



Carbondale Human Relations Commission
Meeting - Monday, June 6, 2011
Carbondale Civic Center ~ 6:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Jeraldine Brown, Daphne Grigsby, Erin Dickson, Hugh Muldoon, Sidney Logwood

Commissioners Excused: None

Commissioners Absent:

Study Circle Staff Present: Sarah Heyer

Guests Present: Katherine Benziger, Deane Cole, Nance Drone, Kate Fakhaivy, Christina Flores, Jeff Franklin, Sana Haque, Betsy Herman, Joan Juul, Pat Keenan, Sorrell Kunath, Shannon Lindsay, Sarah Miranzi, Rose Moroz, Dawn Morningstar, Carbondale Police Chief Jody O'Guinn, Kathy O'Laughli, Bill Sasso, Elena Sasso, Danielle Schultz, Ron Sumner, Susie Toliver, Candle Wester-Mittan

Staff Present: Deborah McCoy

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Commissioner Muldoon and guests were introduced.

Minutes

Motion was made by Commissioner Logwood and seconded by Commissioner Brown to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2011 meeting. Motion carried.

Announcements

Chair Muldoon announced that Candle Wester-Mittan's appointment to the Human Relations Commission would be confirmed at the May 17, 2011 City Council Meeting. Attendees were encouraged to write a letter to Mayor Fritzler if interested in serving on the Commission. Chair Muldoon also announced that Jenn Freitag of The Women's Center would be the guest speaker at the July meeting.

It was also announced that a fund raiser would be held on June 17 for and by the Rainbow Café.

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Public Comments

None

Study Circles Report

Coordinator Heyer reported that the Housing & Neighborhood Group met on June 1, 2011 and continued discussion regarding MAPP Your Neighborhood. The group also discussed the COMP Plan and the rewriting of zoning ordinances.

Non-Violent Communication Progress Report

Chair Muldoon commented that the NVCP continues to meet between HRC meetings to discuss issues, concerns and strategies. The NVCP is working on the draft of the next brochure. The book study group is scheduled to meet on Monday, June 13, 2011.

Other Reports

Carbondale Police Chief Jody O'Guinn distributed the report from the Police Department with discussion to take place at the July meeting.

Presentations

The film titled "Bullied" was shown with discussion led by Jeff Franklin. Comments made included that there needed to be a community effort to address the many forms and faces of bullying. Bullying is seen in schools and is done by students and teachers but oftentimes, it begins at home. There is hope in future generations and education is the key. Parents, as well as children, need to be educated on bullying and made aware of the many programs and services that are available. It must be communicated that there is never a reason to mistreat someone. Bullying is about control and power and children need to be taught at an early age how to have a friend, how to be a friend and how to resolve conflict.

Next Meeting - Monday, July 11, 2011, Civic Center, 6:30 p.m.

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