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RIGHTS
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Minutes of the
March 23, 2007 Meeting

In the absence of Chair Alpha Blackburn, Vice Chair David Carter served as presiding officer. Vice Chair Carter called the regular monthly meeting of the Indiana Civil Rights Commission ("Commission" or "ICRC") to order. The meeting was held in Indianapolis, Indiana in Room A of the State Conference Center at the Indiana Government Center South, in Indianapolis, Indiana.

ATTENDEES:

The Commissioners present were: Commissioners David C. Carter, Barry Baynard, John Garcia, and Steven Ramos. Four Commissioners being present and constituting a majority of the commissioners, a quorum exists—being a number sufficient to conduct business and take final actions.

The Commission's Deputy Director Christine Cde Baca , and several staff members were present in person.

A. AGENDA REQUEST:

No Agenda requests were received for this month.

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

It was moved by Commissioner Baynard and seconded by Commissioner Ramos to approve and adopt the minutes from the Commission's January 26, 2007 Meeting.

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A. AGENDA REQUEST.

C. NEW BUSINESS:

Deputy Director Cde Baca advised the Commissioners that, despite expressed intentions otherwise, a bill to make the Native American Indian Affairs Commission an affiliated agency of the Civil Rights Commission has not been introduced in the General Assembly. Thus, at least this year, there will not be new legislation for the Native American Commission to come under the Civil Rights Umbrella Commission.

D. OLD BUSINESS

Deputy Director Christine CdeBaca stated the Agenda Item regarding complainant appeals of no probable or reasonable cause findings is on the agenda as a reminder.

Deputy Director CdeBaca reported that the Governor's budget is still before the General Assembly and that we have not heard anything as to whether or not it will be approved.

Deputy Director CdeBaca stated the Commission has an ongoing dialogue with the Attorney Generals Office regarding our soon to be proposed rules to prevent retaliation.

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Financial Report

The Commission's monthly financial report was distributed to each Commissioner and was presented by Robin Degner, the Commission's Office Operations Manager.

F. CONSENT AGREEMENTS:

None this month.

G. FINDINGS OF FACT. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW. AND ORDERS:

None this month.

H. REPORT FROM COMMISSIONERS ON COMPLAINANT APPEALS:

It was moved by Commissioner Baynard and seconded by Commissioner Garcia to accept the recommendation of Commissioner Carter to uphold the Director or the Deputy Director's finding of No Probable Cause in the case of *Beidleman v Tuscany Bay Apartments*. The motion was adopted unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Ramos and seconded by Commissioner Garcia to accept the recommendation of Commissioner Baynard to uphold the Director's finding of No Probable Cause in the case of *Bayer v Town of Chesterton Police Department*. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Ramos and seconded by Commissioner Baynard to accept the recommendation by Commissioner Garcia to uphold the Deputy Director's finding of No Probable Cause in the case of *Schoettle v Perry Meridian Township*. The motion carried unanimously.

I. ASSIGNMENT OF APPEALS TO COMMISSIONERS:

Complainant Appeals were assigned to Commissioners as follows:

Blackburn	None this month
Carter	None this month
Crenshaw	None this month
Garcia	None this month
Gidney	None this month
Ramos	None this month

J. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE :

Director's Report

Deputy Director Cde Baca presented the Director's report to the Commission. Among the matters discussed, she addressed the status of House Bill 1777 which passed the House and is before the Senate.

Deputy Director Cde Baca updated the commission on the April 16, 2007 Holocaust observance at the Rotunda. The youth summit will be held at the Madam Walker Theatre from 9:30 till 11:00.

Deputy Director Cde Baca addressed the Governor's availability to continue to dialogue about the Governor attending either the April, May or June commission meeting.

Deputy Director Cde Baca stated that there is a continuance effort to reach out to media and to extend the offer to have interviews with either commissioners or the director so the public is made aware of the Commission. Once a date is finalized for the Evansville meeting interviews will then be set for Commissioner Crenshaw to make that community of aware of the upcoming Commission meeting.

Deputy Director Report

The Commission's Deputy Director, Christine Cde Baca, reported that the Commission's pending case inventory reported was 473. During the month of January the case inventory was 459 cases with 7 probable cause findings and 40 additions to the inventory and 26 notices of findings that went out as conciliation or administrative closures.

The Commission's Deputy Director Christine Cde Baca stated thirteen cases were mediated during the month of January. Five of the cases were settled and closed.

Deputy Director Cde Baca reported that she will ask the Chair of the ICRC to sign a certificate of appointment indicating the members of the Education Steering Committee. The next meeting will be held April 24, 2007.

Deputy Director Cde Baca reported that the commissioners have approved the form of letter to be sent to the Governor regarding the Commission's opposition to House Bill 1777, which would move the Martin Luther King, Jr Commission Family and Social Service Agency.

K. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None this month.

L. **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, on motion duly made, the meeting was adjourned.



David Carter

Vice Chair

Dated: 7/27/07



Christine Cde Baca

Deputy Director

Dated: _____ 1/28/08