



Carbondale Human Relations Commission

Minutes – August 7, 2017

Carbondale Civic Center - 5:00pm

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

Commissioners (Excused): Ted Gutierrez

Commissioners (Unexcused):

Guest Present: Elius Reed, Deborah Woods, Catherine Field, 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 5:02p.m. by Commissioner Hennrich.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Hennrich and seconded by Commissioner Joseph Brown to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2017 meeting. Motion carried. All Voted Aye. Corrections:

ANNOUNCEMENT

Commissioner Shariati introduced the Women For Change Organization and Deborah Woods to the Carbondale Human Relations Commission.

On September 9, 2017 the Women For Change will be marching at Rock Hill Baptist Church beginning at 8 a.m.

Women For Change will meet on August 10, 2017 beginning at 10 a.m. located at the Eurma C. Hayes Center.

Commissioner Stephanie Brown announced the donation of two sensory rooms for kids with special needs which is located at the Dentmon Center in Carbondale, Illinois.

Mr. Reed announced that the Housing and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson will be visiting Cario High School on August 8, 2017.

The Annual Jackson County Democratic Dinner will be August 24, 2017 beginning at 6:30 p.m. located at 17th Street Barbecue in Murphysboro, Illinois.

Mr. Reed stated that during the Racial Justice Coalition Meeting that Margaret Nesbitt stated that they (I Can Read Program) are looking for another place to move into because the people in the Eurma C. Hayes Center want to put them in an undesirable location.

Mr. Scott Martin mentioned the discussion of the discontinuing of the Africana Studies Program at Southern Illinois University.

Mr. Reed announced that Cario, Illinois schools will open on August 11, 2017.

Sarah Heyer announced that Keep Carbondale Beautiful will have schedule cleanups for August 12th which is located at the Town Square Pavilion, August 19th located at Taco Bell and on August 26th located at the Town Square Pavilion beginning at 9 a.m.

Chief Jeff Grubbs announced the Carbondale Super Splash Park's Duck Derby which will be held on August 12, 2017 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

ISSUES

None To Report

Public Education/HRC Website

Commissioner Weaver announced that she has met with the City Hall Information Systems Manager Mark Jones on gaining access to the Human Relations Commission email account.

Commissioner Hennrich mentioned the Human Relations Commission Annual Retreat which will be held at the Carbondale Civic Center beginning at 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. on August 12, 2017.

Public Forums/Events

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Reed stated that he was informed by two SIU officials, that SIU Dr. Randy Dunn mention in a statement that SIU will no longer recruit students north of I-70 at Effingham.

Mr. Reed addressed the Human Relations Commission regarding the June 1, 2017 Southern Illinoisan article regarding the death of Pravin Varughese.

PROCESS ASSESSMENT

Sparrow Coalition Report

None To Report

Neighborhood Action Group Report

Sarah Heyer announced that the Carbondale Arbor District held there block party.

Keep Carbondale Beautiful will meet on August 10, 2017.

Sarah Heyer mentioned that the Neighborhood Alliance will review their goals for the upcoming year.

Non-Violent Carbondale Project Report

None To Report

Racial Justice Coalition

Catherine Field announced that the Racial Justice Coalition met on August 3, 2017 to discuss the Police Substation at the Eurma C. Hayes Center and the discontinuing of the Africana Studies Program at Southern Illinois University.

Commissioner Joseph Brown mentioned that the Metro-East Black Alumni Group will be meeting at the East St. Louis Public Library at 1:00 p.m. on August 12, 2017 in East St. Louis, Illinois.

Law Enforcement

Chief Jeff Grubbs mentioned the completion of the Personal Safety for Women Classes.

Chief Jeff Grubbs addressed safety tips and parking locations for the Solar Eclipse Weekend.

Items for City Council

None

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting – September 11, 2017. There being no further business, Chair Hennrich closed the meeting to adjourn. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55p.m.

Recorded by Courtney Beverly _____