



Carbondale Human Relations Commission

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

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

Commissioners (Excused): Stephanie Brown

Commissioners (Unexcused): Michelle Snyder

Guest Present:

SIU-C Dept. of Public Safety Representative: None

Study Circles Staff:

Staff Present: Chief of Police Stan Reno, Commission Liaison Courtney Beverly

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00p.m. by Commissioner Mazuchowski.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Anita Brown and seconded by Commissioner Weaver to approve the minutes from the February 7, 2022 meeting. Motion carried. All Voted Aye.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Grenman mentioned adding discussion topics to the Human Relations Commission April's agenda to discuss with the Commissioners. Commissioners Grenman also mentioned writing a proposal for the Commissioners to review.

Commissioner Weaver announced the Deputy Registrars Training which will be held on March 10th located at First Christian Church beginning at 6p.m.

Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Childs suggested that Commissioner Grenman discuss his topics in the Commissioners comments.

OLD BUSINESS

None to Report

NEW BUSINESS

None to Report

ISSUES

None to Report

Public Education/Presentation

Chasity Mays and Nancy Maxwell from the Black Chamber of Commerce of Southern Illinois gave a brief overview of their organization and upcoming events. The Black Expo is scheduled for April 9, 2022 located at the SIU Student Center Ballroom beginning at 10a.m. Nancy Maxwell mentioned membership fees, upcoming radio program and local community events.

Commissioner Mazuchowski recommended Chasity Mays and Nancy Maxwell to contact SIU College of Business for additional assistance.

Public Forums/Events

None to Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None to Report

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Grenman discussed getting the semi - annual reports from the Carbondale Police Department. Commissioner Grenman also discussed the Action Plans from the Human Relations Commission Annual Retreat.

Commissioner Grenman mentioned that he will write a comprehensive proposal to email to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Anita Brown discussed email communications from a Southern Illinoisan reporter in regards to the Dayemi Community and Sufis Community. In response, Commissioner Anita Brown read a letter addressing the Southern Illinoisan reporter.

Commissioner Grenman requested information from Commissioner Anita Brown in regards to the email communications.

PROCESS ASSESSMENT

Sparrow Coalition Report

Commissioner Webb announced that the Sparrow Coalition meeting will be held on April 5, 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 Free Laundry Day Program will be discussed.

The Free Laundry Day Program is scheduled for March 9, 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 won the NAACP Scholar Bowl.

Carbondale United

Nancy Maxwell mentioned and discussed three Community Connect events which will be held at the Murphysboro Youth Center on April 23rd, Cairo, IL in May and Carbondale, IL in June.

Nancy Maxwell announced that Carbondale United has applied for several grants in regards to gun violence.

Nancy Maxwell announced that on April 2nd Carbondale United will Co-host an event.

Law Enforcement

Chief Reno announced that Courtney Ford has been selected for the Youth Advocate position for the Carbondale Police Department.

Chief Reno mentioned that three Carbondale Police Officers will be graduating from the Police Academy.

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

Commissioner Webb mentioned to Chief Reno about the new initiative with SIUC, which included discussion about License Plates Readers, Video Surveillance Systems, and Mobile Camera Towers.

Items for City Council

None To Report

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting – April 4, 2022. There being no further business, Commissioner Mazuchowski closed the meeting to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Recorded by Courtney Beverly _____