



Carbondale Human Relations Commission

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

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

Commissioners (Excused):

Commissioners (Unexcused): Carla Childs

Guest Present: Dr. Linda Flowers

SIU-C Dept. of Public Safety Representative: None

Study Circles Staff: Sarah Heyer

Staff Present: Chief of Police Stan Reno, Deputy Chief Matthew Dunning and Commission Liaison Courtney Beverly

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Anita Brown and seconded by Commissioner Carmalita Cahill to approve the minutes from the November 7, 2022 meeting. Motion carried. All Voted Aye.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Edwards announced that the Five on Five meeting will be held on December 13th and sign up is located on the Carbondale Police Department website.

Chair Brown invited Commissioner Edwards to the Kiwanis Club of Carbondale meeting on Monday's located at the Carbondale Bandana's Bar-B-Q to discuss the Five on Five Program.

Commissioner Webb announced that the Carbondale's Interfaith Council have collected over \$30,000 for the Spirit of Christmas.

OLD BUSINESS

None to Report

NEW BUSINESS

The Commission discussed the proposed budget for the Human Relations Commission.

Commissioner Cahill motion to submit the proposed Human Relations Commission budget to the City Council for approval for 2024.

Opposed – None

Chair Brown encouraged the Commissioners to find individuals from the community that are interested in presenting at the Human Relations Commission meetings next year.

ISSUES

None to Report

Public Education/Presentation

None to Report

Public Forums/Events

None to Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sarah Heyer announced that on December 10th the Carbondale Public Library will host an award ceremony for Jane Swanson beginning at 10a.m.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Cahill mentioned that *Carbondale United, Black Chamber of Commerce of Southern Illinois and The Survivor Empowerment Center* did attend the Alternative Gift Fair that was held at the Carbondale Civic Center.

Chair Brown announced the Sensitive Santa Meet and Greet. Appointments and availability can be made with Stephanie Brown.

Commissioner Mazuchowski mentioned ideas to the Commission in honoring Dr. Weaver.

Commissioner Snyder mentioned attending the Cookie Walk and describe the experience with the Rotary Exchange Students. Also, The Give SI Program has concluded and have reported over \$250,000 in thirty hours and will provide checks to nonprofit organizations tomorrow.

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 announced that the next meeting will be held on December 7th beginning at 5p.m. Planning continues for the Neighborhood Alliance Meeting on Feb. 4, where topics will include local elections, Five on Five Program, Carbondale Gun Violence Needs Assessment, Carbondale Inclusion Task Force Survey and the Non-Violence Survey.

Racial Justice Coalition

None to Report

Race Unity Group

None to Report

Carbondale United

None to Report

NAACP

Dr. Linda Flowers announced the 2023 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Breakfast which will be held on January 16th located at the SIUC Student Center.

The Carbondale NAACP are partnering with the Rotary Club of Carbondale to host a Blood Drive on December 16th located at Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship.

Black Chamber of Commerce of Southern Illinois

None to Report

The Survivor Empowerment Center

None to Report

Law Enforcement

Deputy Chief Dunning mentioned the November Monthly Recognition, which included recognizing a Police Officer for stopping a stolen vehicle and recognizing seven Police Officers for category citizen recognition.

Chief Reno mentioned there were no new Police Officer complaints since last month reporting of the entire year breakdown.

Starting next year, the Summary of Complaints breakdowns will be available on the Carbondale Police Department website.

Chief Reno announced that December 5th is the first day of the Carbondale Police Department Christmas Store. Coat donations can be collected at the SIUC basketball games on December 7th, 10th and 13th.

Chief Reno mentioned updates from the 31st Lights Fantastic Parade.

Chief Reno mentioned that the Carbondale Gun Violence Needs Assessment Report from SIUC will be published on the City of Carbondale and Carbondale Police Department websites.

Chief Reno and the Commissioners discussed the Carbondale Gun Violence Needs Assessment and SAFE-T Act.

Items for City Council

None To Report

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting – January 9, 2023. There being no further business, Chair Brown closed the meeting to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Recorded by Courtney Beverly _____