



Commission Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, August 21, 2013

Chairman Elijah Neal called the Commission Board Meeting to order on Wednesday, August 21, 2013 at 10:38 a.m. in the Indiana State House, Room 101.

Roll Call

Chairman Elijah Neal, Eddie Melton, Shanel Poole, Warren Boyd proxy for Lace Rhodes, Lynn Smith proxy for Kevin Moore, Marco Deckard proxy for Jamal Smith, Laura Heinrich proxy for William Van Ness, J. P. Smith, and Reverend Joseph Smith.

Absent – Rep. Tim Brown, Supt. Glenda Ritz, Kenneth Allen, Bruce Lemmon, Lt. Gov. Sue Ellspermanan, Sen. Scott Schneider, Rep. Vernon Smith, Jessica Robertson, and Sen. Greg Taylor.

Guest – Danny Lopez from the Indiana Civil Rights Commission and Jackie Joyner Burroughs from Governor Pence office.

Staff – James Garrett Jr.

Invocation

Chairman Neal asked Reverend Joseph Smith to give the invocation. Following the invocation the Chairman continued the reflection of former Chairman Madden with the sharing of positive personal acknowledgements.

Introductions

Chairman Neal and Executive Director James Garrett introduced the new members to the Commission: Mr. Eddie Melton, appointed by Governor Mike Pence; Ms. Shanel Poole, appointed by Speaker Brian Bosma; J.P. Smith appointed by Speaker Brian Bosma.

Adoption of Minutes

Motion was moved by Reverend Joseph Smith, second by Lynn Smith; motion passed to accept the March 20, 2013.

Financial Report

Commissioners were provided copies of the financial reports for the general and Donations accounts. The standard operational expenditures were made from the Appropriations (1000) account and there were no expenditures from the Donations account. The Special fund (6000) Donations account had a balance of \$64,169.23 with no expenditures expended from the account. Motion was moved by Marco Deckard, second by J. P. Smith; motion passed to accept the financial reports as presented.

Old Business

Adoption of Commission Bylaws

The revised Commission bylaws were presented by Executive Director Garrett. He thanked the subcommittee and shared the work that went into the document Commissioners have before them. The base of the bylaws was taken from State Statute and the changes or additions were noted in red. The Chairman and Executive Director Garrett acknowledged and gave kudos to the work of Laura Heinrich, Virgil Madden and Dr. Vernon Smith on the bylaws. The Chairman also appreciated

the fact we had a quorum in order to adopt the bylaws. Motion to accept the bylaws with the one change of capitalizing "Commission" throughout the document was made by J. P. Smith and seconded by Reverend Joseph Smith. The motion passed unanimously and Executive Director Garrett will make the noted change.

New Business

Recap of the Indiana Black Barbershop Health Initiative

Commissioners were provided the report on the Indiana Black Barbershop Health Initiative from April 13, 2013. This year the initiative screened 1085 participants in twelve (12) cities in fifty one (51) barbershops and the Neal Marshall Black Cultural Center on the campus of Indiana University, Bloomington. The success of the event was not only realized by the number of participants screened but also by the initiative coming in under budget and fewer black males having elevated blood pressure or blood glucose level readings. The new pilot for this year of expanding to two (2) beauty salons also went well and was received positively. At all locations health information was shared and the Charles Williams Prostate Van performed prostate screens and consultations in South Bend.

Recap of the Indiana 2013 Dads Expo

More than 100 fathers and other guests gathered on June 8, 2013 at Ivy Tech Corporate and Culinary Center for the third annual Dads Expo, a celebration of the vital contribution that fathers make to their children's lives. The attendees were a diverse group, including white, African American and Latino men. The overarching goals of the expo were to facilitate collaboration beyond the expo itself with all the partners and contributing partners. To that end, a new organization has been started, Indiana Coalition on Fatherhood.

Recap of Black Men standing group meeting in Gary

Commissioner Eddie Melton shared with the Commission the meeting held in Gary in conjunction with the Gary Commission on the Social Status of Black Males. Black Men Standing is a network of community leaders committed to mentoring and assisting young Black males become empowered. Black Men Standing also seeks to promote positive images for the community and Black males. The group continues to meet monthly and Executive Director James Garrett attended their last meeting and pledging support from the State Commission perspective.

Request for funding/sponsorship

In remembrance of the 50--year anniversary of the 16th Street Baptist Church Bombing in Birmingham, Alabama (Sunday, September 15, 1963), The Julia Carson Legacy of Love Foundation sought to host a **Family Empowerment Resource Fair** in collaboration with the Indiana Commission on the Social Status of Black Males. The request of the Commission was to fund 75% of the budget for the event and to: Access/use of ICSSBM database for marketing, coordinate and communicate with ICSSBM Commissioners for input, support and participation, sponsorship of radio, television and print promotion, sponsorship of the venue location fee, assist with staff and volunteer support for the event, assistance with identifying and notifying target families and recommendation of families in need of services, and finally to secure PEN Products promotional items, printing and distribution of press announcements/media blitzes. Commissioner J. P. Smith moved to deny this request due to short notice and substantial financial burden requested of the Commission. The motion was seconded by Reverend Joseph Smith and passed unanimously. Executive Director Garrett may request a representative from the foundation come and present to the full Commission sometime in the future.

Chairman Mr. Neal entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.