



## **Carbondale Human Relations Commission**

Minutes – September 10, 2018  
Carbondale Civic Center - 5:00pm

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

Commissioners (Excused): Carla Childs, Stephanie Brown

Commissioners (Unexcused):

Guest Present:

SIU-C Dept. of Public Safety Representative: None

Study Circles Staff: Sarah Heyer

Staff Present: Chief Jeff Grubbs, Finance Director Jeff Davis, Commission Liaison Courtney Beverly

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### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00p.m. by Chair Hennrich.

### MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Joseph Brown and seconded by Commissioner Dora Weaver to approve the minutes from the August 6, 2018 meeting. Motion carried. All Voted Aye. Corrections:

### ANNOUNCEMENT

Chair Hennrich mentioned that the September 10, 2018 Human Relations Commission meeting will be discussing and preparing for the September 13<sup>th</sup> Roundtable discussion.

Chief Grubbs mentioned that the Semi Annual Report request will be submitted to the Human Relations Commission by the end of September 2018 or October 2018.

Commissioner Ted Gutierrez arrives to the meeting at 5:06p.m.

Commissioner Weaver announced that Larry Reinhardt has schedule voter registration training sessions on September 13, 2018 beginning at 6p.m.

The Human Relations Commissioners discussed different speaking topics that will be addressed during the Roundtable discussions.

Commissioner Shariati addressed his concerns about the preparation of the Roundtable discussion with the Human Relations Commissioners.

Commissioner Shariati mentioned to Chair Hennrich on record “I’m behind this commission the HRC one hundred percent and not this process”.

Commissioner Shariati left the meeting at 5:56p.m.

Commissioner Joseph Brown mentioned that the Roundtable discussion structure should consist of four to five topics to begin the discussion.

1. When you consider the crisis that we have been having. What is it that most concerns you from where you are in this community?
2. In your memory of this community (your place in this community and your understanding of SIU) what are some of the things that you have always held most dear about this university in this community?
3. If you had the chance. What would you share with or suggest to the community and the city about things that you would love to see working today and tomorrow?

Chair Hennrich mentioned that he would like to set up an informational table for the Mayor of Carbondale, City Council, SIU personnel and State Representatives.

The Human Relations Commissioners discussed the Carbondale Planning Commission Brightfields Development Solar Project.

Chair Hennrich discussed with Carbondale’s Finance Director Jeff Davis the upcoming 2020 United States Census.

Chair Hennrich mentioned that he wanted the Human Relations Commission to be involved with the 11 Days for Compassion.

Chair Hennrich announced a fundraiser for the Human Rights Organization on October 20, 2018.

The Human Relations Commission toured the rooms for the Roundtable discussion.

#### PRESENTATIONS

None To Report

#### OLD BUSINESS

None To Report

#### ISSUES

None To Report

Public Education/HRC Website

None To Report

Public Forums/Events

None To Report

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None To Report

**COMMISSION COMMENTS**

None To Report

**PROCESS ASSESSMENT**

Sparrow Coalition Report

None To Report

Women For Change

Sarah Heyer announced that on September 8, 2018 was the March for Unity and approximately one hundred and fifty people attended the event.

Neighborhood Action Group Report

None To Report

Non-Violent Carbondale Project Report

Sarah Heyer announced the deadline for programs and events which will be September 10, 2018.

Racial Justice Coalition

Sarah Heyer mentioned that the Brightfield Project was discussed during the September 2018 meeting and the Carbondale's Diversity & Compliance Officer Alicia Jackson will be the guest speaker in October 2018.

Law Enforcement

None To Report

Items for City Council

None To Report

**ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting – October 1, 2018. There being no further business, Chair Hennrich closed the meeting to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 6:36p.m.

Recorded by Courtney Beverly \_\_\_\_\_