

**MARYLAND COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS (MCIA)**

**MINUTES**

**February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

**7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

**45 Calvert Street**

**Conference Room 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**

**Annapolis, Maryland 21401**

**Commissioner Present**

Auriel Fenwick (Chair)  
Thomas Windsor II (Vice Chair)  
Virginia Busby  
Kathryn E Robbins Fitzhugh  
David Holland  
Wanda Lee  
Cornelius Allen Red Deer  
Guy Wells

**Commissioners Absent**

**Public**

Rico Newman	Annetta Schott	Larry Hariett
Rod Torres	Sarah Bransom	Vikki Childs
Kiesti Husia	Kate Dinnel	Becky MoreHouse
Carol Ebright	Chief Winterhawk Fitzhugh	
L.G. Staricill	Chief Rudy Hall	Mary Hall
Beverly Littlehawk	Richard Hughes	Charlie Hall
Michael A. Smolek	Storm Fire Woman	William Miles

**Staff**

Carmen Pratt	Tony Bridges	Susan Driscoll
Keith Colston	Izzy Patoka	Rachel Indek

**CHAIRWOMAN AURIEL FENWICK CALLED MEETING TO ORDER  
CHIEF RUDY HALL GAVE OPENING PRAYER**

**COMMISSIONER VIRGINIA BUSBY READ MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 5, 2007  
MCIA MEETING- NO CORRECTIONS COMMISSIONER THOMAS WINDSOR II  
1<sup>ST</sup> MOTION TO APPROVE. COMMISSIONER GUY WELLS SECOND  
MINUTES APPROVED**

KEITH COLSTON – INTRODUCED GUEST SPEAKER  
ROD TORRES – JOHN SMITH TRAIL SPEAKER. HOW JOHN SMITH VOYAGE  
IMPACTED THE LIVES OF NATIVE AMERICANS & THE LANDSCAPE OF THE  
AREA. MEETING JANUARY 31, 2008 THE NEED TO PROTECT THE BAY

RICO NEWMAN; QUESTION - WELCOMES THE CHANCE TO BE HEARD, HOW  
SOON? WILL TRIBES HAVE INPUT?

RESPONSE- ROD TORRES – DURING MEETING THAT ARE ESTABLISHED AND  
YES, TRIBES CAN GIVE INPUT DURING OPEN MEETINGS

KEITH COLSTON QUESTION – WHAT EXAMPLES OF INDIVIDUALS ON THE  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE? SEVERAL NATIVE AMERICANS ON THE ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE FROM MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA

CARMEN PRATT QUESTION – WHAT WOULD BE CRITERIA FOR ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE?

RESPONSE – ROD TORRES - MEMBERS CAN MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS  
ADVISORY CAN CHANGE MEMBERS FROM TIME TO TIME

REPARIATION;  
HUMAN REMAINS - HOW PROCESS HAS CHANGED. TO SEEK COMMISSION  
APPROVAL OF CHANGES

CHARLIE HALL SPEAKER  
GAVE PRESENTATION ON THE COMMENTS AND PROCESS THAT MCIA WILL  
VOTE ON

THERE WILL BE OPEN MEETINGS WITH EXPERTS AND THE PUBLIC.  
REBURIAL & REBURIAL ON STATE LAND

ELABORATED ON THE MEETINGS AS TO WHEN-WHERE AND SOME OF THE  
TOPICS TO BE COVERED.

RICHARD HUGHES: ASSISTED WITH INFORMATION PERTAINING TO

BOG GAJDYS QUESTION – WILL THERE BE A BUDGET FOR MILEAGE, ETC.

RESPONSE – RICHARD HUGHES - NO

RICO NEWMAN QUESTION - ADMENDING CURRENT REGULATIONS CHANGES EXISTING POLICY. TO WHAT EXTENT WILL TRIBES HAVE INPUT ON PROCESS?

PHIL DETERS RESPONSE - CURRENT REGULATIONS FIND IF THERE IS AN APPROPRIATE PLACE FOR TRIBAL INPUT. MCIA WILL DECIDE WHO TO APPOINT TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCESS.

RICO NEWMAN QUESTION – WHAT IS FINAL OUTCOME?

RESPONSE - RICHARD NO PRE-ORDAINED OUTCOME

RICO NEWMAN WILL DELIVER MESSAGE TO TRIBE ABOUT REBURIAL

CHIEF SEWELL FITZHUGH– WILL WE GOING MOVE AHEAD AND NOT GET BOGGED DOWN WITH SOME OLD ARGUMENTS?

RICHARD HUGHES- POSITIVE THINGS CONTINUE WHERE WE CAN MOVE FORWARD

**CHAIRWOMAN AURIEL FENWICK** MOTION FOR A TELECONFERENCE – WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>. **COMMISSIONER DAVID HOLLAND** SECOND

COMMISSIONERS TO HAVE TELE-CONFERENCE TO VOTE ON ISSUE NEXT WED AT 7:00 PM REFERENCE REPATRIATION

NEW BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE REPORT – KEITH COLSTON  
RECOGNIZE GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE  
COMMISSIONERS RECEIVED PRINT OUT OF EVENTS ATTENDED BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS/ITEMS COVERED:

\*WEBSITE: MDAMERICANINDIAN.ORG  
RECEPTION HELD AT GOVERNOR HOUSE.  
ANNUAL REPORT CAN BE FOUND ON WEBSITE  
LEGISLATION – HB 128 AND HB 83

IZZY PATOKA (EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR GOCD) - THE GOVERNOR ENJOYED THE LUNCHEON IN NOVEMBER TO SIT WITH TRIBAL LEADERS.

**COMMISSIONER GUY WELLS-** TRAVELLED TO ECI. POSITIVE DIRECTION ON THEIR PART – STRONG SUPPORT FROM CHAPLIN

1. SITE WAS SELECTED.
2. NEED TO CONTINUE WITH LOGISTICS AND PARTICIPANTS

WILLIAM MILES COMMENT -GRATEFUL WITH WHAT HAS TAKEN PLACE SO FAR WITH SWEAT LODGE EFFORTS AND EFFORTS OF MCIA

**CHAIRWOMAN AURIEL FENWICK-** QUESTION  
TIME FRAME FOR PLACEMENT OF TEACHERS AND LODGES

**COMMISSIONER GUY WELLS** RESPONSE - LATE SPRING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- CHIEF RUDY HALL – ACCOHANNOCK PEOPLE TO SUBMIT TO MCIA FOR STATE RECOGNITION NEED STATE’S CRITERIA FOR STATE RECOGNITION.
- IZZY PATOKA – MCIA MOVED TO BE UNDER GOVERNOR’S OFFICE. MCIA TO SUPPORT DELEGATE BRANCH’S LEGISLATION.
- WILLIAM MILES - FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup> ALCATRAZ TO DC

BOB GAJDYS – ON BEHALF OF JEFFERSON PATTERSON PARK AND MUSEUM PRESENTED CHIEF SEWELL WINTERHAWK WITH CERTIFICATE FOR PARTICIPATION ON JOHN SMITH EVENT

**COMMISSIONER THOMAS WINDSOR** THANKED THE GUEST AND VISITORS

MEETING ADJOURNED BY **CHAIRWOMAN AURIEL FENWICK**

SECOND BY **COMMISSIONER KATHY FITZHUGH**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:03 PM