



Carbondale Human Relations Commission

Minutes – July 10, 2017

Carbondale Civic Center - 5:00pm

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

Commissioners (Excused): Stephanie Brown, Karriem Shariati

Commissioners (Unexcused):

Guest Present: Elius Reed, Roseanna Dorsey

SIU-C Dept. of Public Safety Representative: None

Staff Present: City Manager Gary Williams, Chief Jeff Grubbs, Commission Secretary Courtney Beverly

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:10p.m. by Commissioner Hennrich.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Hennrich and seconded by Commissioner Joseph Brown to approve the minutes from the June 5, 2017 meeting. Motion carried. All Voted Aye. Corrections:

ANNOUNCEMENT

Human Relations Commission Annual Retreat location and schedule date.

Commissioner Weaver announced the SIUC Alumni 2017 Black Alumni Group Reunion, which is scheduled for July 13-16, 2017.

Commissioner Weaver mentioned that on July 14, 2017 the SIUC Black Alumni Group Reunion will be honoring John S. Holmes.

ISSUES

Commissioner Hennrich announced that the Carbondale City Council will honor Eric McMillan and the Human Relations Commission will send a letter for Eric's long service with the Carbondale Human Relations Commission.

Motion was made by Commissioner Weaver and seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez to approve Eric McMillan Letter from the July 10, 2017 meeting. Motion carried. All Voted Aye.

Public Education/HRC Website

Commissioner Weaver mentioned that she will schedule a meeting with the City Hall Information Systems Department to gain access to the Human Relations Commission website and email account.

Commissioner Hennrich announced if Commissioner Joseph Brown can schedule a presentation about The East St. Louis 1917 Centennial Commission & Cultural Initiative to the Carbondale Human Relations Commission.

Public Forums/Events

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Reed addressed the May 31, 2017 Southern Illinoisan article regarding the current improvements for downtown Carbondale and how many local residents from Carbondale are working on the improvements prior to the Total Solar Eclipse?

Mr. Reed addressed the passing of the Illinois State Budget.

Mr. Reed mentioned the University of Illinois kidnapping case in Urbana-Champaign, Illinois.

Commissioner Joseph Brown mentioned that he will send the media links from The East St. Louis 1917 Centennial Commission & Cultural Initiative to the Human Relations Commission Secretary.

PROCESS ASSESSMENT

Sparrow Coalition Report

None To Report

Neighborhood Action Group Report

Sarah Heyer announced that the Neighborhood Action Group will not meet for the months of June and July, but will meet on August 2, 2017.

Non-Violent Carbondale Project Report

Sarah Heyer announced that Diana Sussman the Chair of the Non-Violent Carbondale Project and Director of the Carbondale Public Library, was announced as the 2017 recipient of the Illinois Library Association Librarian of the Year Award.

There are 37 groups working on Non-Violent Cities projects and the group from Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota is flying Diana Sussman to consult with their organization in August.

Racial Justice Coalition

Commissioner Weaver announced that Dr. Elizabeth Lewin will be conducting a workshop for the Black Alumni Group Reunion on July 14, 2017 beginning at 5pm which will be located at the SIU Student Center.

Law Enforcement

Chief Grubbs announced that the Carbondale Police Officer's Association presented a \$1,000 check to the Boys and Girls Club of Carbondale, Illinois.

Commissioner Weaver mentioned that she has met with Mr. Dennis White the Director of the Highway Construction Training Program at John A. Logan about the program accepting new applicants into the training program.

The Community Service Officers Program currently have vacancy and applications are available through the Explore Carbondale website and City Hall Human Resources Department.

Items for City Council

None

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting – August 7, 2017. There being no further business, Chair Hennrich closed the meeting, to adjourn. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05p.m.

Recorded by Courtney Beverly _____