**FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE:** No Report

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE:** No Report

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE:** No Report

**MLK COMMITTEE:** Tyra Robinson-Walker informed members that the committee will be meeting to discuss the logistics of hosting a virtual breakfast for 2021.

**LAPORTE COUNTY PFLAG:** Nancy Moldenhauer stated that PFLAG will meet on October 7, 2020, 6:30 p.m. at the Stan Holdcraft Center. The topic will be the stress of COVID-19 on the LBGTQ community. She emphasized that masks are required and social distancing will be enforced.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Mrs. George shared that Councilman Don Przybylinski made a recommendation to form a committee to look into the housing ordinance regarding tenants' rights during the COVID-19 crisis.

- Mrs. Allen stated that it currently favors the landlord. She added that most of the landlords do not live in Michigan City
- Mrs. George believes it will require hiring staff to make sure rules are being followed. She included that tenants can be referred to CDC Indiana Legal Services.
- At Larry Arness' suggest, Mrs. Allen agreed to chair the committee. Attorney Arness, along with Commissioner Carroll also agreed to attend meetings. The meetings need to include Councilman Przybylinski as the Council Liaison.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The November meeting will virtual/zoom. Due to Election Day on 11/3, Mrs George will poll members for their availability and notify every one of the date and time.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** NONE

**ADJOURN:**

The meeting concluded at 5:13 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:**

TBD

***Respectfully Submitted  
Ta-Tanisha George, Executive Director***