



Carbondale Human Relations Commission

Minutes – January 9, 2017
Carbondale Civic Center - 5:00pm

Commissioners Present: Jerrold Hennrich, Karriem Shariati, Dora Weaver, Stephanie Brown, Ted Gutierrez and Diane Daugherty

Commissioners (Excused): Joseph Brown

Commissioners (Unexcused):

Guest Present: Sarah Heyer

SIU-C Dept. of Public Safety Representative: None

Staff Present: Chief Jeff Grubbs, Commission Secretary Courtney Beverly

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Commissioner Hennrich.

MINUTES

Postponing approval of minutes until February 6, 2017

ANNOUNCEMENT

Commissioner Shariati announced that the Martin Luther King celebration will be held on January 15, 2017 at the Civic Center starting at 4p.m.

The NAACP breakfast will be held on January 16, 2017 at SIUC starting at 8a.m.

Commissioner Weaver announced that the Neighborhood Alliance will meet on January 21st at the Grace Methodist Church.

Mr. Reed mentioned that SIUC will present Chat with the Chancellor which is on January 9, 2017 located at the Carbondale City Hall starting at 6p.m.

There will be two Martin Luther King Jr. programs which will be held at the Carbondale Civic Center on Sunday January 15, 2017 scheduled for 4p.m. and January 16th located at SIUC beginning at 8a.m.

Commissioner Stephanie Brown announced the Color Run 5K which will be located on the campus of SIUC and will be held on April 15, 2017.

Sarah Heyer mentioned that the Carbondale Science Center Water Exhibit is still open for viewing this month.

Open Panel discussion about Rivers, Floods and Levees located at the Carbondale Science Center on January 15, 2017 beginning at 2p.m.

January 16, 2017 Terry Fault's from the Jackson County Health Department will be discussing Emergency Preparedness located at the Carbondale Science Center at 7p.m.

January 21, 2017 Professor Rachel Havrelock's from the University of Illinois at Chicago will be presenting The Global Stakes of Fresh Water at the Carbondale Science Center beginning at 2p.m.

ISSUES

Commissioner Daugherty addressed how the Humane Society of Southern Illinois would not allow St. Francis Care Animal Shelter to save their intake animals from euthanization.

Public Education/HRC Website

Commissioner Stephanie Brown and the Subcommittee met with Executive Director Kathy Renfro of the Carbondale Park District regarding the Carbondale Skate Park and affordable playgrounds.

Public Forums/Events

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Reed mentioned that the Illinois Public School District gave one hundred and fifty bonuses to teachers and school administrative in the local school district.

Mr. Reed announced that SIUC are considering spending \$257million dollars on rebuilding the residence halls.

PROCESS ASSESSMENT

Sparrow Coalition Report

Marleen Shepherd mentioned the update on the Administrative Tow Fee for the City of Carbondale to the Human Relations Commission.

Warming centers are available and open at the Carbondale Civic Center.

Marleen Shepherd and the Sparrow Coalition will be creating an Emergency Wrap Around Team with the help of Good Samaritan Ministries.

Neighborhood Action Group

Sarah Heyer announced that the Planning Commission meeting will be on January 18, 2017 beginning at 10a.m.

January 21, 2017 the Neighborhood Alliance Meeting will begin at 9:30a.m. which will be held at First United Methodist Church.

February 18, 2017 First Time Home Buyer meeting.

Non-Violent Carbondale Project Report

Sarah Heyer mentioned that the Non-Violent Carbondale Project met on December 20th and discussed creating an eleven days for compassion for the City of Carbondale.

Racial Justice Coalition

Commissioner Weaver announced to the Commission if anyone was interested in submitting their name to the District 165 School Board.

Law Enforcement

None To Report

Items for City Council

None

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting – February 6, 2017. There being no further business, Chair Hennrich moved, and seconded, to adjourn. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Recorded by Courtney Beverly _____