



Carbondale Human Relations Commission

Minutes – July 2, 2018
Carbondale Civic Center - 5:00pm

Commissioners Present: Jerrold Hennrich, Stephanie Brown, Dora Weaver, Joseph Brown, Ted Gutierrez, Karriem Shariati, Joshua Bowens, Carla Childs

Commissioners (Excused):

Commissioners (Unexcused):

Guest Present: Scott Martin, Deanah McClendon, Michael Ruiz, Lori Sailiata, Roger Webb, Elius Reed

SIU-C Dept. of Public Safety Representative: None

Study Circles Staff: None

Staff Present: Chief Jeff Grubbs, Diversity & Compliance Officer Alicia Jackson, Commission Liaison Courtney Beverly

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:02p.m. by Chair Hennrich.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Karriem Shariati and seconded by Commissioner Stephanie Brown to approve the minutes from the June 4, 2018 meeting. Motion carried. All Voted Aye. Corrections:

ANNOUNCEMENT

Commissioner Bowens announced that July 2, 2018 will be his last day as the student appointment for the Human Relations Commission.

Chief Jeff Grubbs introduced the Diversity & Compliance Officer Alicia Jackson to the Human Relations Commission.

Commissioner Gutierrez announced on June 6, 2018 that he will no longer serve as the Director of the Jackson County Mass Transit in Carbondale, IL.

The Illinois Laborers and Contractors Apprenticeship and Training Program will have an open house on Friday, July 13, 2018 located at the Laborers Training Center for all 2018 high school juniors and seniors.

Commissioner Shariati announced that Carla Childs was confirmed as the new Human Relations Commissioner.

Elius Reed announced that the Egyptian Building Trades Council to assist the City of Carbondale in assuring that Carbondale minorities are placed on construction jobs.

Scott Martin announced that on July 3, 2018 the Race Unity Group will be showing a documentary film titled *Walking While Black: L.O.V.E. is the Answer* located at the SIUC Newman Center beginning at 7p.m.

Chief Jeff Grubbs announced that the City of Carbondale Police Department participated in creating a Driver's Education film for the local high school.

Chair Hennrich introduced Assistant Dean for Career Services and Special Projects Michael Ruiz and Adjunct Professor from the SIU School of Law Deanah McClendon to the Human Relations Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Stephanie Brown announced that the Roundtable Subcommittee met on June 26, 2018 beginning at 4p.m. located at Carbondale Rebound.

The Roundtable Subcommittee created a proposal letter to invite the community of Carbondale and to participate in a series of discussions.

ISSUES

The Human Relations Commissioners discussed different advertisement options for the City of Carbondale Channel 16 broadcast.

Public Education/HRC Website

None To Report

Public Forums/Events

Assistant Dean Michael Ruiz and Professor Deanah McClendon discussed recruitment, retention and mentorship opportunities for local middle school and high school students at the SIU Law School mentorship program.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Elius Reed expressed his thoughts regarding the trial of Pravin Varughese.

Elius Reed discussed the City of Carbondale Police Department and SIU Police Department jurisdiction boundaries.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Shariati discussed the Human Relations Commission Annual Retreat

Commissioner Gutierrez addressed the City of Carbondale downtown Streetscape Improvement project construction.

Commissioner Stephanie Brown updated the Human Relations Commission on the Justin Dentmon's Battle On The Blacktop Tournament which was held on June 23, 2018 located at Attucks Park in Carbondale, Illinois.

Commissioner Childs addressed the SIU Law School mentorship program with Assistant Dean Michael Ruiz.

PROCESS ASSESSMENT

Sparrow Coalition Report

Roger Webb discussed the 2018 Carbondale Area Resources Guide to the Human Relations Commission.

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

Law Enforcement

Chief Grubbs announced that the City of Carbondale and the Chamber of Commerce have partnered together with SIU New Student Orientation on their Dinner in the Dale.

Chief Grubbs addressed the social media incident that involved a Carbondale Police Officer to the Human Relations Commission.

The Carbondale Police Department Ride Along, Citizens Police Academy and Personal Safety for Women programs will continue, along with two new programs which will be announced at a later date.

Chief Grubbs mentioned that the Coffee With a Cop has been suspended for the summer to focus on the 2018 SIU New Student Orientation.

Items for City Council

None To Report

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting – August 6, 2018. There being no further business, Chair Hennrich closed the meeting to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02p.m.

Recorded by Courtney Beverly _____