



Carbondale Human Relations Commission

Minutes – May 3, 2021
Carbondale Civic Center - 5:00pm

Commissioners Present: Anita Brown, Stephanie Brown, Dora Weaver, Roger Webb, Joseph Brown, Roy Mazuchowski, Carla Childs

Commissioners (Excused):

Commissioners (Unexcused): Michelle Snyder

Guest Present: Jason Grenman Esq., AnaRose Hebein, Dr. Linda Flowers

SIU-C Dept. of Public Safety Representative: None

Study Circles Staff: Sarah Heyer

Staff Present: Interim Chief of Police Stan Reno, Community Resource Officer Gerald Edwards, Crime Victim Advocate Susie Toliver, Youth Advocate Laterriea Martin, Diversity and Compliance Officer Alicia Jackson, Commission Liaison Courtney Beverly

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00p.m. by Chair Stephanie Brown

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Joseph Brown and seconded by Commissioner Dora Weaver to approve the minutes from the April 5, 2021 meeting. Motion carried. All Voted Aye.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None to Report

OLD BUSINESS

None to Report

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Brown discussed the Human Relations Commission upcoming Annual Retreat for dates, location and times.

ISSUES

None to Report

Public Education/Presentation

None to Report

Public Forums/Events

None to Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None to Report

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Chair Brown announced that Jason Grenman Esq., and AnaRose Hebein from Land of Lincoln will be presenting at the June 7th Human Relations Commission meeting.

Chair Brown announced that donations are still being accepted for the Turley Park Inclusive Playground, donations can be given to Legence Bank or the Carbondale's Kiwanis Club.

Commissioner Joseph Brown made a statement on the loss of former Carbondale Mayor Neil Dillard who also approved the development of the Human Relations Commission.

Commissioner Webb mentioned attending the viewing of Chastity May's documentary.

PROCESS ASSESSMENT

Sparrow Coalition Report

Commissioner Webb announced that the Sparrow Coalition meeting will be held on May 4, 2021 beginning at 9 a.m. through Zoom. If anyone is interested in attending the meeting please contact Roger Webb at rowebb@hotmail.com or sparrowcarbondale@gmail.com.

Commissioner Webb discussed the revision and updating of the Resource Manuel with the assist of the Carbondale Public Library.

Neighborhood Alliance Group Report

None to Report

Non-Violent Carbondale Project Report

None to Report

Neighborhood Action Group Report

None to Report

Racial Justice Coalition

None to Report

Race Unity Group

None to Report

Carbondale United

Nancy Maxwell announced that Carbondale United have changed their meeting times to 4 p.m. but will still meet every other Monday beginning at 5 p.m. through Zoom.

Nancy Maxwell announced the developing of a mentorship program with the Jackson County State's Attorney Office, Healing Illinois Award Show scheduled for May 27th, Webinar and March collaboration with Marion, Illinois scheduled for May 8th, George Floyd weekend scheduled for May 22nd, Prayer vigil scheduled for May 23rd, Peace Circle and March located in Carbondale, IL scheduled for May 25th, Juneteenth Celebration scheduled for June 19th.

If anyone is interested in attending the meeting, please contact Nancy Maxwell.

Law Enforcement

Chief Reno introduced Crime Victim Advocate Susie Toliver and Youth Advocate Laterriea Martin to the Human Relation Commission. Susie Toliver and Laterriea Martin briefly discussed their positions as the Crime Victim Advocate and Youth Advocate at the Carbondale Police Department.

The Human Relations Commissioners addressed some questions and concerns to Chief Reno in regards to having a School Resource Officer in the local school system.

Chief Reno announced awarding three Carbondale Police Officers with Life Saving Awards in regards to an incident that occurred last month.

Chief Reno announced that the Carbondale Police Department are accepting applications for the Police Mental Health Advocate, Lateral Police Officer, Community Service Officer and the Telecommunicator positions.

Chief Reno discussed the status of the Carbondale Ride Along Program and the Citizen Police Academy.

Further discussion led to Gerald Edwards and Alicia Jackson discussing the Five on Five program.

Items for City Council

None To Report

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting – June 7, 2021. There being no further business, Chair Stephanie Brown closed the meeting to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Recorded by Courtney Beverly _____