



Carbondale Human Relations Commission

Minutes – December 2, 2019
Carbondale Civic Center - 5:00pm

Commissioners Present: Anita Brown, Stephanie Brown, Dora Weaver, Roger Webb, Joseph Brown, Toussaint Mitchell, Roy Macuchowski

Commissioners (Excused): Michelle Snyder, Carla Childs

Commissioners (Unexcused):

Guest Present: Elius Reed

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 5:10p.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 November 4, 2019 meeting. Motion carried. All Voted Aye.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Joseph Brown mentioned that Mr. Charles Neblett will present during the Diversity Excellence Lecture and Awards on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 beginning at 7p.m. located at SIU Student Center.

Commissioner Webb announced that a Town Hall meeting will be held at the Carbondale African American Museum located in the Carbondale University Mall on December 5, 2019 beginning at 5p.m.

Elius Reed mentioned that a local union are currently accepting applications for an Apprenticeship Program which will be due on December 3, 2019.

Commissioner Weaver announced that the Carbondale Thrift Center Board donated \$6,000 to the Carbondale Warming Center.

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church located in Carbondale will host their annual Christmas Day dinner.

Commissioner Webb announced that the Carbondale Warming Center opened on December 1, 2019.

Chair Brown mentioned that there are available appointments for the Sensitive Santa. Please contact the Autism Society for accommodations and additional information.

Fundraising for the Carbondale Inclusive Playground has begun and will host a Networking for a Cause event at Bandana's Bar-B-Q in Carbondale, IL on December 17, 2019 beginning at 4:30p.m.

Elius Reed announced the Martin Luther King, Jr Breakfast program which will be held on January 20, 2020 located at the SIU Student Center.

The Carbondale Lights Fantastic Parade is scheduled for December 7, 2019.

Chair Brown mentioned that the Human Relations Commission was invited to set up a Commission table for the Martin Luther King, Jr Celebration. The event will be held on January 19, 2020 beginning at 4:30p.m located at the Carbondale Civic Center.

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.

Chair Brown and Chief Grubbs discussed updates about the Carbondale Police Department Coats for Kids Drive.

Elius Reed mentioned that the Carbondale's Diversity & Compliance Officer Alicia Jackson, Human Resources Manager Tara Brown and the City Attorney Office are currently revising a draft of the 2008 Affirmative Action Plan.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Brown distributed the Human Relations Commission 2020 Calendar of Meetings.

ISSUES

None To Report

Public Education/HRC Website

None to Report

Public Forums/Events

None To Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Elius Reed mentioned the December 16, 2014 FBI Crime Data ranking for the most dangerous cities in the state of Illinois and the 66th most dangerous city nationwide.

Sarah Heyer exit the meeting at 6:02p.m.

Elius Reed mentioned a YouthBuild program which offers career training in construction for South Central Illinois young adults.

Elius Reed mentioned that the NAACP is in the process of relocating from the Eurma C Hayes Center and into the Rock Hill Baptist Church.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Chair Brown mentioned the College Gazette article about Southern Illinois University being a “Hidden Gem”.

Chair Brown, Commissioner Mazuchowski and Commissioner Weaver discussed the Deputy Registrar Training.

Commissioner Weaver mentioned that on May 2, 2020 there will be a swim clinic at the SIUC Rec Center. Further information to be announced at a later date.

Commissioner Mitchell updated the Commissioners about the meeting that Commissioner Mitchell had with City Manager Gary Williams and City Attorney Jamie Snyder in regards to the Social Media Policy for the Human Relations Commission.

PROCESS ASSESSMENT

Study Circles Neighborhood Action Group

Sarah Heyer announced that the Neighborhood Alliance meeting will be held on February 8, 2020 located at the First United Methodist Church beginning at 10a.m.

Chief Grubbs exit the meeting at 5:46p.m.

Sparrow Coalition Report

Commissioner Webb announced that the Sparrow Coalition meeting will be held on December 12, 2019 located at the First Christian Church in Carbondale, IL.

Neighborhood Action Group Report

None to Report

Non-Violent Carbondale Project Report

Sarah Heyer mentioned that the Neighborhood Action Group discussed creating peace ribbons that will be distributed to local business in Carbondale.

Racial Justice Coalition

None to Report

Race Unity Group

Commissioner Weaver mentioned that the Race Unity Group met for the month of November and also discussed the musical she attended at SIU in November.

Law Enforcement

Chief Grubbs announced the recent citizen graduation of The Citizens Police Academy.

The Community Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on December 4, 2019 beginning at 5p.m.

Chief Grubbs mentioned that the Carbondale Police Department Honor Guards participated in the 2019 annual Carbondale Veteran's Day Ceremony.

The Carbondale State of the City Address will be held on December 17, 2019 beginning at 11:30a.m. located at the Carbondale Civic Center.

Chief Grubbs mentioned that the Carbondale Police Officers participated in the No-Shave November.

Chair Brown discussed with Chief Grubbs about scheduling an Active Shooter Training during a Human Relations Commission meeting.

Items for City Council

None To Report

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting – January 6, 2019. There being no further business, Chair Stephanie Brown closed the meeting to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Recorded by Courtney Beverly _____