



Carbondale Human Relations Commission

Minutes – February 3, 2020
Carbondale Civic Center - 5:00pm

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

Commissioners (Excused): Carla Childs, Roy Macuchowski

Commissioners (Unexcused):

Guest Present: Elius Reed, Marilyn James, Sierra Allen, Nancy Maxwell, Carmalita Cahill

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 5:01p.m. by Chair Stephanie Brown

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Joseph Brown and seconded by Commissioner Dora Weaver to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2020 meeting. Motion carried. All Voted Aye.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Weaver announced the Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration which will be held on January 19th and the Martin Luther King Jr. Day breakfast on January 20th which will be held at the SIU Student Ballroom beginning at 8a.m.

Chair Stephanie Brown announced that the Kiwanis Club of Carbondale playground has completed phase one of the playground equipment order and will begin to move into phase two.

Marilyn James mentioned presenting a presentation about the *James Family History* to the Human Relations Commission, which will cover local impacts in the areas of Southern Illinois. The *James Family History* presentation will be scheduled during the February 3, 2020 Human Relations Commission meeting.

Commissioner Weaver announced that the Black Graduate Greek Council will host a debate watch party at Carbondale's Chili's Grill & Bar which will be scheduled for January 14, 2020 beginning at 7p.m.

Commissioner Mitchell announced that he was offered and has accepted an internship with Senator Tammy Duckworth Office in Washington, D.C.

Carmalita Cahill invited the Human Relations Commissioners to the Marion VA Medical Center on January 21, 2020 to attend a presentation on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Time of presentation will be announced at a later date.

Scott Martin mentioned that he attended the fall 2019 Citizens Police Academy and encouraged the Human Relations Commissioners to attend the spring 2020 Citizens Police Academy.

Elius Reed mentioned the hiring of SIU President Dr. Daniel F. Mahony from Winthrop University in South Carolina.

Commissioner Webb announced that the Sierra Club will have a presentation on January 9, 2020 on Building Resilient Communities, Food Forests, and Intergenerational Stewardship. The presentation will begin at 5p.m. located at the Carbondale Township Hall.

Carbondale Spring will host a training on Nonviolent Communication Workshop, which is scheduled for January 12, 2020 located at the One Innovation Place which will begin at 12p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Chief Grubbs mentioned that the Carbondale Christmas Store "Coats for Kids Drive" was successful and the Carbondale Police Department was able to supply families with winter coats.

NEW BUSINESS

Sierra Allen a Community Outreach Coordinator for Illinicare Health presented an open dialogue to the Human Relations Commission in regards to Illinicare Health.

Chief Grubbs exit the meeting at 5:30p.m.

Nancy Maxwell the Medical and Legal Advocate of the Eurma C. Hayes Center discussed creating a youth conference for local Southern Illinois youth and to discuss the space usage at the Eurma C. Hayes Center.

Chair Stephanie Brown suggested to Nancy Maxwell to have her organization and members to attend Human Relations Commission meetings to continue the conversations on creating youth conferences for Southern Illinois youth.

ISSUES

None To Report

Public Education/HRC Website

None to Report

Public Forums/Events

None To Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Elius Reed mentioned a local home invasion that occurred on January 1, 2020 south of Carbondale and discussed the shooting incident that occurred on December 31, 2019 at the Carbondale's Ross Dress For Less parking lot.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Weaver mentioned that she has submitted an email to Mayor Mike Henry in December regarding extending her Human Relation Commission membership as Commissioner.

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.

Sparrow Coalition Report

Carmalita Cahill discussed updates on the Carbondale Warming Center and the daily operations of volunteers and residents of the Warming Center.

Neighborhood Action Group Report

None to Report

Non-Violent Carbondale Project Report

Sarah Heyer mentioned that the Nonviolent Carbondale Group discussed creating peace ribbons that will be distributed to local organizations in Carbondale and displayed sample ribbons that were created in 1985.

Chair Stephanie Brown suggested that Sarah Heyer bring ribbons and blankets as samples to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day breakfast for display.

Racial Justice Coalition

None to Report

Race Unity Group

Scott Martin suggested that the Human Relations Commissioners should attend the premiere of the movie *Just Mercy* and other documentary and films that will premiere on streaming services.

Law Enforcement

None to Report

Items for City Council

None To Report

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting – March 2, 2020. There being no further business, Chair Stephanie Brown closed the meeting to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Recorded by Courtney Beverly _____