



Carbondale Human Relations Commission

Minutes – June 6, 2016
Carbondale City Hall - 5:00pm

Commissioners Present: Joshua Kyle Brandon, Peg Falcone, Ted Gutierrez, Jerrold Hennrich, Karriem Shariati, Dora Weaver

Commissioners Excused: Joseph Brown, Diane Daugherty, Faith Miller

Commissioners Unexcused:

Study Circle Staff: Sarah Heyer

Staff Present: Administrative Services Director Deborah McCoy

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:11 p.m. by Commissioner Hennrich.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Falcone and seconded by Commissioner Brandon to approve the minutes from the May 2, 2016 meeting. Motion carried. All Voted Aye.

Corrections: Excused

ANNOUNCEMENT

Commissioners Terms expiration dates are approaching or have expired.

Coffee with a Cop scheduled for June 7, 2016 at 7:30 a.m. at Longbranch Café in Carbondale.

Carbondale Splash Park opened on May 28, 2016

ISSUES

Public Education/HRC Website

Housing information now available on the City's Explore Carbondale website.

Commissioner Falcone will include additional updates to the HRC website.

Commissioner Gutierrez will produce a fact spreadsheet, which will include items to know before purchasing a home.

Public Forums/Events

The SIUC Campus Forum was scheduled and the Undergraduate Student Government failed to attend the Campus Form.

Commissioner Brandon stated that he would be working with SIUC Athletics on future SIUC Campus Forms events.

Dr. McCoy mentioned the Student Programming Council for future Campus Forms.

Commissioner Falcone extends gratitude to the Commissioners for attending and being prepared during the Campus Form.

Commissioner Brandon is currently in contact with the Center for Inclusive Excellence to set up Racial Taboo for Fall 2016 on SIUC campus.

Commissioner Gutierrez announced that on June 20th the Jackson County Mass Transit Board of Trustees meeting at 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at 602 East College Street.

Commissioner Brandon suggested having tables set up during the Carbondale Sunset Concerts for the Human Relation Commission to reach the community of Carbondale.

Commissioner Hennrich suggested setting up a QRC (Quick Response Code) for the HRC website.

Annual Report

The 2015 Annual Report has been reviewed and approved by the City Council.

Annual Retreat

The Annual Retreat will be scheduled for July 25, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. at the Carbondale Civic Center.

Commissioner Hennrich will not be available for the 2016 Human Relations Commission Annual Retreat.

Confirm the date of July 25th for the HRC Annual Retreat.

On August 1, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. the Human Relations Commission will resume it's regularly schedule meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Reed commented on the SIUC Trustee Boards recommendation that SIUC Chancellor should develop a diversity plan for SIUC in the Fall 2016 and to meet with local groups and individuals for input in developing that diversity plan.

Mr. Reed mentioned that Dr. Linda McCabe Smith will be relocating to North Carolina State University as Vice Provost for Institutional Equity and Diversity.

Mr. Reed mentioned the resigning of Assistant Principal Darryl Cox from Carbondale School District #95.

Commissioner Hennrich took a moment to recognize the passing of Dr. Barbara Brown.

PROCESS ASSESSMENT

Sparrow Coalition Report

Have no new reports

Neighborhood Action Group

Sarah Heyer mentioned inviting Travis Taylor from the City's Planning Department to their next meeting to discuss the different City's programs.

Sarah announced that notes from the last Neighborhood Action Group meeting have been emailed out to all Commissioners.

Non-Violent Carbondale Project Report

Surveys are currently being developed about Compassionate Carbondale.

Racial Justice Coalition/Racial Unity

Commissioner Weaver commented on concerns regarding the PARCC exam.

A local PARCC representative will meet with the Racial Justice Coalition during their next meeting to discuss how PARCC is being used in Carbondale, Illinois.

Local elementary school awarded a total of \$8,000 to the "I Can Read" program.

Law Enforcement Report

Items for City Council

Send notices to individuals who are not present about the change in dates for the Annual Retreat and next Human Relations Commission meeting.

Miscellaneous

Letter of support for homeless veterans and transitional living quarters for veterans.

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting – August 1, 2016. There being no further business, Commissioner Gutierrez moved, and Commissioner Brandon seconded, to adjourn. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Recorded by Courtney Beverly _____