



Carbondale Human Relations Commission

Minutes – September 11, 2017
Carbondale Civic Center - 5:00pm

Commissioners Present: Joseph Brown, Dora Weaver, Karriem Shariati, Stephanie Brown

Commissioners (Excused): Ted Gutierrez, Jerrold Hennrich

Commissioners (Unexcused):

Guest Present: Elius Reed, Scott Martin, Dr. Linda Flowers, Sarah Heyer

SIU-C Dept. of Public Safety Representative: None

Staff Present: Commission Liaison Courtney Beverly

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Shariati and seconded by Commissioner Stephanie Brown to approve the minutes from the August 7, 2017 meeting. Motion carried. All Voted Aye. Corrections:

ANNOUNCEMENT

Elius Reed announced the Shawnee Group Sierra Club will present a panel discussion on “Transforming Southern Illinois: Harnessing New Solar and Energy Efficiency Opportunities” on September 14, 2017 at the Carbondale Civic Center in Room 116 beginning at 7 p.m.

Dr. Linda Flowers announced the 40th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet on Sunday, October 15, 2017 at the Carbondale Civic Center beginning at 4 p.m.

Sarah Heyer announced on October 2, 2017 Tania Linares Garcia will present “The Experience LGBTQ Asylum Seekers and Latinx Immigrants in the United States” at the SIU School of Law beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Commissioner Weaver announced that on September 26, 2017 SIU will have their Voter Registration Day beginning at 10 a.m. at the SIU Student Center for National Voters Registration Day.

Elius Reed announced the Murphysboro Apple Festival beginning September 13-16, 2017.

SIU's Hispanic/Latino Resource Center present keynote speaker Luis J. Rodriguez on September 26, 2017 at the SIUC Student Center's Ballroom D beginning at 7 p.m.

Commissioner Shariati has volunteered to attend the September 19, 2017 Carbondale City Council meeting.

ISSUES

Public Education/HRC Website

None To Report

Public Forums/Events

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Linda Flowers President of the Carbondale Branch NAACP mentioned their general membership meetings are held every month on Tuesday's beginning at 7p.m. at the Eurma C. Hayes Center.

The Illinois State Convention and Board Meeting will be held on October 13th -14th, 2017 at the Holiday Inn in Mount Vernon, Illinois.

Scott Martin from the Race Unity Group mentioned the Africana Studies Program at SIUC and asked the Human Relations Commission for support for the upcoming Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University meeting.

Scott Martin mentioned the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University meeting will be held on September 14, 2017 at the School of Dental Medicine in Alton, Illinois beginning at 9 a.m.

Motion was made by Commissioner Karriem Shariati and seconded by Commissioner Dora Weaver to approve the Human Relations Commission name of support and to add it to the Race Unity Group letter to the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University on September 11, 2017 meeting. Motion carried. All Voted Aye.

Commissioner Joseph Brown addressed the Human Relations Commission board appointments and reappointments to the Commissioners. A decision was approved of drafting a letter to Mayor Mike Henry regarding the terms of the Human Relations Commission board appointments and reappointments.

Elius Reed mentioned the Southern Illinois University website article regarding the 2017 fall enrollment will be 14,554 decline 8.9% compared to fall of 2016.

Mr. Reed requested the employee demographics of SIUC faculty members at Southern Illinois University and from the City Hall of Carbondale.

The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Ben Carson visited Cairo, Illinois on August 8, 2017 to address the residents regarding the McBride Housing Complex.

Mr. Reed addressed the video footage regarding the Georgia Police Officer comments to a woman during a traffic stop.

PROCESS ASSESSMENT

Sparrow Coalition Report

None To Report

Commissioner Stephanie Brown mentioned that the City of Carbondale donated the old Carbondale Community High School football field area to the Sparrow Coalition to build Tiny Homes for the homeless community.

Neighborhood Action Group Report

Neighborhood Action Group met on September 6, 2017 and met with the organization "Rebuilding Together", which is an organization that provides home improvements and repairs for low-income elderly homeowners.

Sarah Heyer mentioned the Neighborhood Action Group meeting for January 2018 and would like to list all of the organizations in Carbondale that attends the Neighborhood Action Group meetings.

Non-Violent Carbondale Project Report

None To Report

Racial Justice Coalition

None To Report

Law Enforcement

None To Report

Women For Change

None To Report

Commissioner Shariati mentioned the March for Change in September was well attended and organized.

Items for City Council

None

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting – October 2, 2017. There being no further business, Commissioner Shariati moved, and Commissioner Stephanie Brown seconded, to adjourn. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:27p.m.

Recorded by Courtney Beverly _____