



Carbondale Human Relations Commission

Minutes – July 12, 2021
Carbondale Civic Center - 5:00pm

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

Commissioners (Excused): Carla Childs

Commissioners (Unexcused): Roy Mazuchowski

Guest Present:

SIU-C Dept. of Public Safety Representative: None

Study Circles Staff:

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:05p.m. by Chair Stephanie Brown

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Anita Brown and seconded by Commissioner Snyder to approve the minutes from the June 7, 2021 meeting. Motion carried. All Voted Aye.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Stephanie Brown discussed the program *The Human Library*, in which she explained a brief overview of the program which explores an individual life experiences. Chair Brown also mentioned that the program would be open to the public and be located in the Carbondale Civic Center. Further discussion led to potential scheduling dates and developing a subcommittee for *The Human Library* program.

OLD BUSINESS

None to Report

NEW BUSINESS

None to Report

ISSUES

None to Report

Public Education/Presentation

None to Report

Public Forums/Events

None to Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None to Report

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Anita Brown discussed how the Dayemi Community received three different social media cyber-attacks. Commissioner Weaver invited Commissioner Anita Brown to discuss the incidents with the Race Unity Group.

Commissioner Snyder mentioned that the Southern Illinois Community Foundation is hosting a Southern Illinois Leadership Institute that discusses building diverse leaders for nonprofit organizations and grant writing. For further information, please contact Michelle Snyder.

Chief Reno left the meeting at 6:11p.m.

Chair Brown announced the Autism Society Southern Illinois will host a Golf Scramble at Hickory Ridge Public Golf Course on August 8, 2021. All benefits will be donated to the Lenus Turley Park Inclusive Playground.

Commissioner Webb announced that the Carbondale's Warming Center will host a fundraiser at Owl Creek Winery on August 1, 2021.

Commissioner Webb mentioned the Solarize Southern Illinois which helps residents with solar opportunities. The deadline for the Solarize Southern Illinois is September 30, 2021. For further information, please contact Roger Webb or their website at www.SolarizeSouthernIllinois.com.

Commissioner Webb announced that Chastity Mays will be showing her film on August 28, 2021 beginning at 2 p.m. located at the Carbondale's Varsity Center. All donations can be made to Art Racial Reconciliation Project.

PROCESS ASSESSMENT

Sparrow Coalition Report

Commissioner Webb announced that the Sparrow Coalition meeting will be held on August 3, 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 announced the Free Laundry Day program at First Presbyterian Church which is scheduled on July 13, 2021 located in Carbondale, Illinois.

Commissioner Webb mentioned that the Shelter Program and the Good Samaritan Ministries are still collecting furniture, accepting donations and seeking storage unit's space.

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 are still meeting on Zoom.

Carbondale United

Commissioner Weaver announced that Carbondale United are developing a mentorship program and are seeking male mentors. For further information, please contact Dora Weaver.

Law Enforcement

Chief Reno updated the Human Relations Commission on the Carbondale's Police Mental Health Advocate position.

The Carbondale's Citizens Police Academy will begin on September 22, 2021. Applications and dates are located on the Carbondale's Police Department website. For further information, please contact Randy Mathis or Gerald Edwards.

Community Resource Officer Gerald Edwards gave a brief discussion about the Five on Five program to the Human Relations Commission and announced that the Five on Five community conversations are

scheduled for the week of July 19th. For further information or wanting to attend, please contact the Diversity and Compliance Officer Alicia Jackson or Community Resource Officer Gerald Edwards.

Chief Reno discussed the Police Reform Act of Illinois and mentioned seeking community input in regards to the Police Reform Act.

Chief Reno announced that the Carbondale's Juneteenth Celebration was well attended.

Chief Reno mentioned that two new Carbondale Police Officers will be joining the Police Department.

The Carbondale Police Department Ride-Along Program have begun. If interested, please contact Sergeant Wilson and Lieutenant Williams.

Items for City Council

None To Report

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting – August 2, 2021. There being no further business, Chair Stephanie Brown closed the meeting to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Recorded by Courtney Beverly _____