



## **Carbondale Human Relations Commission**

Minutes – December 6, 2021  
Carbondale Civic Center - 5:00pm

Commissioners Present: Stephanie Brown, Dora Weaver, Michelle Snyder, Roger Webb, Jason Grenman, Carmalita Cahill, Anita Brown, Carla Childs

Commissioners (Excused): Gerald Edwards

Commissioners (Unexcused): Roy Mazuchowski, Patrick Murphy

Guest Present: Camille Dorris, Rachel Berner, Jo Sanders, Matthew Wilson, AnaRose Hebein, Kristen Matthew, Angie Bailey, 1 Guest-Unknown

SIU-C Dept. of Public Safety Representative: None

Study Circles Staff: Sarah Heyer

Staff Present: Commission Liaison Courtney Beverly, Community Development Manager John Lenzini

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### CALL TO ORDER

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

### MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Snyder and seconded by Commissioner Cahill to approve the minutes from the November 1, 2021 meeting. Motion carried. All Voted Aye.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Brown mentioned that Turley's Inclusive Playground will apply for funds with the City of Carbondale and has already applied for funding with Jackson County.

Chair Brown announced that The Dentmon Center have started their Friday night Midnight Run Basketball.

Commissioner Cahill announced that on December 10<sup>th</sup> the Carbondale Warming Center will be receiving the Humanitarian Day Award from the United Nations Association of Southern Illinois at SIUC's museum lobby beginning at 2p.m.

Commissioner Webb announced that the Carbondale Interfaith Council Spirited of Christmas Program raised \$33,000 to buy gifts for children this Christmas.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Chair Brown mentioned that the Human Relations Commission Annual Retreat meeting minutes were emailed and will be discussed at the January's meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS

None to Report

#### ISSUES

None to Report

#### Public Education/Presentation

Commissioner Webb introduced Camille Dorris from the Southern Coalition of the Homeless. Camille Dorris briefly gave an overview of the Transitional Housing, Home Buyer Program, Youth Transitional Out of Care, Southern Illinois Continue of Care, HUD Continue of Care Fund, Eviction Moratoriums and Affordable Housing with Supportive Services and Permanent Housing.

Chair Brown mentioned rent cost adjustments in Southern Illinois.

Camille Dorris also mentioned Emergency Housing Voucher due to COVID-19, The Phoenix's Project, Long-term Operating Support, Out Reach Street Program which is funded through the Emergency Solutions Grant called COVID Cares.

Commissioner Grenman mentioned that the Land of Lincoln Legal Aid Office offer programs that assist cleaning up records to gain access to housing. If anyone is interested please contact AnaRose Hebein at [ahebein@lincolnlegal.org](mailto:ahebein@lincolnlegal.org).

Chair Brown asked Commissioner Grenman to discuss the Lawyer and Library Program from the First Judicial Circuit.

Commissioner Webb introduced guest speaker Rachel Berner from Centerstone. Rachel Berner briefly explained that Centerstone conducts case management for homeless individuals that have past or present substance abuse history. Rachel also explained that Centerstone assist individuals in the Shelter to Home Program which has centers in Jackson County, Franklin County, Williamson County and Union County.

Commissioner Webb asked John Lenzini from the City of Carbondale Community Development Department about the City's perspective on housing. John Lenzini discussed Carbondale's housing and landlord and tenant legal rights.

### Public Forums/Events

None to Report

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Nancy Maxwell mentioned The Black Chamber of Commerce of Southern Illinois are seeking a building from the City of Carbondale and are asking the Human Relations Commission for support.

Jo Sanders announced the Adult Mental Health First Aid Training. The next training will be held virtually on December 16, 2021. Registration deadline is this Wednesday, December 8th. The training is free -- requires 2 hours of pre work on you own, on-line, and 5 hours of instructor led material. Instructor is Lynne Chambers JD, MSW - Certified Mental Health First Aid Instructor. For more information: [fanta.saidou@sih.net](mailto:fanta.saidou@sih.net) or 618 457-5200 ext. 67842.

### **COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Chair Brown mentioned that the Carbondale Police Department representatives are attending the Carbondale Community High School Resource Officer meeting tonight.

Commissioner Weaver announced that Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority are back on the campus of Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

### **PROCESS ASSESSMENT**

#### Sparrow Coalition Report

Commissioner Webb announced that the Sparrow Coalition meeting will be held on December 7, 2021 beginning at 9 a.m. through Zoom. If anyone is interested in attending the meeting please contact Roger Webb at [rowebb@hotmail.com](mailto:rowebb@hotmail.com) or [sparrowcarbondale@gmail.com](mailto:sparrowcarbondale@gmail.com).

Commissioner Webb mentioned that the Shelter to Home Program and Free Laundry Day Program will be discussed.

#### Neighborhood Alliance Group Report

Sarah Heyer announced that the Neighborhood Alliance Group meeting will be held on Saturday February 5, 2022 beginning at 10a.m. and will be held virtual through Zoom.

#### Non-Violent Carbondale Project Report

None to Report

#### Neighborhood Action Group Report

Sarah Heyer mentioned that the Neighborhood Action Group meeting minutes were emailed on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Racial Justice Coalition

Sarah Heyer mentioned supporting the Dentmon Center Basketball Center Program.

Commissioner Weaver announced that Jackson County are creating a music program and are seeking someone to present at the Neighborhood Alliance February 5, 2022 meeting.

### Race Unity Group

Commissioner Weaver mentioned that the Race Unity Group sponsored a food program this past week for the Dentmon Center basketball teams.

### Carbondale United

Nancy Maxwell announced that Carbondale United will be taking a break in December and will resume events in January 2022. Nancy mentioned Stop the Violence Program have applied for grants and announced several upcoming event dates.

### Law Enforcement

None To Report

### Items for City Council

None To Report

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting – January 3, 2022. There being no further business, Chair Stephanie Brown closed the meeting to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Recorded by Courtney Beverly \_\_\_\_\_