



Commissioners Present: Lauren Bonner, Jeraldine Brown, Joseph Brown, Peg Falcone, Jovan Gathings, Jerrold Hennrich, Sidney Logwood, Les O'Dell, Dora Weaver

Commissioners Excused:

Commissioners Absent: Blaine Tisdale

Study Circle Staff Present:

Guests Present: Eric McMillan, Faith Miller, Elius Reed, Benjamin Smith, Chad Trisler

Staff Present: Deborah McCoy, Lieutenant Paul Edwards

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Logwood at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes

Motion was made by Commissioner Hennrich and seconded by Commissioner Weaver to approve the minutes from the July 1, 2013 meeting with a correction to the word copy. Motion carried.

Announcements

Requirement for new members to complete the Open Meetings Act Training and submit a copy of the Certificate to the City Clerk and Deb McCoy.

E-mail and Text Messaging sent during City council, board, or commission meetings are subject to FOIA requests.

Faith Miller, newest member to the HRC, was introduced and will be approved at the August 5, 2013, City Council meeting.

Chair Logwood announced that he is returning to Seminary and will not be able to continue with the HRC. The Mayor is aware and awaits any further recommendation from the HRC.

Public Comments

None.

Study Circles Report

No Report.

Non-Violent Carbondale Project Progress Report

Chair Logwood indicated that he had been contacted regarding the HRC co-sponsoring the October Peace Project.

Old Business

Meeting with the Mayor: Chair Logwood met with the Mayor, but was not able to meet with the City Manager. The intent is to meet with the Mayor, City Manager, and Chancellor each month. The Mayor encouraged him to work with the Civic Center Coordinator to facilitate the use of the Civic Center. Chair Logwood spoke with the Mayor about the letters to the Chief and law enforcement agencies.

Law Enforcement Reports:

Letters to Mayor and Council and Carbondale Police Chief: Motion was approved at the July 1, 2013, meeting, for the letters to be sent. The letter to the Mayor and Council was forwarded and the letter to the Police Chief will be sent on Tuesday, August 6, 2013.

Commissioner Weaver commented on an experience where several police cars showed up to a stop for a dysfunctional blinker. Lieutenant Edwards explained that two cars usually show up as a safety precaution and other officers will arrive until a call is received indicating that everything is okay.

Commissioner Bonner commented that she participated in a ride-along with an officer and the experience was eye opening. The experience enabled her to see things from both sides. She shared an experience where she was pulled over in her neighborhood for not having a bike light. She was frightened by the lights and sirens as it was just about dusk when two officers surrounded her and asked for her license.

Chair Logwood asked and Lieutenant Edwards responded to what kinds of things citizens can expect from the increased job requirements of officers. Lieutenant Edwards explained that the procedures are meant to encourage all officers to have similar levels of activity.

HRC Responsibilities, Role, Charges: Continuing to review and work on the Bylaws. The Committee will meet September 9, 2013.

Continuing the Dialogue: Commissioners discussed the orientation and an event title of *Welcome to Carbondale!* The event would be held for the purpose of providing information to students about their responsibilities for public safety and neighborhoods. The *Welcome* will be held on a Saturday at the Civic Center, dependent upon availability and other scheduled campus or community events. Topics might include: City services, public safety (Fire and Police), Living in Neighborhoods/Housing/Renting, Wellness and Health, Diversity, Emergency Resources. Preliminary thoughts for the event include a Welcome by the Mayor and Council, presentations by Fire and Police (to include information about house parties, etc.), City services, and Emergency Resources; followed by a fair-type set up where students can browse and pick-up information while speaking with representatives. Commissioners Bonner and Gathings have been working on an event for students and will continue. Commissioners or others wishing to assist should contact them.

Forum – “Ending Disparities in African American Communities” is scheduled for Thursday, September 26, 2013, 6:00 p.m. at the Civic Center. The event is co-sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and the

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HRC. Representative Davis and Senator Hunter will be present to facilitate the forum (pending any modifications in their schedules).

New Business

Commissioner Bonner presented the idea of Community Conversations and Discussions. A topic would be introduced monthly/quarterly/semi-annually and the entire community would be encouraged to join in the discussion. Commissioners agreed to continue discussion of the idea at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: September 5, 2013

Adjournment - There being no further business, motion was made by Commissioner Bonner and seconded by Commissioner Joseph Brown to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

Recorded by Deborah McCoy _____