



Carbondale Human Relations Commission

Minutes – February 7, 2022
Carbondale Civic Center - 5:00pm

Commissioners Present: Dora Weaver, Roger Webb, Jason Grenman, Gerald Edwards, Roy Mazuchowski, Michelle Snyder, Carmalita Cahill, Carla Childs, Stephanie Brown, Anita Brown

Commissioners (Excused):

Commissioners (Unexcused): Patrick Murphy

Guest Present: Dr. Linda Flowers

SIU-C Dept. of Public Safety Representative: None

Study Circles Staff:

Staff Present: Commission Liaison Courtney Beverly

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Mazuchowski and seconded by Commissioner Cahill to approve the minutes from the January 3, 2022 meeting. Motion carried. All Voted Aye.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Brown thanked the Chamber of Commerce for which the Kiwanis Club Inclusive Playground at Turley Park received new donors.

Commissioner Childs announced that the Chamber of Commerce will highlight small black own business and organizations in Carbondale to celebrate Black History Month.

OLD BUSINESS

None to Report

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Brown mentioned that last Saturday's Neighborhood Alliance meeting was well attended and informative.

ISSUES

None to Report

Public Education/Presentation

Commissioner Childs introduced Steve Quinn and William Lo from the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Quinn and Mr. Lo discussed the history and purpose, describing local business support and the goals the Chamber of Commerce have for this upcoming year.

Public Forums/Events

None to Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Linda Flowers announced that the NAACP will be hosting a Scholar Bowl on February 28th at the SIU Ballroom beginning at 6 p.m.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Chair Brown announced that on April 22nd there will be an in person Autism Conference located at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

April 2nd is World Autism Awareness Day.

Commissioner Weaver mentioned State Attorney Joseph Cervantez Ready 2 Play website and announced that they are accepting students. If anyone is interested please contact Dora Weaver or visit www.ready2playjacksoncounty.com

PROCESS ASSESSMENT

Sparrow Coalition Report

Commissioner Webb announced that the Sparrow Coalition meeting will be held on March 1, 2022 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.

Commissioner Webb mentioned that the Shelter to Home Program and Free Laundry Day Program will be discussed.

The Free Laundry Day Program is scheduled for February 7, 2022.

Neighborhood Alliance Group Report

None to Report

Non-Violent Carbondale Project Report

None to Report

Neighborhood Action Group Report

None to Report

Racial Justice Coalition

None to Report

Race Unity Group

Commissioner Weaver announced that the Race Unity Group will have their National Annual Read-In for Black History Month. The Read-In will continue until the 3rd Monday in February.

Carbondale United

Nancy Maxwell mentioned that on February 22nd HairStory kits will be available for picked up at the Carbondale Public Library.

Carbondale United is official a 501 (c)(3) and are working on several grants.

The month of April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Nancy suggested the Commissioners to watch the movie Concrete Cowboy.

Nancy Maxwell announced a collaboration with the Carbondale Radio Station on creating a youth radio program.

Black Business Expo is scheduled for February 19, 2022 at the SIU Ballroom.

The NAACP have a scheduled Scholar Bowl on February 28, 2022 at SIUC.

A Business Mixer and Shower will be held in Cairo, Illinois on February 26, 2022.

The Dentmon Center is hosting a Sneaking Out fundraiser on February 12th.

Law Enforcement

Chief Reno mentioned the completion of interviews for the Youth Advocate position.

Recruiting and hiring are ongoing for Carbondale Police Officers. If anyone is interested please contact Gerald Edwards.

Chief Reno mentioned the recent local gun violence's in the local area.

Commissioner Edwards discussed the Carbondale Police Department new initiative program with Ring which is called Neighbors. Commissioner Edwards addressed questions and answers from the Commissioners and guests.

Chief Reno and the Commission discussed trends, crimes and outreach within the community.

The Five-on-Five Program will begin in the near future.

Items for City Council

None To Report

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting – March 7, 2022. There being no further business, Chair Brown closed the meeting to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Recorded by Courtney Beverly _____