



Carbondale Human Relations Commission

Minutes – October 7, 2019
Carbondale Civic Center - 5:00pm

Commissioners Present: Anita Brown, Stephanie Brown, Dora Weaver, Roger Webb, Michelle Snyder, Joseph Brown, Carla Childs, Toussaint Mitchell

Commissioners (Excused):

Commissioners (Unexcused):

Guest Present:

SIU-C Dept. of Public Safety Representative: None

Study Circles Staff: Sarah Heyer

Staff Present: Chief Jeff Grubbs, Commission Liaison Courtney Beverly

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:02p.m. by Chair Stephanie Brown

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Joseph Brown and seconded by Commissioner Anita Brown to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2019 meeting. Motion carried. All Voted Aye.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Stephanie Brown announced that Commissioner Karriem Shariati has resigned from the Human Relations Commission.

Commissioner Webb mentioned the *Safe Winter for the Homeless Wellness Fair* which is scheduled for October 19, 2019 located at The City Pavilion beginning at 11a.m.

Commissioner Weaver announced that the NAACP will host a Deputy Registrar training session in November.

The *I Can Read* program is hosting their annual fundraiser dinner which will be held in November and located at the Carbondale Elks Lodge.

Commissioner Weaver announced that the Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois is hosting their *Leading Ladies* event which will be held on October 10, 2019 located at the SIU Student Center.

Chair Stephanie Brown announced that the Human Relations Commission will cohost a Census Bureau Training with the NAACP which will be held on October 15, 2019 located at the Carbondale Civic Center beginning at 5p.m.

Commissioner Joseph Brown announced that the film, *Never Been a Time* will be showing at Southern Illinois University Morris Library Guyon Auditorium on October 22, 2019 beginning at 5p.m.

Commissioner Webb announced a cleanup day which is planned for November 2, 2019 located at 608 E. College Street beginning at 9a.m.

Advocacy Day will be held on October 29, 2019 located at the Clean Energy Job Center in Carbondale, IL.

Chair Stephanie Brown announced that the City of Carbondale will host a Job Fair which will be held on October 9, 2019 beginning at 9a.m.

OLD BUSINESS

None To Report

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Stephanie Brown introduced the Human Relations Commission SIU Student Representative Toussaint Mitchell to the Human Relations Commissioners.

Chair Stephanie Brown reviewed the Human Relations Commission Annual Retreat Goals and Topics with the Human Relations Commissioners.

Chief Grubbs suggested that a gun violence discussion should be added to the Human Relations Commission Annual Retreat Goals and Topics for discussion. The Human Relations Commissioners further discussed strategies and solutions on gun violence, dealing with concerns in neighborhoods, conflict resolutions and collaborations with local agencies in Southern Illinois on community events.

Commissioner Childs enters the meeting at 5:51p.m.

ISSUES

None To Report

Public Education/HRC Website

None To Report

Public Forums/Events

None To Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None To Report

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Childs mentioned inviting Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church Pastor Christopher Swims to present on Conflict Resolutions to the Human Relations Commissioners in their November meeting.

Commissioner Weaver mentioned inviting Dr. John Snyder from the Psychology Department at Southern Illinois University to the Conflict Resolution presentation in November.

Chair Stephanie Brown announced that she is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Carbondale. The Kiwanis Club of Carbondale will announce that they will be building the Inclusive Playground at Turley Park in Carbondale, IL. Further discussion led to the announcement of a fundraiser campaign that will consist of two phases.

Commissioner Anita Brown mentioned the updates to the Human Relations Commission brochure.

Commissioner Anita Brown and Commissioner Webb mentioned that they attended the panel presentation, *Migration in the Americas* at Southern Illinois University.

Commissioner Anita Brown announced that there will be a Neighborhood Town Square meeting on October 8, 2019 located at the Midwest Medical Thermography in Carbondale, IL.

Commissioner Mitchell inquired about the Human Relations Commission social media platforms and policy.

PROCESS ASSESSMENT

Human Relations Commission Housing Subcommittee

None to Report

Sparrow Coalition Report

Commissioner Webb mentioned that the Sparrow Coalition held a meeting on October 10, 2019 at the First Presbyterian Church in Carbondale, IL.

The First Presbyterian Church will be creating a laundry program which will assist the Carbondale community.

Women For Change

Commissioner Weaver mentioned that she attended the Women for Change "Big Event" Unity March and Celebration at Attucks Park.

Neighborhood Action Group Report

Chair Stephanie Brown mentioned that the Neighborhood Action Group held a meeting on October 2, 2019 and will have an upcoming meeting on Wednesday November 6, 2019.

The 2020 Neighborhood Alliance meeting will be held on February 8, 2020.

Non-Violent Carbondale Project Report

Chair Stephanie Brown announced that the Nonviolent Carbondale Project will meet towards the end of October 2019. Further discussion led to Chair Brown mentioning the filming of the Nonviolent Carbondale Project documentary and the *11 Days for Peace* which will be held during the first days of February 2020.

Racial Justice Coalition

None to Report

Race Unity Group

Commissioner Weaver mentioned that the Race Unity Group are planning to show the film "*Rigged*" to the Southern Illinois University NAACP Collegiate Chapter and to local Ministers in Carbondale, IL.

Law Enforcement

Chief Grubbs mentioned The Citizens Police Academy classes which will begin in the spring of 2020. Dates and times will be announced at a later date.

The Carbondale Police Department and SIU Athletics are currently accepting winter coats for *The Coats for Kids Drive*. Coat donations can be dropped off at the Carbondale Police Department.

Items for City Council

None To Report

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting – November 4, 2019. There being no further business, Chair Stephanie Brown closed the meeting to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Recorded by Courtney Beverly _____