



Carbondale Human Relations Commission

Minutes – November 6, 2017

Carbondale Civic Center - 5:00pm

Commissioners Present: Joseph Brown, Jerrold Hennrich, Karriem Shariati, Dora Weaver, Joshua Bowens

Commissioners (Excused): Stephanie Brown

Commissioners (Unexcused): Ted Gutierrez

Guest Present: Elius Reed, Scott Martin, Roseanna Dorsey,

Study Circles Staff: Sarah Heyer

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 5:09p.m. by Commissioner Hennrich.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Shariati and seconded by Commissioner Joseph Brown to approve the minutes from the October 2, 2017 meeting. Motion carried. All Voted Aye. Corrections:

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Human Relations Commission welcome Joshua Bowens as the new HRC Commissioner.

Commissioner Shariati discussed the HRC Commissioners term appointments.

Commissioner Weaver announced the annual I Can Read program annual dinner which will be held on November 11, 2017.

Sarah Heyer announced that on November 8, 2017 True Value will have a new owner and will have a reception beginning at 5:00p.m.

The Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the welcome reception for SIU Chancellor Dr. Carlo Montemagno at the Carbondale Civic Center which will begin at 5:00p.m. on November 9, 2017.

Scott Martin announced the 19th annual Martin Luther King Jr dinner which will be held on January 14, 2018 at the Carbondale Civic Center beginning at 4:00p.m.

Sarah Heyer announced the Light's Fantastic Parade which will begin on December 2, 2017 beginning at 6:00p.m.

On December 3, 2017 the 13th Annual Alternative Gift Fair will begin at 2p.m. at the Carbondale Civic Center.

Elius Reed announced a Gofund Me page for the Eurma C. Hayes Center.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Joseph Brown discussed the Commissioners appointment terms and dates to the Commission.

ISSUES

Chair Hennrich discussed suggestions submitted to the Human Relations Commission. Chair Hennrich noted that the board will formally respond in writing.

Public Education/HRC Website

Commissioner Bowens will submit a biography to Commissioner Weaver for the Human Relations Commission website.

Public Forums/Events

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Reed mentioned that on April 10, 2017 the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development tells Cairo residents they will have to move.

Mr. Reed addressed the closure of SIU Morris Library on Saturday's for SIU students.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Joseph Brown suggested inviting other representatives from other coalitions to the Human Relations Commission meeting.

PROCESS ASSESSMENT

Sparrow Coalition Report

Commissioner Shariati mentioned that the Sparrow Coalition will meet on November 9, 2017 at First Christian Church beginning at 11:30a.m.

Women For Change

None To Report

Neighborhood Action Group Report

Sarah Heyer announced that the Neighborhood Action Group met on October 1, 2017.

Sarah Heyer mentioned that Mary Pohlmann and the Saluki Masters Swim Club have received a grant to teach adults how to swim.

The National One Mile Open Water Swimming will be located at Little Grassy Lake in Makanda, Illinois.

On January 13, 2018 the Neighborhood Alliance meeting will be held at the First United Methodist Church beginning at 10:00a.m.

Non-Violent Carbondale Project Report

None To Report

Racial Justice Coalition

None To Report

Law Enforcement

Crime Stoppers announced their Town Hall meeting for November 7, 2017 at the Carbondale Police Department beginning at 7:00p.m.

Chief Jeff Grubbs mentioned the SeeClickFix phone app.

Carbondale Police Department will be offering Personal Safety for Women classes that are ongoing and upcoming.

Chief Jeff Grubbs mentioned that the Citizens Police Academy is ongoing.

The Carbondale Police Department has partnered with the SIU Athletics Department for the Coats for Kids Drive during SIU Saluki home basketball games.

The Carbondale Police Department are providing private security threat assessments for free.

Items for City Council

None

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting – December 4, 2017. There being no further business, Commissioner Joseph Brown closed the meeting to adjourn. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58p.m.

Recorded by Courtney Beverly _____