



Commissioners Present: Jessica Bradshaw, Jeraldine Brown, Hugh Muldoon, Sam Thomas

Commissioners Excused: Pat Keenan

Commissioners Absent: Sherry Ratcliffe, Sidney Logwood

Study Circle Staff Present: Sarah Heyer

Guests Present: Bill Sasso, Dora “Micki” Weaver,

Staff Present: Deborah McCoy, Lieutenant Don Priddy

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m. by Chair Muldoon who welcomed attendees.

Minutes

Motion was made by Commissioner Bradshaw and seconded by Commissioner Thomas to accept the meeting notes of the May 7, 2012 meeting and approve the minutes of the April 2, 2012 meeting. Motion carried.

Announcements

Chair Muldoon announced that he will be resigning from the Human Relations Commission (HRC), attending his last meeting in August. He commented that the HRC will need to identify a Chair and Vice Chair, as well as identify individuals who might be interested in serving on the Commission. Individuals who have submitted letters of interest and may be confirmed by the City Council include Dora Weaver, Jerrold Hennrich and Mason Sloan as the student representative. Commissioners are appointed for three (3) year terms. Chair Muldoon recommended that Commissioners review the Bylaws and Chapter 14 – Article 1 of the City Code which establishes the Human Relations Commission, and be prepared at the August meeting to identify a new Chair and Vice Chair.

Thursday, June 7, 2012 – A videographer will be at the Carbondale Public Library at 4:00 p.m. to take statements from those who participated in the 11 Days of Compassion activities and events. The goal is to develop a video documenting the activities and events of the 11 Days of Compassion which could be shown throughout the City and possibly around the world.

Sunday, June 10, 2012 – A retirement reception for Pastor Bill Sasso of the Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship Church will be held at the church at 10:30 a.m.

Public Comments

None

Study Circles Report

Coordinator Heyer distributed notes from the Neighborhood and Housing Group's May meeting. She called attention to the passing of Robert Cavitt who had been an active member of the Neighborhood Group. The HRC held a moment of silence in his memory.

Non-Violent Carbondale Project Progress Report

A meeting was held on May 17, 2012, with the focus on the 11 Days of Compassion and the Compassionate City efforts. The consensus of those at the meeting was that the HRC would be the best group to coordinate the Compassionate City efforts. Commissioners present at the May HRC meeting agreed but were not able to vote on the idea as there was not a quorum. Following discussion, which included the importance of getting the City to adopt the Charter for Compassion, motion was made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Thomas for the HRC to endorse the Charter of Compassion. Motion carried. It was agreed that proposals on how to proceed needed to be developed and discussed. Ideas mentioned on ways to find out what areas/issues/topics of compassion are important to the community included: 1) surveying the community with plans on how to include those who will not voluntarily participate, 2) speak with the Interfaith Council (has endorsed Charter) to determine the similarities and differences between HRC plans and those that they might have, and 3) the HRC serve as the prototype/model on how to approach Compassion. Commissioners should review the Charter of Compassion before the July meeting and be prepared for further discussion.

Other Reports

None

Next Meeting: July 2, 2012 – Civic Center

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

Lt. Priddy conducted a tour of the Public Safety Center for those interested.