



Carbondale Human Relations Commission

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

Commissioners Present: Anita Brown, Stephanie Brown, Dora Weaver, Roger Webb, Michelle Snyder, Joseph Brown

Commissioners (Excused): Roy Mazuchowski

Commissioners (Unexcused): Carla Childs

Guest Present: Jason Grenman, Angie Bailey, Chastity Mays

SIU-C Dept. of Public Safety Representative: None

Study Circles Staff: Sarah Heyer

Staff Present: Interim Chief of Police Stan Reno, Community Resource Officer Gerald Edwards, Commission Liaison Courtney Beverly

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:03p.m. by Chair Stephanie Brown

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Joseph Brown and seconded by Commissioner Anita Brown to approve the minutes from the March 1, 2021 meeting. Motion carried. All Voted Aye.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sarah Heyer announced that on April 6th is Illinois local elections.

OLD BUSINESS

None To Report

NEW BUSINESS

None To Report

ISSUES

None To Report

Public Education/Presentation

Commissioner Roger Webb introduced Angie Bailey for her presentation on the *SIH Community Benefits Program*. Angie's presentation included a brief PowerPoint presentation that included Community Health Needs Assessment and Implementation Plan, Improving Health Behaviors, Social Determinants of Health, Sponsorship and Funding Request, COVID-19 Responds and SIH CHNA Community Survey.

The Human Relations Commissioners conducted a questions and answers in regards to the *SIH Community* presentation.

For more information or any additional questions about the *SIH Community Benefits Program*, please contact Angie Bailey at angie.bailey@sih.net.

Public Forums/Events

None To Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None To Report

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Weaver mentioned that Nancy Maxwell discussed that the Jackson County States Attorney Joseph Cervantez suggested that Carbondale has the highest numbers of burglaries.

Commissioner Anita Brown mentioned that the holy month of Ramadan will begin at sundown on April 12th and fasting will begin April 13th.

Commissioner Joseph Brown addressed the absence of an SIU Student Representative for the Human Relations Commission.

Chair Brown announced that the month of April is World Autism Awareness and also mentioned that the Lenus Turley Park Board are raising funds for phase two.

On April 16th Chair Brown will be hosting a virtual awareness and acceptance campaign with Senator Dick Durbin and Governor J.B. Pritzker.

PROCESS ASSESSMENT

Sparrow Coalition Report

Commissioner Webb announced that the Sparrow Coalition meeting will be held on April 6, 2021 beginning at 9 a.m. through Zoom. If anyone is interested in attending the meeting please contact Roger Webb at rowebb@hotmail.com.

Neighborhood Alliance Group Report

Sarah Heyer mentioned that the Neighborhood Alliance Group have met and discussed their next Neighborhood Alliance meeting which will be schedule for 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 mentioned during their Neighborhood Action Group they have discussed worker cooperative and wanted to sponsor a zoom meeting with a professor from Western Illinois University.

Racial Justice Coalition

Sarah Heyer mentioned that the Racial Justice Coalition held a meeting and are planning to organize a campaign to encourage the local high school not to renew the Community Police Officer position.

Race Unity Group

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

Carbondale United

Commissioner Weaver mentioned the event *Black Hairstory* which was held on March 4th and announced that Carbondale United received a grant for African American mentorship for young men living in Carbondale, Marion and Cairo, Illinois.

Commissioner Weaver announced that Carbondale United are developing a summer camp for the youth.

Carbondale United meets every Monday beginning at 5 p.m.

If anyone is interested in attending the meeting please contact Nancy Maxwell or Dora Weaver.

Law Enforcement

Interim Chief Reno announced that the Carbondale Police Department Youth Advocate position has been filled by Laterriea Martin and has also discussed the Man-Tra-Con Community Service Officer Apprenticeship Program.

Interim Chief Reno announced that on April 20th will be the fifth round of the Five on Five community conversation meeting.

Interim Chief Reno discussed working with the Carbondale's Quality Inn management on developing plans to reopen their hotel.

Items for City Council

None To Report

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting – May 3, 2021. There being no further business, Chair Stephanie Brown closed the meeting to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Recorded by Courtney Beverly _____