



Carbondale Human Relations Commission

Minutes – October 2, 2017

Carbondale Civic Center - 5:00pm

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

Commissioners (Excused):

Commissioners (Unexcused):

Guest Present: Elius Reed, Scott Martin, Roseanna Dorsey

SIU-C Dept. of Public Safety Representative: None

Staff Present: Chief Jeff Grubbs, Commission Liaison Courtney Beverly

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:06p.m. by Chair Hennrich.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Joseph Brown and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez to approve the minutes from the September 11, 2017 meeting. Motion carried. All Voted Aye. Corrections:

ANNOUNCEMENT

Commissioner Gutierrez requested a moment of silence.

Commissioner Stephanie Brown announced on October 21, 2017 that Brehm Preparatory School will be transformed into a Halloween Town from 4:30p.m. to 8:00p.m. and will release sky lanterns later in the evening.

Scott Martin announced on October 3, 2017 that the SIU Board of Trustees will have their first annual Diversity Excellence Lecture Awards at Morris Library in Guyon Auditorium beginning at 5:30p.m.

Commissioner Gutierrez announced the modified schedule for the Jackson County Mass Transit District which will provide extended bus services hours on Saturdays from the hours of 8:00am to 2:00p.m. beginning October 14, 2017.

Commissioner Gutierrez volunteered to attend the October 3, 2017 City Council Meeting.

Commissioner Stephanie Brown volunteered to attend the October 17, 2017 City Council Meeting.

Commissioner Gutierrez mentioned the purchase of the old Fire Station No. 2 on South Oakland Ave.

Chair Hennrich suggested updates to the Semi Annual Report letter.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Shariati mentioned that he attended the September 19, 2017 City Council Meeting to discuss the Human Relations Commission reappointments and appointments.

Coffee with the Mayor and Chancellor is scheduled for Monday, October 16, 2017 beginning at 11:00a.m. to 12p.m. located at SIU Student Center Starbucks.

ISSUES

None To Report

Public Education/HRC Website

Commissioner Weaver mentioned the NAACP 40th annual Freedom Fund banquet which is scheduled for October 15, 2017 beginning at 4p.m. located at the Carbondale Civic Center.

Commissioner Gutierrez mentioned developing a Human Relations Commission Facebook account.

Public Forums/Events

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Elius Reed announced that a local organization Men of Power stated they are wanting to build low income housing in Cairo, Illinois.

Mr. Reed mentioned the Superintendent vacancy for the Carbondale School District #95.

The I Can Read program will be relocating to the office of the Carbondale District #95 on October 1, 2017.

Mr. Reed mentioned that the SIU Chancellor announced a \$2.3 million dollar reorganization plan at Southern Illinois University.

PROCESS ASSESSMENT

Sparrow Coalition Report

None To Report

Neighborhood Action Group Report

None To Report

The Neighborhood Action Group will meet on October 4, 2017.

Non-Violent Carbondale Project Report

None To Report

Racial Justice Coalition

None To Report

Law Enforcement

Coffee With A Cop is scheduled for October 4, 2017 at Starbucks inside the Carbondale, IL Kroger beginning at 7a.m to 9a.m.

Chief Grubbs mentioned that the Citizens Police Academy is ongoing.

On October 31, 2017 the Carbondale Police Department are sponsoring the Pumpkin Patrol and are looking for volunteers from 5:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.

Women For Change

None To Report

Items for City Council

None

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting – November 6, 2017. There being no further business, Commissioner Shariati moved, and Commissioner Weaver seconded, to adjourn. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:41p.m.

Recorded by Courtney Beverly _____