



Carbondale Human Relations Commission

Minutes – June 7, 2021
Carbondale Civic Center - 5:00pm

Commissioners Present: Anita Brown, Stephanie Brown, Dora Weaver, Roy Mazuchowski, Carla Childs, Michelle Snyder

Commissioners (Excused): Roger Webb

Commissioners (Unexcused):

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

SIU-C Dept. of Public Safety Representative: None

Study Circles Staff:

Staff Present: Chief of Police Stan Reno, Community Resource Officer Gerald Edwards, Officer Stephanie Dillow, 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 Mazuchowski and seconded by Commissioner Dora Weaver to approve the minutes from the May 3, 2021 meeting. Motion carried. All Voted Aye.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Stephanie Brown announced to the Human Relations Commission that Co-Chair Joseph Brown will not be seeking another term as a Commissioner on the Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

None to Report

NEW BUSINESS

None to Report

ISSUES

None to Report

Public Education/Presentation

Jason Grenman Esq., presented on the *Land of Lincoln Legal Aid: Breaking Barriers to Justice*. The topics that were discussed were free civil legal services for low-income residents, Housing conditions, Eviction, Foreclosure, Debt Collection, Bankruptcy, Divorce and Custody, Child support and Domestic violence. Further discussion led to questions and answers about the Restorative Justice Program, Community Outreach and Veterans Resources in the Southern Illinois region.

Officer Stephanie Dillow presented and explained her role as the School Resource Officer at Carbondale Community High School. Officer Dillow discussed her position and the resources she provides to the students and the high school. The Human Relations Commissioners and Officer Dillow began a question and answer dialogue in regards to her position as the School Resource Officer.

Public Forums/Events

None to Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Linda Flowers mentioned that the NAACP have completed the Southern Illinois Hills Grant and also completed nine community conversations about nine different books.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Childs expressed interest to Chief Reno and Gerald Edwards about attending the Five on Five discussion.

PROCESS ASSESSMENT

Sparrow Coalition Report

None to Report

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

Commissioner Weaver mentioned that the Race Unity Group will review a film from a local filmmaker Brian Grimm which is scheduled for June 14, 2021 beginning at 7 p.m.

Carbondale United

Commissioner Weaver announced training sessions for the Carbondale Public Library *Interrupt the Violence* initiative. The training sessions will be held on Monday June 14, 2021 beginning at 5 p.m.

Commissioner Weaver mentioned that Carbondale United distributed awards to individuals that participated in several activities within the community.

Law Enforcement

Chief Reno announced the Juneteenth Celebrations which will be held on June 19, 2021 located at Carbondale's Attucks Park.

Chief Reno updated the Human Relations Commission on the posting and reviewing of applications for the Carbondale's Police Mental Health Advocate and Community Service Officer positions.

Chief Reno announced assisting the Carbondale Public Library on their *Interrupt the Violence* initiative.

Items for City Council

None To Report

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting – July 12, 2021. There being no further business, Chair Stephanie Brown closed the meeting to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Recorded by Courtney Beverly _____