



Carbondale Human Relations Commission

Minutes – October 5, 2020
Carbondale Civic Center - 3:30pm

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

Commissioners (Excused): Roy Mazcuchowski

Commissioners (Unexcused): Carla Childs

Guest Present: Nancy Maxwell

SIU-C Dept. of Public Safety Representative: None

Study Circles Staff: Sarah Heyer

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Chair Stephanie Brown

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Anita Brown and seconded by Commissioner Roger Webb to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2020 meeting. Motion carried. All Voted Aye.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Brown announced Sierra Allen's Grace Movement charity event flyer to all the Commissioners.

Commissioner Webb announced that SIU Chancellor Austin Lane will be meeting with the SIU Alumni Association on October 5, 2020 beginning at 5 p.m.

Chair Brown mentioned the updates to the Turley Park playground equipment and announced that construction will resume next week.

OLD BUSINESS

Chair Brown mentioned that Commissioner Weaver addressed if the Human Relations Commission can write a letter of support for an external search for African American Police Officers.

Chair Brown thanked the Commissioners for the September 14th meeting and the participation of all the community organizations that attended.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Brown mentioned that Commissioner Childs has scheduled SIU Chancellor Austin Lane to meet with the Human Relations Commission during the November 2nd meeting.

Chair Brown announced that Commissioner Joseph Brown have received an email interview request from the Daily Egyptian for the Human Relations Commission.

Chair Brown mentioned that the reports for the *Improving Police Community Relations Survey* will be obtain from Commissioner Snyder and Interim Chief Reno and will be announced at a later date.

PRESENTATION/PUBLIC EDUCATION

None to Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None to Report

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Weaver announced that SIU Black Graduate Greek Council and Young Democrats will host a Voters Registration Drive on September 26th and October 2nd.

Chair Brown announced the 43rd annual Virtual Freedom Fund Banquet which is scheduled for Sunday October 18th beginning at 4 p.m. Registration will be held at the Carbondale Public Library.

Chair Brown mentioned the dates and location for early voting and the 2020 Census deadline.

PROCESS ASSESSMENT

Study Circles Neighborhood Action Group

Sarah Heyer announced the Neighborhood Alliance meeting will remain a remote meeting and addressed any updates about the Carbondale Police Department *Improving Police Community Relations Survey*.

Sparrow Coalition Report

Commissioner Webb mentioned that the Sparrow Coalition will meet the morning of October 6th.

Commissioner Webb announced that the Carbondale Warming Center will begin a fundraising drive to raise funds for the Center. Chair Brown suggested for the Sparrow Coalition to research and apply for the Illinois Treasurer's Grant.

Neighborhood Action Group Report

None to Report

Non-Violent Carbondale Project Report

Sarah Heyer mentioned that the Non-Violent Carbondale Project have not held a meeting.

Racial Justice Coalition

Sarah Heyer mentioned that she attended the Racial Justice Coalition meeting and mentioned a discussion about having a national search and having local community members involved on the committee.

Sarah Heyer addressed an incident that occurred at John A. Logan College about a presentation on racism and how the presentation was canceled due to the recent executive order.

Race Unity Group

None to Report

Carbondale United

Nancy Maxwell announced upcoming events which included: Gun Safety Summit and Adapting to Remote Learning October 24th, Stop The Violence meeting October 23rd- 25th, Yoga For Her October 9th, Virtual Summit on Domestic Violence Teen Relationship October 29th, Stop The Violence March October 24th, Painting In The Park October 24th, Prayer Vigil October 25th.

Law Enforcement

None to Report

Items for City Council

None to Report

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned

Recorded by Courtney Beverly _____