



Carbondale Human Relations Commission

Minutes – July 1, 2019
Carbondale Civic Center - 5:00pm

Commissioners Present: Anita Brown, Stephanie Brown, Dora Weaver, Karriem Shariati, Roger Webb, Michelle Snyder

Commissioners (Excused): Jerrold Hennrich, Joseph Brown

Commissioners (Unexcused): Carla Childs, Yahaira Heller

Guest Present: Jor Dau Crim, Julie Robinson

SIU-C Dept. of Public Safety Representative: None

Study Circles Staff:

Staff Present: Chief Jeff Grubbs, Commission Liaison Courtney Beverly

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:03p.m. by Commissioner Anita Brown

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Karriem Shariati and seconded by Commissioner Dora Weaver to approve the minutes from the June 3, 2019 meeting. Motion carried. All Voted Aye. Corrections: Email finalize Human Relations Commission meeting minutes to the Human Relations Commissioners.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Weaver announced the 2019 SIU Black Alumni Group Reunion which will be held on July 18-21, 2019

Commissioner Anita Brown mentioned the 2019 Human Relations Commission Annual Retreat. The Retreat will be held on July 13, 2019 located at the Carbondale Civic Center beginning at 12p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

None to Report

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Anita Brown announced the voting of the NAACP and Black Graduate Greek Council Request for HRC Support and to Host an Event at the City of Carbondale Civic Center.

Motion was made by Commissioner Stephanie Brown and seconded by Commissioner Dora Weaver to approve the NAACP and Black Graduate Greek Council Request for HRC Support and to Host an Event at the City of Carbondale Civic Center. Motion carried. All Voted Aye.

ISSUES

None To Report

Public Education/HRC Website

None To Report

Public Forums/Events

None To Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Julie Robinson the President of the Southern Illinois AIDS Coalition introduced herself and guests to the Human Relations Commission. Further Discussion led to the Commission discussing about the group Indivisible 57.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Stephanie Brown thanked the guests for attending the Human Relations Commission and speaking to the Commissioners about the Southern Illinois AIDS Coalition and Indivisible 57.

The Human Relations Commissioners discussed the upcoming 2019 Human Relations Commission Annual Retreat and the Annual Retreat Agenda.

PROCESS ASSESSMENT

Human Relations Commission Housing Subcommittee

Commissioner Shariati mentioned that he will meet with Commissioner Heller to discuss scheduling a meeting with the SIU Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs before the fall semester begins.

Commissioner Shariati contacted the Carbondale Times Newspaper in regards to their newspaper distribution in Southern Illinois. Commissioner Shariati received a list of the Carbondale Times distribution locations and discussed those locations with the Commission. Further discussion led to having Building and Neighborhood Services and Supervisor John Lenzini to set up a display table of housing rental information in front of the City Hall Revenue Office and Parking Services Department.

Sparrow Coalition Report

Commissioner Webb announced that a showing of a vacant building located on College Street in Carbondale, IL will be a possible location for an Emergency Warming Center.

Women For Change

None to Report

Neighborhood Action Group Report

None to Report

Non-Violent Carbondale Project Report

None to Report

Racial Justice Coalition

None to Report

Race Unity Group

Commissioner Weaver announced the Race Unity Group meetings which meets every Tuesday beginning at 7pm located at the SIUC Newman Center. Further discussion led to Commissioner Weaver briefly discussing developing a program where local groups can send supplies to families that are currently being detain.

Law Enforcement

Chief Grubbs announced the graduation of the spring 2019 advanced Citizens Police Academy. The Citizens Police Academy classes will begin in the fall of 2019. Dates and times will be announced at a later date.

Entry Level Police Officer exam information and dates are available on the Carbondale Police Department website.

Chief Grubbs mentioned that the Carbondale Police Department Recruitment video is available on the Carbondale Police Department website.

Chief Grubbs announced that he attended a joint meeting in Peoria, IL with the Illinois Chiefs Association and the NAACP.

Commissioner Stephanie Brown thanked the Carbondale Police Department for the search and rescue of the missing 7-year old Carbondale resident. Further discussion led to Commissioner Stephanie Brown discussing a new missing person's alert system from the Jackson Emergency Management Agency. More information can be located on the Carbondale Police Department website.

Items for City Council

None To Report

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting – August 5, 2019. There being no further business, Commissioner Anita Brown closed the meeting to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Recorded by Courtney Beverly _____