



Carbondale Human Relations Commission

Minutes – March 1, 2021
Carbondale Civic Center - 5:00pm

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

Commissioners (Excused):

Commissioners (Unexcused):

Guest Present: Robert Wills, Beau Henson, Chastity Mays, Diana Brawley Sussman, Faith Miller, Jane Cogie, Joseph Behan, Karen Knodt, Kayla Estes-Romero, Kevin Suemnicht, Kim Henry, Kim Magwire, Laverne, Lee, Lia Driscoll, Marilyn, Matthew Wilson, Nancy Maxwell, Nick Smaligo, Rachel Cristaudo, Rodney M, Melissa Cauthen.

SIU-C Dept. of Public Safety Representative: None

Study Circles Staff: Sarah Heyer

Staff Present: Interim Chief of Police Stan Reno, Human Resources Manager Tara Brown, City Attorney Jamie Snyder, Councilwoman Carolin Harvey, Community Resource Officer Gerald Edwards, Community Development Manager John Lenzini, 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 Roy Mazuchowski and seconded by Commissioner Joseph Brown to approve the minutes from the February 1, 2021 meeting. Motion carried. All Voted Aye.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None to Report

OLD BUSINESS

None To Report

NEW BUSINESS

None To Report

ISSUES

None To Report

Public Education/Presentation

Chair Stephanie Brown introduced Mr. Robert Wills for his presentation on the Eurma C. Hayes Center. Mr. Wills presentation included a brief history of his family, Carbondale's Spirit of Attucks and Eurma C. Hayes.

The Human Relations Commissioners and community members conducted a questions and answers in regards to the future of the Eurma C. Hayes Center.

Mr. Wills announced volunteer opportunities with the Eurma C. Hayes Center which are scheduled for Tuesday's, Wednesday's and Saturday's beginning at 9:30 a.m.

For more information or any additional questions about the Eurma C. Hayes Center, please contact Mr. Robert Wills.

Public Forums/Events

None To Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kim Henry discussed the increase of crime rates in the community, gambling and cannabis usage.

Chastity Mays announced her *Gift of Love Charity* documentary which can be viewed on April 10th at SIU's Old Main Building and April 17th on the Carbondale Public Library website.

Nick Smaligo, Joseph Behan, Rodney M and Beau Henson discussed and addressed concerns surrounding the Eurma C. Hayes Center and the Carbondale's Police Substation.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Joseph Brown thanked Chair Stephanie Brown on how tonight's meeting was conducted.

Chair Stephanie Brown thanked everyone who presented and discussed during tonight's Human Relations Commission meeting.

Commissioner Weaver announced that the SIUE East St. Louis Programs will present *Troublin' The Water: Black Women, Black Music and The Mythology of Post-Racism in the Age of Obama* by Dr. Tammy Kernodle.

Commissioner Weaver announced that the Carbondale's NAACP will conduct a voter registration on March 5, 2021 located at the SIU Student Center.

PROCESS ASSESSMENT

Sparrow Coalition Report

Commissioner Webb announced that the Sparrow Coalition meeting will be held on March 2, 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.

Kim Magwire discussed Covid-19 vaccination issues which included discussions about appointments, follow up appointments and the phase 1B group.

Neighborhood Alliance Group Report

Sarah Heyer and the Human Relations Commissioners discussed the *Meet the Carbondale City Council Candidate Forum*. The Neighborhood Alliance meeting will be held on Wednesday March 3rd and the next Neighborhood Alliance meeting will be schedule in September or October of 2021. If anyone is interested in attending the meeting please contact Sarah Heyer at studycircles@ci.carbondale.il.us.

Non-Violent Carbondale Project Report

None to Report

Neighborhood Action Group Report

Sarah Heyer announced that the Neighborhood Action Group will be meeting on Wednesday March 3rd and upcoming meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month beginning at 5 p.m.

Racial Justice Coalition

None to Report

Race Unity Group

Commissioner Weaver announced that the Race Unity Group read articles from prominent Arthurs for the month of February. The Race Unity Group meetings are held on Monday's beginning at 7 p.m.

Carbondale United

Nancy Maxwell announced upcoming events and dates for the Carbondale United Group and The Women's Center. March 2, 2021 Meet the Carbondale City Council Candidates, March 4, 2021 Black Hairstory, March 8, 2021 NAACP Truth About HB 3653: Illinois Criminal Justice Reform Bill, March 13, 2021 March for Breonna Taylor, March 15, 2021 and March 17, 2021 The Undiscussable, March 18, 2021 Virtual Open Mic Night: Racism and Healing, March 23, 2021 Celebrate Women's History Month with

The Carbondale Women's Center and Black Tuesday Business Group, March 11, 2021 Eurma C. Hayes Center Cleanup, March 2-12, 2021 Project X and the Gift of Love Charity *Make Your Mark with Art*.

Law Enforcement

Interim Chief Reno announced meeting with the Carbondale's NAACP Branch President Dr. Linda Flowers and adopted the 10 shared principles for the Carbondale Police Department.

Interim Chief Reno discussed working with The Stress and Trauma Treatment Center in creating a Youth Advocate position at the department.

Community Resource Officer Gerald Edwards mentioned the Man-Tra-Con Community Service Officer Apprenticeship Program.

Items for City Council

None To Report

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting – April 5, 2021. There being no further business, Chair Stephanie Brown closed the meeting to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Recorded by Courtney Beverly _____