



Carbondale Human Relations Commission

Minutes – September 14, 2020
Carbondale Civic Center - 3:30pm

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

Commissioners (Excused):

Commissioners (Unexcused): Roy Mazcuchowski

Guest Present: Nancy Maxwell

SIU-C Dept. of Public Safety Representative: None

Study Circles Staff:

Staff Present: Commission Liaison Courtney Beverly, City Clerk Jennifer Sorrell

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:31p.m. by Chair Stephanie Brown

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Joseph Brown and seconded by Commissioner Roger Webb to approve the minutes from the August 3, 2020 meeting. Motion carried. All Voted Aye.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Brown announced that the Laborers Local Union 773 will be distributing food baskets on August 6, 2020 beginning at 1:30 p.m. located at First Baptist Church in Murphysboro, IL.

Commissioner Webb announced the Ralph Smith's dialogue which is presented by the Interfaith Council, the event will be held on August 4, 2020 beginning at 6 p.m. If you would like to join the meeting, please contact Commissioner Roger Webb at rowebb@hotmail.com.

Commissioner Webb mentioned the Blackout Tuesday event, which will be held on August 4, 2020 and located at First Christian Church in Carbondale, IL beginning at 5 p.m.

Nancy Maxwell announced that Carbondale United will be commemorating the 57th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's march on Washington. The event will be held on August 28, 2020 beginning at 5:30 p.m. located at Carbondale's Attucks Park.

Commissioner Weaver mentioned that SIU's Young Democrats and the Black Graduate Greek Council will host a voter registration in August and will be located at the SIU Student Center. If you would like more information, please contact Commissioner Dora Weaver.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Weaver mentioned the status of her reappointment to the Human Relations Commission. Further information will be announced at a later date.

The Human Relations Commissioners discussed the status and scheduling of the Virtual Town Hall meeting which will be held through a Go To Meeting. Chair Brown has mentioned different discussion topics, scheduling dates and variety of local organizations that would like to attend the meeting.

Commissioner Snyder mentioned that the Human Relations Commission can do a formal invite to local organizations to attend the Community Group Roundtable, which will discuss their mission statement, calendar of events and collaboration efforts with other local organizations. Commissioner Snyder noted that all Commissioners can contact her to add additional organizations to the invitation list.

Nancy Maxwell requested if Commissioner Snyder can email a copy of the invited local organizations.

Chair Brown mentioned that the Community Group Roundtable will be independent and will not focus on policing, but more on the Human Relations Commission and local organizations.

Chair Brown announced that the tentative date of August 24, 2020 will be confirmed with the City of Carbondale City Clerk Jennifer Sorrell.

Commissioner Childs announced the scheduling of the Meet and Greet with SIU's Chancellor Dr. Austin Lane. Commissioner Childs has submitted a meeting request for October 5, 2020 with Dr. Lane's office. The Human Relations Commissioners discussed topic details that will take part during the Meet and Greet and inviting local community groups and agencies that attend the Human Relations Commission monthly meetings. Chair Brown requested to reserve a Civic Center room to host the Meet and Greet for October 5th beginning at 5 p.m.

Nancy Maxwell mentioned the Little Caesar's employee and the Sign Code Prohibiting Sign Spinners and Little Caesar's Sign Code Violation. The Human Relations Commission explained to Nancy Maxwell that they have reviewed the sign code violations and the 15.4.10.8 Temporary Signs Permitted.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Brown discussed the review and submitting revisions in regards to the Affirmative Action Plan.

ISSUES

None To Report

Public Education/HRC Website

None to Report

Public Forums/Events

None to Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ginger Golz discussed with the Commissioners about Police Reform, body cameras and how the public are needing to address topics to the Carbondale Police Department for discussion. Chair Brown mentioned to Ginger Golz that the body cameras topic has been discussed in previous meetings and town hall meetings.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Snyder mentioned the areas of interests that the Commissioners wanted to focus during the Human Relations Commission Annual Retreat. Commissioner Snyder noted that she will reach out and gathering information about the Carbondale Police Department and the surrounding counties.

PROCESS ASSESSMENT

Study Circles Neighborhood Action Group

None to Report

Sparrow Coalition Report

Commissioner Webb announced that the Sparrow Coalition meetings are every first Tuesday of every month beginning at 9a.m. Sparrow Coalition meetings will be conducted through Zoom. If you would like to join the Sparrow Coalition meeting, please contact Commissioner Roger Webb at rowebb@hotmail.com.

Commissioner Webb announced that the *Feed My Sheep Community Kitchen* are serving meals, which will be located at Bethel A.M.E Church in Carbondale, IL.

Neighborhood Action Group Report

None to Report

Non-Violent Carbondale Project Report

None to Report

Racial Justice Coalition

None to Report

Race Unity Group

Race Unity meetings have been meeting on Tuesday night's beginning at 7 p.m. through Zoom meetings.

Commissioner Weaver announced that Scott Martin will be relocating to Wisconsin.

Carbondale United

Nancy Maxwell mentioned the 2020 Youth Summit and addressed the community reviews.

Nancy Maxwell listed the upcoming marches for the Southern Illinois Unity Group, Blackout Tuesday, Mass Incarceration March and a Variety Show on August 22, 2020 located at Carbondale's Attucks Park.

Commissioner Weaver mentioned that SIU's Information Technology Department and My Brother's Keeper program can assist in developing a Community Group website for Carbondale United.

Chair Brown requested if Commissioner Weaver to send an invite to Mr. Norris from My Brother's Keeper to present during the September 14th Community Group Roundtable.

Law Enforcement

None To Report

Items for City Council

None To Report

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting – October 5, 2020. There being no further business, Commissioner Roger Webb closed the meeting to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Recorded by Courtney Beverly _____