Carbondale Human Relations Commission
Minutes – September 12, 2016
Carbondale City Hall - 5:00pm

Commissioners Present: Ted Gutierrez, Jerrold Hennrich, Karriem Shariati, Dora Weaver, Joseph Brown, Stephanie Brown

Commissioners Excused: Joshua Kyle Brandon, Diane Daugherty

Commissioners Unexcused:

Guest Present: Pastor Bob Gray, Brandi Gayles (Black Love Adjoining Communities Collectively), Elius Reed

Study Circle Staff: Sarah Heyer

Staff Present: Chief Jeff Grubbs, Administrative Services Clerk Courtney Beverly

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Commissioner Hennrich.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Stephanie Brown and seconded by Commissioner Weaver to approve the minutes from the August 1, 2016 meeting. Motion carried. All Voted Aye.

Corrections:

ANNOUNCEMENT

Commissioner Miller's and Commissioner Falcone's tenure with the Human Relations Commission has expired and both Commissioners will not seek renewal.

Mr. Elius Reed stated that SIUC has the lowest enrollment since 1964.

SIUC students are observing the Human Relations Commission meeting this evening for their American Politics class.

Pastor Bob Gray announced that he has been appointed Chaplain for the Carbondale Police Department.

Commissioner Weaver announced that SIUC would like to schedule a Racial Taboo Forum.

Black Love Adjoining Communities Collectively held a picnic for the Carbondale Police Department on August 27, 2016.

Sarah Heyer announced on September 21, 2016 the Carbondale Township would be showing *Making a Killing: Guns, Greed and the NRA* at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Reed announced that the NAACP would have their Freedom Fund Banquet on Sunday October 23, 2016 at the Carbondale Civic Center.

Chief Grubbs announced that the Citizens Police Academy application are now available on the Carbondale Police Department website.

Commissioner Gutierrez mentioned the ride along program with the Carbondale Police Department for the Human Relations Commissioners.

Chief Grubbs announced the Coffee With A Cop to be held on September 20, 2016 at Mary Lou's Restaurant beginning at 7 a.m.

ISSUES

Public Education/HRC Website

Commissioner Stephanie Brown created a resource guide that included all of Southern Illinois food, housing, and transportation assistance for individuals and families.

Public Forums/Campus Form Events

Commissioner Hennrich announced that the SIUC Campus Forum would be postponed until further notice.

Commissioner Weaver mentioned that she has met with SIUC Inclusive Excellence Former Director Mr. Nathan Stevens regarding the Racial Taboo film being shown on SIUC campus.

Commissioner Joseph Brown announced that the Division of Student Affairs at Southern Illinois University Carbondale currently has funds to sponsor an event that will cater to their diversity task force.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Reed mentioned how SIUC enrollment is declining and read an article to the Commission from the Southern Illinoisan regarding the student enrollment and how to recruit more students to attend SIUC.

Commissioner Stephanie Brown mentioned how Southern Illinois University Carbondale used to be ranked number one for being a party school and how it attracted new incoming students to the university.

Commissioner Hennrich announced to all the Commissioners if there are groups or individuals that would like to speak to the HRC should email him to schedule a date and time.

Commissioner Shariati suggested to the Commission on issuing a formal invitation with a tentative date for all guests that would like to speak to the Human Relations Commission.

Commissioner Stephanie Brown mentioned that building up downtown Carbondale would attract more students and their families to attend and visit SIUC.

PROCESS ASSESSMENT

Sparrow Coalition Report

None To Report

Neighborhood Action Group

Sarah Heyer announced that on September 30, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Tatum Hoops Ribbon Cutting would unveil the new basketball facility.

The Arbor District has met with Mayor John Henry and City Manager Gary Williams regarding the safety issues in Carbondale.

The Planning Commission has requested a zoning change so that Neuro-Restorative can build an additional housing unit on the East Walnut Street in Carbondale.

Non-Violent Carbondale Project Report

None To Report

Racial Justice Coalition/Racial Unity

None To Report

Law Enforcement Report

Chief Grubbs has put together two reports regarding the *Personnel Commendations/Complaints 2015 Summary* and the *Carbondale Police Department Arrest Data Comparison* and presented the reports to the Human Relations Commission.

Commissioner Stephanie Brown mentioned if there was a gun amnesty day program for individuals to turn in their guns. Chief Grubbs replied that the Carbondale Police Department is currently researching more into amnesty day programs.

Commissioner Shariati thanked Chief Grubbs for his service and the direction he's moving the Carbondale Police Department.

Chief Grubbs responded on the status of the Carbondale Police Officer that was wounded in July 2016.

Chief Grubbs announced that the Carbondale Police Department is accepting applications for Entry Level Police Officers.

Black Love Adjoining Communities Collectively President Brandi Gayles addressed Chief Grubbs on how the administrative tow fees are being used within the Carbondale Police Department.

Items for City Council

None To Report

Miscellaneous

Mr. Reed addressed an incident to the Human Relations Commission that occurred on December 10, 2015 during an NAACP Executive Committee meeting in which Mr. Reed was prevented to attend. Mr. Reed has submitted a detailed account of the incident as well as a Carbondale Police Department Report to the Commission.

Commissioner Hennrich asked the Commissioners to compare the *Carbondale Police Data Comparison* and *Personnel Commendations/Complaints 2015 Summary* to previous data.

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting – October 3, 2016. There being no further business, Commissioner Hennrich moved, and Commissioner Joseph Brown seconded, to adjourn. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Recorded by Courtney Beverly _____