



Carbondale Human Relations Commission

Minutes – February 6, 2023
Carbondale Civic Center - 5:00pm

Commissioners Present: Anita Brown, Gerald Edwards, Roy Mazuchowski, Roger Webb, Michelle Snyder, Carla Childs

Commissioners (Excused): Stephanie Brown, Carmalita Cahill

Commissioners (Unexcused):

Guest Present: Dr. Tammy Kochel, Elien, Jane Otte, Fanta Saidou, Jennifer Lampkins, Nancy Maxwell, Van Ikner

SIU-C Dept. of Public Safety Representative: None

Study Circles Staff: Sarah Heyer

Staff Present: Chief of Police Stan Reno, Deputy Chief Matthew Dunning and Commission Liaison Courtney Beverly

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:13p.m. by Commissioner Roy Mazuchowski.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Anita Brown and seconded by Commissioner Childs to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2022 meeting. Motion carried. All Voted Aye.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Childs enters the meeting at 5:17p.m.

Commissioner Webb announced the *Feed My Sheep* program will meet tonight and the *Carbondale Warming Center* will be scheduling a 1K and 5K fundraiser on February 25th. For more information, please visit www.cnoy.com.

OLD BUSINESS

None to Report

NEW BUSINESS

None to Report

ISSUES

None to Report

Public Education/Presentation

Dr. Tammy Kochel from Southern Illinois University Carbondale College of Health and Human Sciences presented on the *Carbondale Gun Violence Needs Assessment Report*. Dr. Kochel covered a wide range of topics; Incidence of Gun Violence Citywide, Temporal Trends, Contributing to Gun Violence, Suspects and Arrestees, Source of Guns, Harm to Community, Conflict Mediation and Restorative Justice, Strategies to Prevent Gang/Group Membership, Recommendations, Implementation and Reassessment. Furthermore, the Human Relations Commission and community guests discussed and asked questions in regards to the assessment report. For more information, please contact Dr. Tammy Kochel or visit www.explorecarbondale.com.

Commissioner Snyder enters the meeting at 5:55p.m.

Public Forums/Events

None to Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None to Report

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Edwards announced that his daughter Keshia Edwards will present her book *Magic Hair* to the *Carbondale African American Museum* on February 11th.

Commissioner Snyder announced the *SIH Wellness Expo*, which is scheduled for March 25th.

Commissioner Anita Brown announced the *Women's Health Naturally Expo*, which is scheduled for February 25th.

PROCESS ASSESSMENT

Sparrow Coalition Report

Commissioner Webb announced that the Sparrow Coalition meeting will be held on February 7, 2023 beginning at 9 a.m. through Zoom. If anyone is interested in attending the meeting, please contact Roger Webb at rowebb@hotmail.com or sparrowcarbondale@gmail.com.

Free Laundry Day will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Carbondale on February 8th beginning at 10a.m. until 2p.m.

Non-Violent Carbondale Project Report

None to Report

Neighborhood Action Group Report

Sarah Heyer announced that the previous *Neighborhood Action Group* meeting is currently available on Zoom. The meeting discussed and preparing neighborhoods for disasters and organizing neighborhoods. The *Neighborhood Action Group* meeting also discussed the *Carbondale Gun Violence Needs Assessment Report* and *Cure Violence* program.

Sarah Heyer mentioned that Kyle Miller from the Arbor District discussed their current projects.

Sarah Heyer mentioned that the *City of Carbondale Community Development Manager* John Lenzini discussed efforts to improve housing.

The representatives for the *Greater Egypt Regional Planning* discussed *Urban Heat* and a *Water Quality Survey*.

Racial Justice Coalition

None to Report

Race Unity Group

None to Report

Carbondale United

Nancy Maxwell and Van Ikner the *Gun Violence Interrupter* for *Carbondale United* announced that *Land of Lincoln*, *Man-Tra-Con*, and the *Survivor Empowerment Center* are occupying their new building space.

Nancy Maxwell also announced several events for the month of February, *Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Job Fair*, *A Love Letter to Yourself*, *Business Clothing Drive*, *Saturday Morning Cereal & Cartoon Party*, *Resume Writing and Interviews Workshop* and *Black Hairstory*.

NAACP

Commissioner Mazuchowski mentioned that the 2023 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Breakfast was well-attended.

Black Chamber of Commerce of Southern Illinois

Nancy Maxwell mentioned that the *Black Business Expo* was well –attended and very successful.

The Survivor Empowerment Center

Nancy Maxwell has announced that the *Survivor Empowerment Center* has opened an outreach center.

On February 10th the *Taste of Chocolate* will host an event.

Law Enforcement

Chief Reno announced that the *Carbondale Police Department* are recruiting and accepting applications for Police Officers. For more information, please contact Gerald Edwards or visit www.explorecarbondale.com.

Deputy Chief Dunning mentioned the December 2022 and January 2023 Police Officer Monthly Recognition, which also included the December 2022 and January 2023 Internal Investigations. The Monthly Recognition and Internal Investigations will also be included in the Carbondale Police Annual Report, which will give a more detail summary. Furthermore, the Human Relations Commission and guests discussed Juvenile Detention Centers and Grant Writing Assistances from SIU students with Chief Reno and Deputy Chief Dunning.

Commissioner Childs left the meeting at 6:21p.m.

Items for City Council

None To Report

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting – March 6, 2023. There being no further business, Commissioner Mazuchowski closed the meeting to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Recorded by Courtney Beverly _____