



Carbondale Human Relations Commission

Minutes – August 1, 2022
Carbondale Civic Center - 5:00pm

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

Commissioners (Excused):

Commissioners (Unexcused): Patrick Murphy

Guest Present: Nancy Maxwell, Jennifer Lampkins

SIU-C Dept. of Public Safety Representative: None

Study Circles Staff: Sarah Heyer

Staff Present: Chief Stan Reno, Deputy Chief Anthony Williams and 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 Mazuchowski to approve the minutes from the July 11, 2022 meeting. Motion carried. All Voted Aye.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Weaver mentioned that the music program Ready 2 Play have signed a lease with the Eurma C. Hayes Center.

Commissioner Webb announced that Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church are having a school supply giveaway for students on Saturday August 6th beginning at 10 a.m.

Commissioner Weaver mentioned that Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church are looking for SIU Greek members to volunteer to help pack backpacks for the school supply giveaway.

OLD BUSINESS

None to Report

NEW BUSINESS

None to Report

ISSUES

None to Report

Public Education/Presentation

Sarah Heyer presented on developing a voter workshop for the community which will include training sessions on voting rights, running for political office, voting issues and cost of an election. The workshops will also include discussion of experiences as an election judge, presentations on political debates and voting calendars. The voter workshops will be scheduled for September 25th located at the Carbondale Civic Center beginning at 2 p.m.

Public Forums/Events

None to Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nancy Maxwell announced a welcome back for Carbondale Middle school, the event is scheduled for August 12th beginning at 7:15 a.m.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Chair Brown discussed the Human Relations Commission Annual Retreat which will be held on September 12th.

Commissioner Mazuchowski discussed welcome back ideas for SIU students with the Commission.

PROCESS ASSESSMENT

Sparrow Coalition Report

Commissioner Webb announced that the Sparrow Coalition meeting will be held on August 2, 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 Webb mentioned that the Carbondale Area Resource Guide is updated and complete.

Commissioner Anita Brown addressed the status on individuals staying overnight at the Carbondale Warming Center to Commissioner Cahill.

Neighborhood Alliance Group Report

None to Report

Non-Violent Carbondale Project Report

None to Report

Neighborhood Action Group Report

Sarah Heyer announced that the Neighborhood Action Group meeting will be held in September and will discuss *Community Land Trust*.

Racial Justice Coalition

None to Report

Race Unity Group

None to Report

Carbondale United

Nancy Maxwell mentioned helping Georgetown Apartment residents on securing housing and seeking assistance from the Human Relations Commission and City of Carbondale.

Back to Teach is scheduled for the weekend of August 5th.

Dr. Wallace weekend is scheduled for August 19th through August 22nd.

Nancy Maxwell mentioned if the Black Chamber of Commerce of Southern Illinois and The Survivor Empowerment Center can be added to the Human Relations Commission Agenda under Report from Community Groups and Agencies.

Nancy Maxwell announced several position openings and volunteer services for The Survivor Empowerment Center, SIU and SIH.

Nancy Maxwell mentioned job shadowing opportunities for teenagers with the Black Chamber of Commerce of Southern Illinois.

Nancy announced the Women's Health Conference which is scheduled for August 20th at Shawnee Community College. Murphysboro's Gospel Jubilee is August 13th. Carbondale's Women's Conference is August 22nd.

The 9th Annual Heritage Blues & Gospel Festival is scheduled for September 8th located in Cairo, Illinois. The Illinois NAACP State Conference will be hosted in Cairo, Illinois.

NAACP

Dr. Flowers announced that the *Community Conversation* meets every third Tuesday of each month.

Dr. Flowers mentioned on August 16th the Carbondale Public Library Zoom Room will host a *How to Engage in the November 8th 2022 Election*.

Law Enforcement

Chief Reno mentioned that the Carbondale Police Department assisted Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church school supply giveaway and Vacation Bible School projects and evening curriculum.

Chief Reno mentioned meeting and reviewing local middle and high school safety plans, emergency responses and discussions on the Resource Officer duties.

Chief Reno mentioned that Town Square Market parking lot have closed on Friday and Saturday nights at 10 p.m.

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

Commissioner Childs mentioned working with Carbondale's Mental Health Advocate Laterriea Martin and Police Officers and Thanked the Carbondale Police Department.

Commissioner Mazuchowski discussed the status on the Carbondale Police Department Ride – Along Program with Chief Reno.

Items for City Council

None To Report

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting – September 12, 2022. There being no further business, Chair Brown closed the meeting to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Recorded by Courtney Beverly _____