



Commissioners Present: Jessica Bradshaw, Jerrold Hennrich, Hugh Muldoon, Sherry Ratcliffe, Dora Weaver

Commissioners Excused: Pat Keenan

Commissioners Absent: Jeraldine Brown, Sidney Logwood, Sam Thomas

Study Circle Staff Present:

Guests Present: Nick Congiardo, Lt. Mark Goddard, Dianna Brawley Sussmann, Jamie Veach, Rory Walters

Staff Present: Deborah McCoy

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 p.m. by Chair Muldoon who welcomed and asked attendees to introduce themselves.

Minutes

Motion was made by Commissioner Hennrich and seconded by Commissioner Ratcliffe to approve the minutes from the July 2, 2012, meeting. Motion carried.

Announcements

Thursday, August 9, 2012 – Crises Intervention Seminar to be held at the Women's Center from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 12, 2012 – Commemoration of the Hiroshima Bombings at the Church of the Good Shepherd. Potluck at 5:30 p.m., program at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 18, 2012 – First Saluki Pride Carwash at Murdale Shopping Center. Proceeds will be used to paint Saluki paws on the streets. The carwash will be followed by a welcome for international students.

Saturday, August 25, 2012 – Carbondale Community Day at Minor's Park. Mayor Fritzler will throw the first pitch. Several ticket packets will be available. The National Anthem will be played by the CCHS band. Contact Commissioner Ratcliffe for more information.

Public Comments - None

Study Circles Report

No report.

Non-Violent Carbondale Project Progress Report

Chair Muldoon reported he and Commissioner Bradshaw were in attendance at meetings held July 19 and 25 to discuss NVCP's plans for the coming months and year. Ideas from the meeting include Compassionate Cities Campaign, food justice, reframing public holidays, 11 Days of Gratitude in November, empty bowl project, 2013 history peace conference at SIUC, veterans re-entry. Discussion also included NVCP decision-making and its future relationship to the HRC. The next meeting will be held on August 16, 2012, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at 27 Hillcrest. NVCP meets the third Thursday of the month.

Old Business

Carbondale as a Compassionate City – Motion was made by Commissioner Hennrich and seconded by Commissioner Bradshaw to amend the Proclamation as discussed and submit it to the Mayor for review. The ninth WHEREAS should read as follows: WHEREAS, THE 11 Days for Compassion, May 1-11, 2012, in Carbondale was an unprecedented community effort that involved thousands of citizens who explored how adults, children, families, and community groups can become compassionate members of society; and... The motion carried.

Video Gaming Proposal – Commissioner Hennrich commented that he had compiled a summary of research on the issue and had spoken with the Mayor and Council Members. Mr. Walters, Carbondale Eagles, commented that with Video Gaming, the organization could possibly increase membership and be able to give back more to the community. Mr. Congiardo, B&B Harris Management, spoke about gaming in general and its status in Illinois. Ms. Veach, Carbondale Elks, explained that membership was private and that applications are considered by a membership committee. She also spoke about the programs and fund raising events they sponsor which allow them to give back to the community. There was discussion regarding the handling of money and enforcement of the rules. Businesses who will participate in the Video Gaming will be required to use new machines effective August 18, 2012. Commissioners agreed that it was not necessary to add more limitations or restrictions because state law and home rule provide enough safeguards. Commissioners agreed that Video Gaming should be monitored by local law enforcement. Commissioner Ratcliffe indicated that she would be abstaining as she has not had an opportunity to consult with businesses. Commissioner Hennrich abstained as he is a member of the Elks. Motion was made by Commissioner Bradshaw and seconded by Commissioner Weaver for City Council to amend Ordinance #2009-42 to mirror state law and use Carbondale police to monitor and enforce gaming in the City of Carbondale. 3 in Favor, 2 Abstentions. Motion carried.

Organizational Consultant – Commissioner Ratcliffe recommended that an organizational

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consultant be hired to assist the HRC in setting priorities. She spoke with the facilitator who helps the Chamber of Commerce identify priorities and develop a strategic plan. His fee is \$350 for a four-hour session. The Commissioners agreed to have Commissioners Ratcliffe, Hennrich, and Deb McCoy move forward.

Invitation of SIUC Office of Diversity and Equity – Commissioner Muldoon read the invitation letter he would like to send to SIUC Associate Vice Chancellor Dr. Linda McCabe Smith, Office of Diversity and Equity’s Office, inviting a representative to speak before HRC. The Commissioners agreed by consensus that the letter be sent.

Chair Muldoon reported that a letter of support was sent on behalf of the Southern Illinois Mentorship Music Program.

New Business

Response to Poverty, Crime, Joblessness – Chair Muldoon stated that two Council Members approached him regarding poverty, joblessness, and job training, particularly amongst the youth. No particular situations or incidents were mentioned by the Council Members. Chair Muldoon commented that he had approached Abdul Haqq who assured he would be available as a resource. Council Members felt that the City, through the HRC, could devote some energy to these issues. Chair Muldoon announced that a statewide effort is underway to address these problems and the Illinois Commission on Eliminating Poverty will hold a hearing in West Frankfort on August 23, 2012, at the First Presbyterian Church from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Action on New Officers

Nominations were accepted for Chair. There were no nominations to be recommended to the Mayor.

Nominations were accepted for Vice Chair. Commissioner Bradshaw was nominated by Commissioner Hennrich and seconded by Commissioner Weaver. Motion carried and her name will be submitted to the Mayor’s Office.

Next Meeting: September 10, 2012 – Civic Center

Adjournment - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Recorded by Deborah McCoy