



Carbondale Human Relations Commission

Minutes – July 11, 2022
Carbondale Civic Center - 5:00pm

Commissioners Present: Dora Weaver, Michelle Snyder, Carmalita Cahill, Anita Brown, Gerald Edwards, Roy Mazuchowski

Commissioners (Excused): Stephanie Brown, Roger Webb

Commissioners (Unexcused): Patrick Murphy, Carla Childs

Guest Present:

SIU-C Dept. of Public Safety Representative: None

Study Circles Staff: Sarah Heyer

Staff Present: Chief Stan Reno, Deputy Chief Anthony Williams, Deputy Chief Matthew Dunning, and Commission Liaison Courtney Beverly

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00p.m. by Roy Mazuchowski

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Weaver and seconded by Commissioner Anita Brown to approve the minutes from the June 6, 2022 meeting. Motion carried. All Voted Aye.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None to Report

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Weaver mentioned that Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. will be celebrating their Centennial in Indianapolis, Indiana.

NEW BUSINESS

None to Report

ISSUES

None to Report

Public Education/Presentation

None to Report

Public Forums/Events

None to Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sarah Heyer mentioned several training sessions on voting rights, running for political office, voting issues and cost of an election.

Sarah Heyer requested to add voter info session discussion under new business for the August Human Relations Commission agenda.

The Human Relations Commissioners discussed Texas resident Brandy Bettone on her driving in the HOV lane in Plano, Texas.

Commissioner Cahill mentioned that she participated in the Carbondale Five on Five Program as a citizen and encouraged others to participate.

Commissioner Weaver attended the grand opening of the Eurma C. Hayes Center and mentioned that it was well attended. Commissioner Weaver also mentioned that the Jackson County Ready 2 Play Music Program was also in attendance.

Commissioner Cahill mentioned the Georgetown Apartments and the second displacement of their residents. Commissioner Cahill also announced that a meeting will be held at the Carbondale Middle School on July 12th beginning at 1 p.m. in regards to the Georgetown Apartment displacement.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Anita Brown mentioned an op-ed in the Southern Illinoisan about systemic racism at John A. Logan and asked if everyone could research and read the article. Commissioner Brown also discussed a housing issues from a citizen that expressed their concerns of their living conditions.

The Commissioners discussed grant funds that were distributed to local agencies.

PROCESS ASSESSMENT

Sparrow Coalition Report

Commissioner Cahill announced that the Sparrow Coalition meeting will be held on July 12, 2022 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 Cahill mentioned that Nathan Colombo will be their guest speaker and the Shelter to Home Program will be discussed.

Commissioner Cahill mentioned the Southern Illinois Coalition for the Homeless Street Outreach Team which can be reached at 618-993-0094.

Neighborhood Alliance Group Report

None to Report

Non-Violent Carbondale Project Report

None to Report

Neighborhood Action Group Report

Sarah Heyer mentioned that the Neighborhood Action Group meeting will be held in September or October and the Neighborhood Alliance Group meeting will resume in January or February of 2023.

Racial Justice Coalition

None to Report

Race Unity Group

Commissioner Weaver mentioned that the Race Unity Group are developing a Parents Advocacy Group.

Carbondale United

None to Report

NAACP

Commissioner Weaver announced that the American Red Cross will host a local blood drive on September 23, 2022.

Commissioner Weaver mentioned that a Fish Fry will be held in September but will discuss further during next month Human Relations Commission meeting.

Law Enforcement

Chief Reno mentioned the sign on bonus for the Carbondale Police Department.

Chief Reno mentioned that the Carbondale Police Department are working on violent related offences.

The Commissioners commented on the City Council meeting and discussion regarding the education requirements for the Carbondale Police Department. Chief Reno responded and addressed the education requirements for the Police Department positions.

Items for City Council

None To Report

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting – August 1, 2022. There being no further business, Roy Mazuchowski closed the meeting to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Recorded by Courtney Beverly _____