



Carbondale Human Relations Commission

Minutes – November 1, 2021
Carbondale Civic Center - 5:00pm

Commissioners Present: Anita Brown, Stephanie Brown, Dora Weaver, Michelle Snyder, Roger Webb, Patrick Murphy, Jason Grenman, Roy Mazuchowski

Commissioners (Excused): Gerald Edwards

Commissioners (Unexcused): Carla Childs, Carmalita Cahill

Guest Present: Nancy Maxwell

SIU-C Dept. of Public Safety Representative: None

Study Circles Staff:

Staff Present: 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 Anita Brown and seconded by Commissioner Weaver to approve the minutes from the October 4, 2021 meeting. Motion carried. All Voted Aye.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Webb announced that the Carbondale Interfaith Council Spirit of Christmas Program are accepting donations and will accept donations by November 15th.

Chair Brown announced the Toys for Tots and Shop With a Cop Program. If interested please contact Gerald Edwards or Susie Toliver at the Carbondale Police Department.

Commissioner Weaver announced that Sigma Gamma Rho, Inc. will celebrate their founder's weekend on November 13th and will host a fundraiser for scholarships.

Chair Brown mentioned the Newman Catholic Student Center Thanksgiving Day Meal. Commissioner Weaver mentioned that meal options will be delivery, carry-out, and curbside pickups only.

Nancy Maxwell mentioned that the Dentmon Center is starting their basketball program called *Midnight Run*, which will begin on November 12th beginning at 11p.m. -2a.m.

Community Connect will meet on November 13th at the Dentmon Center beginning at 1p.m.

The Black Chamber of Commerce of Southern Illinois will have their first business shower the weekend of November 5th located at the Trap Training Facility.

Carbondale United will celebrate their two year anniversary on November 15th located at First Presbyterian Church beginning at 5p.m.

Commissioner Murphy announced that the SIU Air Force ROTC will be hosting a tribute for Veterans Day located at Davies Gym beginning at 9:30a.m.

Commissioner Mazuchowski mentioned the status of the Human Relations Commission retreat minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

Chair Brown mentioned the Human Relations Commission subcommittee's duties and the Commissioners discussed the Commission Liaison attending each subcommittee meeting for the Human Relations Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Murphy and Commissioner Grenman discussed their subcommittee research on gun violence, encourage closer cooperation between Carbondale Police Department and the SIU Department of Public Safety Investigation, increase accessibility and inclusion for City events and local Carbondale events, housing and business equity.

Commissioner Webb discussed their subcommittee research and has invited Director Camille Dorris from the Southern Illinois Coalition for the Homeless and Supervisor John Lenzini from the City of Carbondale Community Development Office to attend the Human Relations Commission December meeting.

Chair Brown mentioned the concerns of gun violence in the community. Chair Brown also expressed giving high school student's activities to do to keep them safe.

Commissioner Webb mentioned that Carbondale United has addressed issues of gun violence and have attended meetings. Commissioner Webb also mentioned getting high school and college students involved and giving them platforms to discuss issues.

Commissioner Mazuchowski mentioned the enrollment issues and gun violence.

Commissioner Murphy announced that he attended a meeting with SIU Administration and Chief of SIU Police to discuss recent gun violence.

The Commissioners discussed establishing a teen reach lock-in at the SIU Rec Center. Further discussions will be discussed in upcoming Human Relations Commission meetings.

ISSUES

None to Report

Public Education/Presentation

None to Report

Public Forums/Events

None to Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None to Report

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Weaver mentioned a memorial services to be held for a former Human Relations Commissioners which will be held at SIUC Newman Center on November 6th beginning at 3p.m.

Commissioner Murphy mentioned a SIU Supply Drive for the Carbondale Warming Center which will be held on November 9th.

Commissioner Snyder mentioned hosting their Southern Illinois Community Foundations Given Tuesday event on November 29th. Any nonprofit organization that would like to participate please contact Michelle Snyder at michelle@sicf.org.

Commissioner Snyder announced that the Southern Illinois Alternative Gift Fair is scheduled for December 2021.

Commissioner Snyder mentioned that the Southern Illinois Leadership Institute will be graduating their first cohort on November 4th located at the SIUC Incubator.

PROCESS ASSESSMENT

Sparrow Coalition Report

Commissioner Webb mentioned that the November 2nd Sparrow Coalition meeting has been postponed and announced that the upcoming meeting will be held on November 9, 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 mentioned that the Shelter to Home Program and the Free Laundry Day Program at First Presbyterian Church is scheduled on November 10, 2021 located in Carbondale, Illinois.

Commissioner Webb announced that the Carbondale Warming Center has placed over two hundred clients in permanent housing.

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 every Monday beginning at 7p.m.

Carbondale United

Nancy Maxwell announced that Carbondale United has secured funding for the Cure Violence Program.

Law Enforcement

None to Report

Items for City Council

None to Report

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting – December 6, 2021. There being no further business, Chair Stephanie Brown closed the meeting to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Recorded by Courtney Beverly _____