

Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs Minutes

Monday, December 7, 2015

Herbert R. O’Conor Building

201 W. Preston Street, Conference Room L-1

Baltimore, Maryland

Chair: Lisa A. Savoy

Staff Present: E. Keith Colston, Agnes M. Smith

Commissioners Present: Vice Chair Ashley Minner, Donna Abbott, Bob Gajdys, Robert Killen, Rico Newman, Rebecca Stone

Commissioners Absent: Chair Lisa Savoy, Virginia Busby, Leanora Winters

Vice Chair Ashley Minner called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Paid tribute to Virginia Busby in the loss of her father.

Invocation

Commissioner Bob Gajdys

Minutes

Minutes approved with the following corrections:

Under Economic and Social Welfare Committee “Have Not Met”

1st Commissioner Bob Gajdys

2nd Commissioner Bob Killen

Unanimous Approval

Administrative Director’s Report

Administrative Director Keith Colston’s report gave a synopsis of the meetings attended, festivals, conference calls, site visits, etc. for October 6, 2015 to December 7, 2015. He noted that opportunities opened because of the event he attended at the Walter Reed Army Institute where one of the guest speakers for tonight is from. Also tonight is National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, December 7th. He finds this very fitting. Administrative Director spoke about any awards received on behalf of MCIA with or without his name, he is representing MCIA. He spoke about his power point presentation done at the White House being the same power point presentation done at the American Indian Heritage Month Kick-Off.

Administrative Director Colston noted that if anyone asks about the process of MCIA please let them know the Commission is active and progressive. The Commission has helped to pass two pieces of legislation which is more than any other Commission under the Governor’s Office. He is humble and proud of what the Commission is doing. There needs to be better acknowledgement.

Advisory Committee Report

Chair Lisa Savoy

The Advisory Committee has not met as of yet.

Educational Committee

Chair Ashley Minner

Archaeology and Environment Committee Report

Economic and Social Welfare Committee

Budget and Finance Committee

Health, Mental Health and Budget & Finance Committee

Commissioner Rebecca Johnson-Stone

Unfinished Business

New Business

Commission/Commissioners Announcements to the Public

Invited Guest Speaker

Public Announcements

Adjourned at 9:30 p.m.