



Carbondale Human Relations Commission

Minutes – November 2, 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 Mazcuchowsk

Guest Present: Kayla Estes

SIU-C Dept. of Public Safety Representative: None

Study Circles Staff: Sarah Heyer

Staff Present: Interim Chief Stan Reno, Community Resource Officer Gerald Edwards, Commission Liaison Courtney Beverly

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:30p.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 October 5, 2020 meeting. Motion carried. All Voted Aye.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Brown announced the ribbon cutting for the Carbondale's All-Inclusive Playground at Turley Park phase one on November 16 2020 beginning at 12p.m.

Chair Brown mentioned that Carbondale District 165 Superintendent has resigned on June 30, 2020 and the Board of Education are currently accepting qualified applicants for the Superintendent position.

OLD BUSINESS

None To Report

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Joseph Brown mentioned the November 3, 2020 Presidential election and the safety and concerns of the public.

Interim Chief Reno mentioned that a march is planned for Wednesday November 3, 2020 starting at the Carbondale Town Square Pavilion to Senator Paul Simon Federal Building which will begin at 5 p.m.

Interim Chief Reno announced the Carbondale Police Department Coat Drive and addressed the safety measures of collecting coats for families this winter.

Commissioner Webb mentioned that the Carbondale Interfaith Council "Spirit of Christmas", will be collecting financial donations and the deadline for contributions is November 15, 2020.

ISSUES

None To Report

Public Education/HRC Website

None to Report

Public Forums/Events

None to Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None to Report

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Anita Brown mentioned the book "Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents" written by Isabel Wilkerson. Commissioner Brown requested if guest Jennifer Pellow could discuss and review the book during the Human Relations Commission December meeting.

PROCESS ASSESSMENT

Study Circles Neighborhood Action Group

None to Report

Sparrow Coalition Report

Commissioner Webb announced that the Sparrow Coalition meeting will be held on November 10, 2020 beginning at 9 a.m. located at the First Christian Church in Carbondale, IL. If anyone is interested in attending the meeting please contact Roger Webb at rowebb@hotmail.com.

Commissioner Webb mentioned the Carbondale Warming Center and updated the Human Relations Commissioners on the assistance being received by local churches and organizations. Commissioner Webb also announced the financial donations being received for the Carbondale Warming Center which will continue to operate until April 2021.

Neighborhood Action Group Report

Sarah Heyer announced that the Neighborhood Action Group meeting will meet on Wednesday November 4, 2020.

Non-Violent Carbondale Project Report

None to Report

Racial Justice Coalition

None to Report

Race Unity Group

Commissioner Weaver announced attending the Race Unity Group meeting for the month of November.

Carbondale United

Commissioner Weaver mentioned that Carbondale United met with local organizations and discussed activities on how to stop the violence and have researched how to obtain a Violence Intervention Grant.

Law Enforcement

Interim Chief Reno announced that retired Carbondale Police Sergeant Gerald Edwards has returned to the Carbondale Police Department as a Liaison to the Carbondale Community and will assist in community programming and department recruitment.

On October 20, 2020 the Carbondale Police Department and Saluki Patrol met with students, staff and faculty to discussed current events, policing, policing in Carbondale and SIU campus.

Interim Chief Reno announced several programs that are in development at the Carbondale Police Department which will range from an apprenticeship program and a Five on Five program.

Interim Chief Reno discussed and answered questions on public safety for citizens and local businesses in regards to the November 3, 2020 Presidential election.

Items for City Council

None To Report

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting – December 7, 2020. There being no further business, Chair Stephanie Brown closed the meeting to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Recorded by Courtney Beverly _____