



Carbondale Human Relations Commission

Minutes – March 2, 2020

Carbondale Civic Center - 5:00pm

Commissioners Present: Anita Brown, Stephanie Brown, Dora Weaver, Roger Webb, Michelle Snyder, Carla Childs, Roy Macuchowski

Commissioners (Excused): Joseph Brown

Commissioners (Unexcused):

Guest Present: Elius Reed, Kathy Neely, Sage Banks, Diana Brawley Sussman

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 5:06p.m. by Chair Stephanie Brown

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Anita Brown and seconded by Commissioner to approve the minutes from the February 3, 2020 meeting. Motion carried. All Voted Aye.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sarah Heyer announced that Keep Carbondale Beautiful is searching for a new Executive Director.

Commissioner Weaver mentioned that Commissioner Anita Brown and Commissioner Snyder will create a banner for the 11 Days for Peace.

Commissioner Weaver announced two potluck luncheons which will be held on February 8th and February 9th located at the Carbondale Muslim Center in Carbondale, Illinois.

Chair Stephanie Brown announced that playground equipment have been ordered for the inclusive playground at Turley Park and are currently fundraising and accepting donations.

Elius Reed mentioned that the Laborers Local 773 are accepting applications on February 4, 2020 beginning at 10a.m. for their apprenticeship program.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Webb mentioned that the Carbondale Community Solar Working Group are developing a group-by for Southern Illinois solar.

United Carbondale will be meeting at the Carbondale African American Museum on February 10, 2020 beginning at 5p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

None To Report

ISSUES

None To Report

Public Education/HRC Website

None to Report

Public Forums/Events

Marilyn James presented a presentation about the *James Family History* to the Human Relations Commission and Carbondale residents, which covered impacts the James's family contributed in the areas of Southern Illinois.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Elius Reed mentioned that on August 18, 2008 the Laborers Local 773 in Marion, Illinois have created a high school apprenticeship program. Mr. Reed stated that the Laborers Local 773 met with the Illinois Governor and Lieutenant Governor in December in regards to request funding for the new apprenticeship program and recruitment.

Elius Reed met with Cairo High School Superintendent Andrea Evers and discussed that the local school board have approved an understanding agreement to join the Local 773 apprenticeship program.

On December 2019 Mr. Reed attended the Carbondale School Board meeting and made a public comment about the status of the Local 773 apprenticeship program. Mr. Reed stated that Superintendent Stephen Murphy will meet with the Laborers Local 773 and discuss the high school apprenticeship program.

Elius Reed mentioned the 1975 City of Carbondale Affirmative Action Plan and discussed the current revising of the action plan.

Elius Reed mentioned that an SIU official stated that enrollment has declined for 2020 and Mr. Reed also attended the job conference at SIU where Governor J.B. Pritzker presented.

The process of a million dollar funding project was announced to upgrade and begin expanding the communication building.

Elius Reed mentioned an incident and arrest that occurred during New Year's Eve night.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Snyder announced the SI Wellness Expo which will be held at John A. Logan College on March 21, 2020 beginning at 8a.m.

PROCESS ASSESSMENT

Study Circles Neighborhood Action Group

None to Report

Sparrow Coalition Report

Commissioner Webb mentioned that the Sparrow Coalition recently changed their meeting dates to every first Tuesday of every month beginning at 9a.m. located at the First Christian Church in Carbondale, IL.

Commissioner Webb discussed updates on the Carbondale Warming Center with the assistance of SIU Interns from the Carbondale Public Library.

The First Presbyterian Church are offering free laundry services to the Carbondale community.

Neighborhood Action Group Report

Sarah Heyer announced that the Neighborhood Action Group meeting will be held on February 5, 2020 beginning at 5p.m.

Non-Violent Carbondale Project Report

None to Report

Racial Justice Coalition

None to Report

Race Unity Group

Commissioner Weaver mentioned that a banner was created for the 11 Days for Peace.

Commissioner Waver announced the Margie Parker Teach-In for Peace. Presentation given by Natasha Erskine, Deputy Coordinator Chicago Veterans for Peace, will present "My Journey: From Active Duty to

Discovering Pieces of Peace.” The presentation will be located at the Carbondale Civic Center on February 4th beginning at 7p.m.

Law Enforcement

None to Report

Items for City Council

None To Report

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting – April 6, 2020. There being no further business, Chair Stephanie Brown closed the meeting to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Recorded by Courtney Beverly _____