



Carbondale Human Relations Commission

Minutes – November 7, 2022
Carbondale Civic Center - 5:00pm

Commissioners Present: Anita Brown, Gerald Edwards, Roy Mazuchowski, Roger Webb, Carmalita Cahill

Commissioners (Excused): Stephanie Brown, Michelle Snyder

Commissioners (Unexcused): Carla Childs

Guest Present:

SIU-C Dept. of Public Safety Representative: None

Study Circles Staff: Sarah Heyer

Staff Present: Chief of Police Stan Reno and Commission Liaison Courtney Beverly

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:15p.m. by Commissioner Roy Mazuchowski

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Anita Brown and seconded by Commissioner Carmalita Cahill to approve the minutes from the October 3, 2022 meeting. Motion carried. All Voted Aye.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Anita Brown announced that the Rebound Center will have their open house scheduled for November 10th beginning at 5:00 p.m.

The Carbondale Branch of the AAUW will present their findings of the SIU Campus Climate Survey, which will be held on November 8th beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Commissioner Webb announced the Free Laundry Day at Laundry World which will be held on November 9th beginning at 10:00 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Anita Brown mentioned that she met with Chair Brown to discuss the Human Relations Commission proposed Budget Proposal. Commissioner Anita Brown briefly mentioned that the proposal

included In-kind donations of quarterly events, annual retreat supplies, name badges and printing materials. The Commissioners agreed to postpone voting on the budget proposal until the December 5th meeting.

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 discussed and thanked the Human Relations Commission on their assistance with the *Voting with Confidence* event.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Edwards mentioned the Carbondale Police Department *Coats for Kids* Drive.

PROCESS ASSESSMENT

Sparrow Coalition Report

Commissioner Webb announced that the Sparrow Coalition meeting will be held on December 6, 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.

Non-Violent Carbondale Project Report

None to Report

Neighborhood Action Group Report

Sarah Heyer mentioned the *Map Your Neighborhood* program. Sarah Heyer discussed that the program explains what to do in emergency, how to help individuals, meeting your neighbors and neighborhood and finding safety areas while in an emergency.

Sarah Heyer announced that the Neighborhood Alliance meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2023. The meeting will include topics of Community Land Trust, SIU Gun Violence Needs Assessment, Carbondale Inclusion Task Force Survey, Five on Five Program and Candidate Forums.

Racial Justice Coalition

None to Report

Race Unity Group

None to Report

Carbondale United

None to Report

NAACP

Commissioner Mazuchowski announced that the NAACP Annual Freedom Banquet was held on October 23rd and a Candidate Forums for NAACP positions.

Black Chamber of Commerce of Southern Illinois

None to Report

The Survivor Empowerment Center

Commissioner Cahill announced the *Coldest Night of the Year* fundraiser, which is a 2K and 5K race scheduled for February 25th.

Commissioner Cahill announced that the *Upstairs over Night Program* is now open for November 20th beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Law Enforcement

Chief Reno mentioned that the Carbondale Police Department Five on Five Community Conversation have begun.

Chief Reno mentioned that a Five on Five Community Conversation was held at the local middle and high school for students to ask Carbondale Police Officers questions.

Chief Reno announced that a Five on Five Community Conversation is scheduled for December 13th and will be located at the Carbondale Police Department.

Chief Reno announced the recruiting of new Carbondale Police Officers.

Commissioner Cahill mentioned to Chief Reno if the Carbondale Police Department Mental Health Advocate Laterriea Martin will be receiving assistance.

Chief Reno discussed the Carbondale Police Department Personnel Commendations/Complaints Summary, which is documented from January 2022 to present. Chief Reno briefly explained the Informal Complaints, Formal Complaints, Verbal and Written Complaints to the Commission. The Commissioners also begin to ask questions in regards to the summary report.

Commissioner Webb mentioned the progress on the Carbondale Gun Violence Needs Assessment Report. Chief Reno mentioned that the report would be available in the near future on the Carbondale Police Department website.

Commissioner Mazuchowski mentioned if the individuals conducting the Carbondale Gun Violence Needs Assessment Report can meet or discuss the report with the Human Relations Commission.

Commissioner Mazuchowski discussed local crime statistics with Chief Reno.

Items for City Council

None To Report

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting – December 5, 2022. There being no further business, Commissioner Mazuchowski closed the meeting to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Recorded by Courtney Beverly _____