

## **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”

1<sup>st</sup> Commissioner Bob Gajdys

2<sup>nd</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup>. 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.