



Carbondale Human Relations Commission

Minutes – November 4, 2019
Carbondale Civic Center - 5:00pm

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

Commissioners (Excused):

Commissioners (Unexcused):

Guests Present: Pastor Christopher Swims, Elius Reed, John Snyder, Brione Lockett, Keaton Yates, Jared Treece

SIU-C Dept. of Public Safety Representative: None

Study Circles Staff: Sarah Heyer

Staff Present: Commission Liaison Courtney Beverly

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:01p.m. by Chair Stephanie Brown

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Michelle Snyder and seconded by Commissioner Joseph Brown to approve the minutes from the October 7, 2019 meeting. Motion carried. All Voted Aye.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Weaver announced that a musical will be shown at the SIU Shryock Auditorium on November 5, 2019 in honor of 150 years of SIU.

A job training program is scheduled for the Eurma C. Hayes Center on November 7, 2019 beginning at 11:30a.m.

The *I Can Read* program is hosting their annual fundraiser dinner which will be held on November 9, 2019 located at the Carbondale Elks Lodge in Carbondale, Illinois beginning at 6p.m.

The SIUC Newman Center will be hosting a Gala on November 9, 2019 beginning at 6p.m.

The Black Graduate Greek Council will be showing the film *Rigged* on November 12, 2019 which will be located at Southern Illinois University Morris Library in Guyon Auditorium.

The Black Graduate Greek Council will be hosting a debate party at Chili's Grill and Bar in Carbondale, Illinois on November 20, 2019 beginning at 6p.m.

Professor Daniel Silver will be hosting an informational on November 21, 2019 beginning at 6:30p.m. located at the Carbondale Township in Carbondale, Illinois.

The NAACP will be hosting a Deputy Registrar Training on November 19, 2019 located at the Eurma C. Hayes Center beginning at 6p.m.

Commissioner Webb mentioned that on November 5, 2019 there will be a candlelight vigil on 1225 West Freeman in Carbondale, Illinois beginning at 5p.m.

On November 7, 2019 the Carbondale Warming Center will be hosting a benefit at McDonald's on South Illinois Avenue in Carbondale, Illinois beginning at 5p.m.

The First Presbyterian Church will be hosting their Laundry Day on November 12, 2019 at Laundry World located in Carbondale, Illinois beginning at 10a.m.

Carbondale Thanksgiving will be held on November 19, 2019 located at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Commissioner Anita Brown and Sarah Heyer enter the meeting at 5:11p.m.

Chair Stephanie Brown announced the Carbondale Police Department Coats for Kids Drive and mentioned if the Human Relations Commissioners could donate a coat during the December 2, 2019 Human Relations Commission meeting.

Sensitive Santa will be scheduled for December 7, 2019.

The Carbondale Park District, City of Carbondale and the Kiwanis Club of Carbondale are working together to develop an Inclusive Playground at Turley Park.

Networking for a Cause will be hosting an event on November 23, 2019. For more information, please contact Chair Stephanie Brown.

Sarah Heyer mentioned that on November 13, 2019 Tammy Tunnel the Outreach Coordinator of the Illinois Coalition Against Handgun Violence will be presenting. For more information, please contact Sarah Heyer.

OLD BUSINESS

The Human Relations Commissioners discussed the recent updates to the Human Relations Commission brochure. Any feedback in regards to the brochure, please contact Commissioner Anita Brown.

Commissioner Anita Brown discussed the update on the Neighborhood Town Square meeting from the Human Relations Commission October meeting. Further discussion also led to Commissioner Brown mentioning portable outdoor toilets for the Town Square community.

Commissioner Webb discussed updates about the Warming Center and the accessibility for individuals with disabilities.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Stephanie Brown introduced Roy Mazuchowski as the new Human Relations Commissioner to the Human Relations Commission.

ISSUES

None To Report

Public Education/HRC Website

Commissioner Carla Childs enters the meeting at 5:40p.m.

Commissioner Anita Brown introduced Pastor Christopher Swims who presented on Conflict and Creating a Healthy Culture to the Human Relations Commission. Pastor Swims discussion led to conversations about miscommunication, undefined rules, ignoring conflict, leadership capacity and how to create a healthy culture.

Commissioner Weaver introduced Dr. John Snyder from the SIU Psychology Department to the Human Relations Commission. Dr. Snyder briefly discussed on ways in helping the Carbondale community, prevention of violence and reaching out to the youth of Southern Illinois. Further discussion led to the Human Relations Commissioners suggesting to discuss these topics in the upcoming Study Circles Neighborhood Action Group meeting.

Commissioner Joseph Brown exits the meeting at 6:44p.m.

Public Forums/Events

None To Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Elius Reed mentioned the shooting that occurred behind The Hanger 9 in Carbondale, Illinois and the attendance of a candlelight vigil which is scheduled for November 5, 2019.

Mr. Reed mentioned that Pinch Penny Pub will be closing on December 31, 2019 due to the decline of student enrollment.

Local Laborers Union 773 are accepting apprenticeship applications on November 5, 2019 beginning at 10a.m. located in Marion, Illinois. If you are needing additional information, please contact 618-993-5773.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Mitchell updated the Human Relations Commissioners on the status of his research about the Human Relations Commission social media platform and policy.

Commissioner Weaver mentioned that President Trump is currently passing a bill that will rescind LGBTQ families from having the legal rights to adopt.

Chair Stephanie Brown updated the Human Relations Commission on the Census Bureau Training with the NAACP which was held at the Carbondale Civic Center on October 15, 2019. Chair Brown explained that the training was well attended and received great feedback from the community.

PROCESS ASSESSMENT

Study Circles Neighborhood Action Group

Sarah Heyer mentioned that the Study Circles Neighborhood Action Group will meet on November 6, 2019 located at the Carbondale Civic Center beginning at 6p.m.

Sparrow Coalition Report

Commissioner Webb mentioned that the Sparrow Coalition held a meeting on November 14, 2019 at the First Christian Church in Carbondale, IL beginning at 9:00a.m.

Commissioner Webb announced that there will be a training available for volunteers who would like to assist the Carbondale Warming Center. Scheduled dates and times will be announced at a later date. Further discussion led to Commissioner Webb requesting if the Human Relations Commission would co-sponsor the Carbondale Warming Center Training.

Motion was made by Chair Stephanie Brown to co-sponsor the Carbondale Warming Center Training with the Sparrow Coalition. Motion carried. All Voted Aye.

Neighborhood Action Group Report

None to Report

Non-Violent Carbondale Project Report

Sarah Heyer mentioned the *11 Days for Peace* which will be held during the first days of February 1-11, 2019.

Racial Justice Coalition

Sarah Heyer announced that the Racial Justice Coalition will meet November 7, 2019.

Race Unity Group

Commissioner Weaver mentioned that the Race Unity Group will attend the musicals at SIU Shryock Auditorium on November 5, 2019.

Law Enforcement

None to Report

Items for City Council

None To Report

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting – December 2, 2019. There being no further business, Chair Stephanie Brown closed the meeting to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Recorded by Courtney Beverly _____