



Carbondale Human Relations Commission

Minutes – January 4, 2021
Carbondale Civic Center - 5:00pm

Commissioners Present: Anita Brown, Stephanie Brown, Dora Weaver, Roger Webb, Michelle Snyder, Joseph Brown, Carla Childs

Commissioners (Excused): Michelle Snyder, Roy Mazcuchowsk

Commissioners (Unexcused):

Guest Present:

SIU-C Dept. of Public Safety Representative: None

Study Circles Staff: Sarah Heyer

Staff Present: Interim Chief Stan Reno, Community Resource Officer Gerald Edwards, Commission Liaison Courtney Beverly

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00p.m. by Chair Stephanie Brown

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Joseph Brown and seconded by Commissioner Anita Brown to approve the minutes from the December 7, 2020 meeting. Motion carried. All Voted Aye.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None To Report

OLD BUSINESS

None To Report

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Brown discussed the Human Relations Commission meeting time with the Commissioners for the upcoming year.

ISSUES

None To Report

Public Education/Presentation

None To Report

Public Forums/Events

None to Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None to Report

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Chair Brown announced the virtual Carbondale NAACP Branch 39th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Scholarship Program. The program will be held on January 18, 2021 beginning at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Weaver mentioned that Deputy Registrar Frank Bird will be extending certifications due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Chair Brown mentioned that the Carbondale Rebound program has extended their registration process and will be in-person on January 11, 2021.

The Commissioners discussed the annual Human Relations Commission Annual Retreat and have scheduled a tentative date of July 12, 2021 to meet.

Chair Brown announced to the Commissioners to invite a community guest and have them present on their agency to the Human Relations Commission. Scheduled dates and presenters will be announced at a later date.

PROCESS ASSESSMENT

Study Circles Neighborhood Action Group

Sarah Heyer announced that the next Study Circles Neighborhood Action Group meeting will be held on Wednesday January 6, 2021.

Sparrow Coalition Report

Commissioner Webb announced that the Sparrow Coalition meeting will be held on January 5, 2021 beginning at 9 a.m. located at the First Christian Church in Carbondale, IL. If anyone is interested in attending the meeting please contact Roger Webb at rowebb@hotmail.com.

Neighborhood Action Group Report

None to Report

Non-Violent Carbondale Project Report

None to Report

Racial Justice Coalition

None to Report

Race Unity Group

Commissioner Weaver announced that the Race Unity Group meetings are rescheduled to Monday's beginning at 7 p.m. through Zoom.

Carbondale United

Commissioner Weaver announced that the Carbondale United meetings are held on Monday's beginning at 5 p.m. through Zoom. Commissioner Weaver mentioned past events *Raising Boys To Men*, *MLK Love Train Caravan*, *Stress Relief Paint Party* and upcoming events *Learn How To Braid African Hairstyles* and a *Phenomenal Women* program.

Law Enforcement

Interim Chief Reno announced that the Carbondale Police Department Christmas store program was a success and thanked Carbondale Police department employees Gerald Edwards, Susie Toliver and Randy Mathis for their assistance in organizing. Interim Chief Reno also acknowledged accepting monetary and coat donations from the surrounding communities for the Carbondale Coat Drive.

Interim Chief Reno mentioned the recruiting of two African American Police Officers to the Carbondale Police Department.

Ongoing conversations and details are being discussed about the Community Service Apprenticeship program, Crisis Intervention Response and the Juvenile Victims of Crime program.

Interim Chief Reno mentioned that an individual has been slicing tires in the local area and the Carbondale Police Department are actively looking for the individual that is committing the crime.

Interim Chief Reno mentioned that the Carbondale Police department have met with the Eurma C. Hayes Center board and are now moving forward to setup a Carbondale Police department substation inside the center.

Interim Chief Reno announced the installation of surveillance cameras at Lenus Turley Park.

Items for City Council

None To Report

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting – February 1, 2021. There being no further business, Chair Stephanie Brown closed the meeting to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Recorded by Courtney Beverly _____