



Carbondale Human Relations Commission

Minutes – April 4, 2022
Carbondale Civic Center - 5:00pm

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

Commissioners (Excused): Anita Brown

Commissioners (Unexcused): Patrick Murphy, Roger Webb

Guest Present: Clay Awsumb, Dr. Linda Flowers, Jen

SIU-C Dept. of Public Safety Representative: None

Study Circles Staff: Sarah Heyer

Staff Present: Chief of Police Stan Reno, Deputy Chief Dunning and 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 Weaver to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2022 meeting. Motion carried. All Voted Aye.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Grenman announced discussing new topics that he will mention during new business.

Commissioner Weaver announced that NAACP and CEO Derrick Johnson will be speaking at Southern Illinois University Carbondale on April 11th.

On April 9th a memorial tree and bench dedication is scheduled on the campus of SIUC.

Sarah Heyer announced that May 6th is the Carbondale Spring Clean Up.

Commissioner Mazuchowski announced that on April 12th the Carbondale Towers is holding a community food give away beginning at 2p.m.

Chair Brown announced that on April 22nd the Autism Society of Southern Illinois will host a conference for autism awareness which is located at SIUC beginning at 8:30a.m.

Chair Brown discussed the role and purpose of the Human Relations Commission. Agenda items and guest speakers has to be approved by the Chair of the Human Relation Commission. Commissioner Grenman discussed internal processes on how to communicate within the Commission.

Chair Brown mentioned scheduling an orientation for new Commissioners that are appointed to the Human Relations Commission and how to email and discuss Human Relations Commission topics.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Mazuchowski mentioned Commissioner Grenman discussion of new topics from last month Human Relations Commission meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Grenman discussed two topics from his agenda.

Chair Brown has tabled Commissioner Grenman discussion topics and will reach out to reschedule the topic discussions during the May 2nd meeting.

Commissioner Weaver mentioned that SIUC is collecting research to stop gun violence in the community. Also, Commissioner Weaver addressed that some organizations were not included to help in the research. The Commissioners discussed getting involved and communicating with the community and community groups.

Commissioner Cahill mentioned that the Carbondale's City Council has resume the public comments on the ARPA proposal.

ISSUES

None to Report

Public Education/Presentation

None to Report

Public Forums/Events

None to Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Linda Flowers announced that NAACP and CEO Derrick Johnson will be speaking at Southern Illinois University Carbondale on April 11th and will be inducted into an honor society.

The NAACP will be having their monthly third Tuesday community conversations on April 19th beginning at 6p.m. located at the Carbondale Public Library.

The Career Expo 2022 for Union Trade is scheduled for May 3rd located at the Carbondale Civic Center beginning at 9a.m.

On April 9th the NAACP will attend the Black Chambers Business Expo to register voters at the SIUC Student Center.

Sarah Heyer announced that public forums are scheduled for April 14th on WSIL for local candidates.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Weaver mentioned that Myla Croft from the Ready2Play Music Program would like to present at the next Human Relations Commission meeting.

Commissioner Mazuchowski mentioned Jackson County State's Attorney Joseph Cervantez gun prevention program and inviting him to our May 2nd meeting.

Chair Brown discussed the NAACP Scholar Bowl.

Commissioner Grenman mentioned that he will make some changes to his agenda topics and will resend an updated document next week.

Commissioner Grenman and Commissioner Weaver discussed the City Council Zoom chat being unavailable.

PROCESS ASSESSMENT

Sparrow Coalition Report

Commissioner Cahill 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 sparrowcarbondale@gmail.com.

Neighborhood Alliance Group Report

Sarah Heyer announced that the last Study Circles meeting was March 2nd. The next meeting is scheduled for April 6th which will review the Neighborhood Alliance Group meeting.

Sarah Heyer discussed the Study Circles and the connection to the Human Relations Commission and Neighborhood Development Corporation.

Non-Violent Carbondale Project Report

None to Report

Neighborhood Action Group Report

Sarah Heyer mentioned that the Human Relations Commission should be reviewing all public safety issues.

Mary O'Hara discussed different Neighborhood Services and Neighborhood Planners and Housing and Public Safety Considerations.

Commissioner Grenman mentioned how the Human Relations Commission can help Mary O'Hara on reviewing proposal documents.

Racial Justice Coalition

None to Report

Race Unity Group

None to Report

Carbondale United

Commissioner Weaver announced that Carbondale United are currently working on four programs and a boy's and girl's basketball game.

On April 9th Carbondale United will attend the Black Business Expo at SIUC Student Center.

April 23rd the Murphysboro Youth Center will host a Community Connect.

On April 5th and April 19th Carbondale United will host Yoga beginning at 7p.m.

Law Enforcement

Chief Reno mentioned the Annual Complaint Summary and Calls for Service are available on the Carbondale Police Department website.

Chief Reno mentioned that the Carbondale Police Department have been working on some shooting investigations and have made arrests.

Commissioner Edwards attended the Children's Day at the park on Saturday April 9th.

Chief Reno discussed that the Carbondale Police Department have been working on Body Cam Policy and Vendors.

Dr. Linda Flowers mentioned has the Carbondale Police Department have utilized the grant funds for the body cameras.

Mary O'Hara participated in the five on five program and announced that the program was very good. Mary O'Hara also asked if reports from Police Officers and community members are being summarized to become public.

Commissioner Mazuchowski mentioned a vehicle that helped individuals with disabilities, this vehicle was part of the Carbondale Police Department. Commissioner Mazuchowski asked if the Carbondale Police Department is looking for grants to purchase another vehicle.

Items for City Council

None To Report

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting – May 2, 2022. There being no further business, Chair Brown closed the meeting to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Recorded by Courtney Beverly _____