



Commissioners Present: Jessica Bradshaw, Jeraldine Brown, Joseph Brown, Jerrold Hennrich, Peg Falcone, Blaine Tisdale, Dora Weaver

Commissioners Excused: Les O’Dell

Commissioners Absent: Sidney Logwood

Study Circle Staff Present: Sarah Heyer

Guests Present: Carolin Harvey

Staff Present: Deborah McCoy, Lieutenant Mark Stearns

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bradshaw at 6:35 p.m.

Minutes

Motion was made by Commissioner Joseph Brown and seconded by Commissioner Jeraldine Brown to approve the minutes from the February 4, 2013 meeting. Motion carried.

Announcements

March 5, 2013 – Panel Discussion – Guyon Auditorium in the SIU Morris Library, 5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

March 9, 2013 – African American Museum Soul Food Dinner – 3:00 pm. – 5:00 p.m., Eurma Hayes Center, \$10 per person and \$5 for children 10 and under.

Public Comments

None

Study Circles Report

None.

Non-Violent Carbondale Project Progress Report

Chair Bradshaw reported that the status of the Charter for Compassion remains the same.

The 11 Days of Food Justice was held February 21 through March 2 and consisted of 30+ events which were well attended. The event on climate change, scheduled for February 21, was cancelled due to icy weather conditions. The event was rescheduled and held on February 28 with about 40 people attending. The NVCP HRC Meeting Notes - Page 2

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will have wrap up at its next meeting. NVCP's goal is to have an event each year as part of the Compassionate City movement.

Old Business

Illinois Municipal Human Relations Association (IMHRA) Annual Conference will be held on May 2, 2013, in Springfield, IL. A reception will be held on the evening of May 1, 2013. Commissioners planning to attend include Jeraldine Brown, Joseph Brown, and Sidney Logwood.

Law Enforcement Reports – Reports were received for 2012, 2011, and 2010. Comments about the report included: the report does not provide the information requested, would be helpful to have information on the disposition of complaints, what does rudeness and standard of conduct consist of, what are bias-based enforcement complaints and what would be the reason for its increase, is improper conduct on behalf of the officer and if so, what happened. Following discussion, the Commissioners decided to extend an invitation to Chief O'Guinn and any staff he deems appropriate to bring with him and Mr. Baity. Chair Bradshaw will contact Chief O'Guinn and Mr. Baity to see if they can attend the April meeting.

HRC Responsibilities, Role, Charges – Commissioner Tisdale distributed a draft of a resolution that he and Commissioner Hennrich will finalize following feedback from the IMHRA Conference. Suggestions should be directed to Commissioner Tisdale.

Commissioners agreed that the HRC should compile and present an annual report to the City Council reflecting what the Council has been doing and the approaches it has taken to get things done. Commissioner Falcone suggested the report be prepared in accordance with the calendar year.

Follow-Up: Mr. Tanksley and Ms. Iwant – Chair Bradshaw reported that a letter was sent to Mr. Baity, the Mayor and City Council asking them to contact the landlord. A response was received from Councilman Wissmann indicating that he hoped HRC would be able to address this issue and to let him know about progress and he would be willing to provide some support. Father Brown indicated that he was trying to follow-up with Land of Lincoln. Chair Bradshaw will follow-up with the City Manager after she hears from Father Brown.

Continuing the Dialogue – An invitation will be extended to university officials to attend a special HRC meeting to discuss the future of African American students. That meeting should also include Carbondale leaders. May 13, 2013, is the suggested date.

New Business

Commissioners agreed that they would be willing to co-sponsor The Women's Center Sexual Assault Awareness Month Activity – "I Want My Jacket Back," but not to recommend the use of the Civic Center at no cost.

Next Meeting: April 1, 2013

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

Recorded by Deborah McCoy, _____