



Commissioners Present: Jessica Bradshaw, Jeraldine Brown, Hugh Muldoon, Sherry Ratcliffe, Candle Wester-Mittan

Commissioners Excused:

Commissioners Absent: Patricia Keenan, Sidney Logwood

Study Circle Staff Present: Sarah Heyer

Guests Present: Julie Arendt, Jenn Freitag, Anne Gaylord, D. Gorton, Sabrina Hardenbergh, Lee Hartman, Georgeann Hartzog, Robbie Lieberman, Vito Mastrangelo, Bill Sasso, Marilyn Smerken, SIUC Public Safety Director Todd Sigler, Sam Thomas, Treesong,

Staff Present: Deborah McCoy, Lt. Mark Goddard, Councilman Don Monty

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Chair Muldoon who welcomed all attendees.

Minutes

Motion was made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Wester-Mittan to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2011 meeting. Motion carried. Motion was made by Commissioner Bradshaw and seconded by Commissioner Wester-Mittan to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2011 meeting. Motion carried.

Announcements

Saturday, January 14, 2012 - Neighborhood Alliance Meeting, First United Methodist Church at 214 W. Main, Carbondale, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. Focus of the meeting is litter and keeping Carbondale beautiful.

Sunday, January 15, 2012 - MLK Commemoration, Carbondale Civic Center, 4:00 p.m.

Monday, January 16, 2012

MLK Breakfast, SIUC Grinnell Hall, 7:30 a.m.; program at 9:00 a.m.

MLK March, SIUC Campus, 11:00 a.m.

“A Day On Clean Up,” Eurma C. Hayes Center Parking Lot, sponsored by Keep Carbondale Beautiful, Americorps and City of Carbondale.

Wednesday, January 25, 2012 – Bystander Intervention Session (Stalking), Carbondale Civic Center, 5:00:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. This is the first of four intervention sessions co-sponsored by the Women’s Center and Human Relations Commission. February

January 9, 2012

topic – Racism, March – Sexism, and April – Ableism.

Public Comments

D. Gorton presented information on a proposed skate park for skateboarders. The park is planned to be situated where it is accessible to all. A funding request has been submitted to the Tony Hawk Foundation. Mr. Gorton suggested a resolution be passed in support of the skate park.

Study Circles Report

Coordinator Heyer reported that Assistant City Attorney Jamie Snyder had researched the number of tickets written and the status/outcome of those tickets for a particular street. The Neighborhood Action Group meets on the first Wednesday of each month, 5:00 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Non-Violent Carbondale Progress Report

Chair Muldoon reported that the group continues to meet and the next meeting is January 19, 4:00 p.m. at the Civic Center. The group is working on updating the flyer which should be ready for distribution at the Neighborhood Alliance Meeting and MLK celebrations.

Other Reports

None

Presentation: Todd Sigler, Ph.D., SIUC Public Safety Director. Sigler shared information he presented at the Big Ten Chief's Conference in Wisconsin which was part of his dissertation. He spoke about celebratory crowds versus civil disobedience crowds. Sigler pointed out that the Europeans are still dealing with crowds and seeing the pendulum swing back towards civil disobedience. He stated that what it boils down to is whether or not the people gathered are a protest crowd. His particular interest is the public order of policing on college campuses. For his research, he analyzed the perspectives of campus police and interviewed several law enforcement representatives from various university and college campuses. An interesting area of the study is space and how it impacts the strategies of law enforcement when dealing with crowds. Crowds often have an emotional attachment or feel some sense of connection, entitlement, tradition or symbolism. Comments were made regarding the importance of law enforcement experience and understanding in dealing with crowds. Situations such as Halloween, riots and large crowd gatherings are often made worse when outside law enforcement officers become involved. Local law enforcement officers interact with crowds and are familiar with the community and the people, whereas officers from outside agencies do not and as a result, often make the situation worse. More law enforcement agencies are adopting the philosophy of public order policing and should be invited by the policy makers to participate in the conversation about what needs to be done to address issues and situations. Sigler emphasized that tolerance is a big factor and that law enforcement and policy makers need to be thoughtful about what they are being faced with. He stated that similar studies on public order policing are catching on in other cities and that Chicago is thinking about some of the same kinds of issues as

they prepare for the summits. Sigler said that public order is simply individuals competing for space and being allowed to go about using that space. It was pointed out that kitting reduces public order and prevents individuals from using space and heats up and explodes when causes individuals are closed in. Social networks are reactive and are used to monitor sophisticated protestors ahead of time in order to be able to cut protestors off at the pass, if the protestors can be identified

Next Meeting: February 6, 2012 – Missy Greathouse – Dispute Resolution Institute: Resolving Conflicts Without Going To Court. March 5, 2012 meeting – Alpha Kappa Alpha – the Color of Fear.

Adjournment - There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Recorded by Deborah McCoy