



Carbondale Human Relations Commission

Minutes – December 5, 2016

Carbondale Civic Center - 5:00pm

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

Commissioners (Excused): None

Commissioners (Unexcused): Joshua Kyle Brandon

Guest Present:

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 5:05 p.m. by Commissioner Hennrich.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Hennrich approve the minutes from the November 7, 2016 meeting. Approved Unanimously: Motion carried. Corrections:

ANNOUNCEMENT

Commissioner Stephanie Brown announced a Sensitive Santa event that will be held this weekend and next weekend.

Mr. Sam Reed announced on December 7, 2016 at 11a.m. there will be a meeting held at SIUC Missouri room and on December 8th 10:00a.m. regarding SIUC tuition and fee rates.

Sarah Heyer announced that on December 11, 2016 at 2p.m. the Carbondale Civic Center will have an Alternative Gift Fair.

Sarah Heyer announced that on December 11, 2016 at 5:30p.m. the Epiphany Lutheran Church. The United Nation Association will have their Human Rights Award dinner.

Sarah Heyer also mentioned the opening of the Water Ways: A Traveling Smithsonian Exhibit at the Science Center.

ISSUES

Public Education/HRC Website

Commissioner Stephanie Brown discussed her concerns on how the City of Carbondale wanting to build a state park behind the Carbondale Police Department and also mentioning how to obtain affordable playgrounds equipment.

Commissioner Hennrich suggested a Public Education Subcommittee to be formed with Commissioners Stephanie Brown, Commissioner Daugherty and Commissioner Shariati to follow up with the affordable playground equipment.

Commissioner Brown mentioned that the City of Carbondale did not have a World AIDS Day observant day on December 1, 2016.

Public Forums/Events

Commissioner Shariati announced the King Banquet which is scheduled for January 15, 2017 at the Carbondale City Hall.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Reed discussed the retirement of Dr. Deborah McCoy and requesting that the Affirmative Action Officer and Administrative Service Director job vacancies to be posted.

Commissioner Hennrich suggested to the Commissioners if it would be possible to present Dr. McCoy a corporate plaque for all the work she has done for the HRC and the City of Carbondale.

PROCESS ASSESSMENT

Sparrow Coalition Report

None To Report

Neighborhood Action Group

Sarah Heyer mentioned that the Neighborhood Action Group is planning the Neighborhood Alliance meeting set for January 21, 2017 at the First United Methodist Church starting at 9:30a.m.-12:00p.m.

Sarah Heyer announced The First Time Homebuyer workshop will be held on February 18, 2016.

Non-Violent Carbondale Project Report

Sarah Heyer mentioned the Non-Violent Carbondale Project met on November 30, 2016 at the Carbondale Public Library.

Sarah Heyer announced the name change of Make Carbondale a Compassionate City. The new title will be The Resolution to Make Carbondale a Compassionate Community which will be updated and brought to the City Council.

Racial Justice Coalition

None To Report

Law Enforcement

Chief Grubbs announced the Community Christmas Store which will be open on December 15th and 16th located at the City of Carbondale Police Department.

Chief Grubbs discussed the Security Cameras which have been installed in the City's downtown area of Carbondale.

Commissioner Gutierrez expressed his concerns about the amount of trash that was left behind after the Lights Fantastic Day parade.

Items for City Council

None

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting – January 9, 2017. There being no further business, Chair Hennrich moved to adjourn. All voted AYE. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Recorded by Courtney Beverly _____