



Carbondale Human Relations Commission

Minutes – December 7, 2020
Carbondale Civic Center - 5:00pm

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

Commissioners (Excused):

Commissioners (Unexcused): Roy Mazcuchowsk, Carla Childs

Guest Present: Jennifer Pellow, Kayla Estes

SIU-C Dept. of Public Safety Representative: None

Study Circles Staff:

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 November 2, 2020 meeting. Motion carried. All Voted Aye.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None To Report

OLD BUSINESS

None To Report

NEW BUSINESS

None To Report

ISSUES

None To Report

Public Education/Presentation

Commissioner Anita Brown introduced Jennifer Pellow for the discussion and review of the book “Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents” written by Isabel Wilkerson.

Nancy Maxwell discussed the activities of the Carbondale Black Vendors and inquired about finding a permanent location for the continuation of the Carbondale Black Vendors group.

Public Forums/Events

None to Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None to Report

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Weaver invited Jennifer Pellow to present the book “Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents” to the Race Unity Group.

Commissioner Anita Brown mentioned that the Carbondale’s Winter Farmers Market has relocated to the Carbondale University Mall.

Commissioner Weaver mentioned that the Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois are selling “PC’s for People”. If anyone is interested in purchasing a computer please contact Dora Weaver at doraweaver2@frontier.com

Commissioner Weaver announced inviting Jackson County State’s Attorney Joseph Cervantez to the Human Relations Commission January 4, 2021 meeting.

Chair Brown announced the opening and virtual ribbon cutting for the playground at Turley Park and also mentioned the fundraising on “Giving Tuesday” for phase two.

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 December 8, 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 that the Carbondale Interfaith Council's "Spirit of Christmas" have collected financial donations and raised over \$30,000 for this year's "Spirit of Christmas".

Commissioner Webb mentioned that the Carbondale Warming Center received a financial donation and updated the Human Relations Commissioners that the Carbondale Warming Center will continue to operate through April 2021.

Neighborhood Action Group Report

None to Report

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 December.

Carbondale United

Nancy Maxwell mentioned the Love Train Caravan which was held in Carbondale on December 5, 2020 and announced the MLK Love Train Caravan which will be held on January 16, 2021 beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Nancy Maxwell announced the "Raising Boys To Men" which will be held on December 10th beginning at 6 p.m. and registration will be held on The Carbondale Public Library website.

On December 17th Carbondale United will host a Stress Relief Paint Party, registration will be held on The Carbondale Public Library website and the Carbondale United Facebook page.

Law Enforcement

Interim Chief Reno announced that the Carbondale Police Department are accepting donations for the Coat Drive and also addressed the safety measures of collecting coats for families.

Interim Chief Reno and Community Resource Officer Gerald Edwards mentioned that on December 4th the Five on Five program have completed the community conversation with the Carbondale Police Department and local community members.

Interim Chief Reno mentioned that “Santa in the Park” was held at the Carbondale Macy’s parking lot located at the University Mall.

The City of Carbondale Police Department “Shop With a Cop” are still accepting donations for the holidays.

Items for City Council

None To Report

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting – January 4, 2021. There being no further business, Chair Stephanie Brown closed the meeting to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Recorded by Courtney Beverly _____