



Carbondale Human Relations Commission

Minutes – June 6, 2022
Carbondale Civic Center - 5:00pm

Commissioners Present: Dora Weaver, Gerald Edwards, Carmalita Cahill, Michelle Snyder, Stephanie Brown, Roger Webb, Carla Childs

Commissioners (Excused): Anita Brown, Patrick Murphy

Commissioners (Unexcused):

Guest Present: Jennifer Lampkins, Dr. Paul Frazier

SIU-C Dept. of Public Safety Representative: None

Study Circles Staff:

Staff Present: Chief of Police Stan Reno, Deputy Chief Dunning, Deputy Chief Williams, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Coordinator Sharonda Cawthon and Commission Liaison Courtney Beverly

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Snyder and seconded by Commissioner Cahill to approve the minutes from the May 2, 2022 meeting. Motion carried. All Voted Aye.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Weaver mentioned and discussed the Carbondale's Juneteenth banner and events.

Chair Brown announced that the Carbondale Branch of NAACP is hosting a Lunch and Learn on June 15th beginning at 12p.m. located at the Carbondale Civic Center.

Commissioner Webb announced that The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is hosting a sustainability fair on June 18th located at the Carbondale Murdale Shopping Center.

Commissioner Edwards announced that the Carbondale Police Department Five on Five Program will resume on June 28th and information can be located on the Carbondale Police Department website.

OLD BUSINESS

None to Report

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Brown mentioned that the Human Relations Commission currently have vacancies and are accepting applications.

ISSUES

None to Report

Public Education/Presentation

Jennifer Lampkins briefly presented on the Carbondale Crisis Center in which she discussed the breakdown of their mission statement, the structure of crisis care and the center's target population. Ms. Lampkins also mentioned that the Carbondale Crisis Center are seeking volunteers, applying for grants and accepting applications for LSW certifications.

Dr. Paul Frazier from SIUC Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion briefly presented on SIU enrollment and strategic plan. Dr. Frazier also mentioned the implementation of a LGBTQ+ Resource Center, Asian American Resource Center and a Capstone for mental health at SIUC. Dr. Frazier also mentioned his experience with Salukis helping Salukis, Trio Program, Civil Service, Title 9, Upward Bound Program and the Dr. Seymour Bryson Future Scholars Program.

Public Forums/Events

None to Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nancy Maxwell announced that Carbondale United will host a back to school event on July 30th.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Weaver announced that the Carbondale Branch of NAACP will host a virtual meet and greet for local candidates scheduled for June 21st on the Carbondale Public Library Zoom meeting. The NAACP will also host a watch party for Associate Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson.

Chair Brown announced that early voting will be held at the Carbondale Civic Center on June 15th, 17th and 20th. Early voting at SIUC Student Center is scheduled for June 22nd, 23rd and 24th.

Commissioner Weaver announced that Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. will host a event on June 11th located at Attucks Park beginning at 9a.m.

Chair Brown mentioned that Carbondale's Rebound are accepting headphone donations for students.

Chair Brown announced that the Laborer Union Local 773 are accepting applications.

Commissioner Snyder announced that the Southern Illinois Community Foundation Leadership Institute will begin next month.

PROCESS ASSESSMENT

Sparrow Coalition Report

Commissioner Webb announced that the Sparrow Coalition meeting will be held on June 7, 2022 beginning at 9 a.m. through Zoom. If anyone is interested in attending the meeting please contact sparrowcarbondale@gmail.com.

Commissioner Webb mentioned that Carbondale's Mental Health Advocate Laterriea Martin and Youth Advocate Courtney Ford will be in attendance for the Zoom meeting.

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 the Carbondale's Juneteenth celebrations and events.

Carbondale United

Nancy Maxwell mentioned the calendar of events for Juneteenth, Carbondale United will host several activities. The schedule events can be located on Carbondale United Facebook page.

Nancy Maxwell mentioned creating a PSA on ambulance and transportation of victims with the assistance of the Human Relations Commission.

Nancy Maxwell discussed Cure the Violence Program.

Law Enforcement

Chief Reno introduced Deputy Chief Dunning and Deputy Chief Williams to the Human Relations Commission.

Chief Reno announced that the Five on Five Program is scheduled for June 28th and December 13th.

Chief Reno mentioned that the Carbondale Police Department are accepting applications for Entry Level and Lateral Police Officers and Telecommunicators.

Chief Reno mentioned that Mental Health Advocate Laterriea Martin and Youth Advocate Courtney Ford provide mental health services.

Chief Reno discussed local and national crime issues.

Discussion of new hire incentives for Police Officers and Telecommunicators.

Discussion of the National Crime Stoppers Organization and how individuals can report and help investigations.

Discussion of the Carbondale's Entertainment District and creating a safe space.

Items for City Council

None To Report

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting – July 11, 2022. There being no further business, Chair Brown closed the meeting to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Recorded by Courtney Beverly _____