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Carbondale Human Relations Commission
Minutes – October 3, 2022
Carbondale Civic Center - 5:00pm

Commissioners Present: Stephanie Brown, Michelle Snyder, Anita Brown, Gerald Edwards, Roy Mazuchowski

Commissioners (Excused): Dora Weaver, Carla Childs, Roger Webb, Carmalita Cahill

Commissioners (Unexcused):

Guest Present:

SIU-C Dept. of Public Safety Representative: None

Study Circles Staff: Sarah Heyer

Staff Present: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Coordinator Sharonda Cawthon and Commission Liaison Courtney Beverly

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:06p.m. by Chair Brown

MINUTES

Motion was made by Roy Mazuchowski and seconded by Commissioner Anita Brown to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2022 meeting. Motion carried. All Voted Aye.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None to Report

OLD BUSINESS

Chair Brown announced that Chief Reno informed Chair Brown on his absent on today's meeting and will share the prepared report to the Human Relations Commission at the November 7th meeting. Chair Brown and Commissioner Snyder will meet with Chief Reno to discuss the report prior to the November 7th meeting.

Chair Brown mentioned to keep Commissioner Dora Weaver in your thoughts and prayers.

Commissioner Snyder updated the Commission on the Give SI and their fundraising and donation event.

Commissioner Edwards announced that the Carbondale Police Academy will begin on Wednesday October 5th beginning at 6 p.m.

Chair Brown announced a Women Safety Course which will be located at the Carbondale's Rebound.

Commissioner Weaver announced that on October 21st there will be a lock-in event at the SIUC Rec Center for local high school students. The lock-in will begin at 9 p.m.

Commissioner Snyder announced scheduled dates for health wellness events, the Women's Heath Naturally event will be held on February 25, 2023 and the SI Wellness event on March 25, 2023.

Sarah Heyer announced that the Vote with Confidence is scheduled for October 13th located at the Carbondale Civic Center beginning at 6:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

None to Report

ISSUES

None to Report

Public Education/Presentation

Dr. Joseph Brown and Rachelle Ridgeway from the SIUC Basic Needs Task Force presented on the concerns of homelessness and housing shortage for SIU students. The Task Force will also provide training and services to faculty and staff on how to identify students that are facing homelessness on campus. The Task Force will also collaborate with the Saluki Pantry and Saluki Care to encourage students to seek additional assistance.

Chair Brown invited Dr. Joseph Brown and Rachelle Ridgeway to the Kiwanis Club of Carbondale to discuss sponsorship support for SIU students. The meeting will be held at Carbondale's Bandana's Bar-B-Q on October 31st beginning at 12 p.m.

Public Forums/Events

None to Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Coordinator Sharonda Cawthon discussed the Carbondale Inclusion Task Force and the Inclusion Task Force Survey. Mrs. Cawthon also mentioned that the Task Force are seeking more participation form the local community. The Inclusion Task Force Survey is open until October 21st and the survey are anonymous and confidential.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Anita Brown mentioned following up on the Human Relations Commission budget discussion from the September meeting.

PROCESS ASSESSMENT

Sparrow Coalition Report

None To Report

Neighborhood Alliance Group Report

None to Report

Non-Violent Carbondale Project Report

None to Report

Neighborhood Action Group Report

Sarah Heyer announced that the Study Circles meeting is scheduled for October 14th. Sarah also mentioned that she has emailed the Human Relations Commissioners the Agenda.

Racial Justice Coalition

None to Report

Race Unity Group

None to Report

Carbondale United

Nancy Maxwell mentioned that the Carbondale United and Man-Tra-Con Offices will be relocating into a new building located at 309 East Jackson Street in Carbondale, Illinois. The open house is scheduled for October 26th.

Nancy Maxwell mentioned that she received an award during the Land of Lincoln 50th Anniversary.

NAACP

Chair Brown announced that the Carbondale Branch of NAACP will host their election for Officers, which will begin on October 4th.

Law Enforcement

None to Report

Items for City Council

None To Report

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting – November 7, 2022. There being no further business, Chair Brown closed the meeting to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Recorded by Courtney Beverly _____