



**Carbondale Human Relations Commission**

Minutes – March 4, 2019  
Carbondale Civic Center - 5:00pm

Commissioners Present: Jerrold Hennrich, Dora Weaver, Joseph Brown, Karriem Shariati, Michelle Snyder, Anita Brown, Roger Webb, Carla Childs, Ted Gutierrez

Commissioners (Excused):

Commissioners (Unexcused): Stephanie Brown

Guest Present: Scott Martin, Nathan Colombo, Miles Davis, Jamari Brown, Margaret Nesbitt, Marilyn Tupton, Rodney Morris, Catherine Field, Nicholas Smaligo, Jessica Lynn, Toussaint Mitchell, Cynthia Snair

SIU-C Dept. of Public Safety Representative: None

Study Circles Staff: Sarah Heyer

Staff Present: Commission Liaison Courtney Beverly

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CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Shariati and seconded by Commissioner Joseph Brown to approve the minutes from the February 4, 2019 meeting. VOTE: All Voted Nays. Corrections: More description to Mr. Miles Davis incident under New Business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None To Report

PRESENTATIONS

Nicholas Smaligo a representative from the Solidarity Network presented about the Carbondale Spring. This organization is helping to transform Carbondale into a city where it is addressing climate change and creating jobs for the community. The Carbondale Spring is inspired by four initiatives, Food Autonomy, Care Workers, A Cooperative Business Fund and A Renewable Energy Fund. The presentation

led to the discussion of how the Carbondale Spring will be funded and reviewing statistics from their proposal.

Toussaint Mitchell SIU Undergraduate Student Body President invited Nicholas Smaligo to present his Carbondale Spring presentation to the SIU students and local residents at Southern Illinois University.

#### OLD BUSINESS

None To Report

#### NEW BUSINESS

Carbondale City Attorney Jamie Snyder briefly discussed the Freedom of Information Act and Open Meetings Act to the Human Relations Commissioners. Mr. Snyder stated that all Boards and Commissions will have to be trained on an annual basis. This will include posting agendas, recording of meeting minutes, quorums, different violations of the OMA and accessing the OMA training website. The Commissioners also addressed different Open Meetings Act violations with the City Attorney.

City Attorney Jamie Snyder mentioned that a future date will be scheduled with the Office of the Attorney General for an in-person training of the Freedom of Information Act and Open Meetings Act with all City Hall Boards and Commissions.

Mr. Miles Davis the owner of the Autopsy Clothing Store in Carbondale, IL updated the Human Relations Commission about the entertainment license discussion that was held with City Manager Gary Williams and City Attorney Jamie Snyder. Further discussion led to the Human Relations Commissioners to discuss City of Carbondale ordinance and special-use permit changes for Mr. Davis's business venue.

*Commissioner Shariati exited the meeting at 6:46p.m.*

There was further discussion about Mr. Davis requesting FOIA records from the City of Carbondale regarding the incident.

Furthermore, the discussion about Mr. Davis's incident at Autopsy led to recommendations to the City Council which will continue on April 1, 2019 meeting.

#### ISSUES

None To Report

#### Public Education/HRC Website

None To Report

#### Public Forums/Events

None To Report

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None To Report

## **COMMISSION COMMENTS**

The Human Relations Commissioners discussed the Carbondale Police Department 2018 Bi-Annual Report. The discussion led to personnel complaints and previous Bi-Annual Reports.

Commissioner Gutierrez announced that April 1, 2019 will be his last Human Relations Commission meeting. Commissioner Gutierrez has accepted a position in St. Louis, Missouri.

## **PROCESS ASSESSMENT**

### **Sparrow Coalition Report**

Commissioner Webb and Scott Martin discussed several updates for the Carbondale warming centers and the shortage of volunteers at the warming centers.

Commissioner Webb announced that the next Sparrow Coalition meeting will be held on March 14, 2019 at the First Christian Church beginning at 9:00a.m.

### **Women For Change**

None To Report

### **Neighborhood Action Group Report**

None To Report

### **Non-Violent Carbondale Project Report**

None To Report

### **Racial Justice Coalition**

None To Report

### **Law Enforcement**

None To Report

### **Items for City Council**

None To Report

**ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting – April 1, 2019. There being no further business, Chair Hennrich closed the meeting to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54p.m.

Recorded by Courtney Beverly \_\_\_\_\_