



## Carbondale Human Relations Commission

Minutes – June 3, 2019  
Carbondale Civic Center - 5:00pm

Commissioners Present: Jerrold Hennrich, Dora Weaver, Joseph Brown, Karriem Shariati, Roger Webb, Michelle Snyder

Commissioners (Excused): Anita Brown

Commissioners (Unexcused): Carla Childs, Stephanie Brown, Yahaira Heller

Guest Present: Dr. Linda Flowers, Dennis Leitner, Nathan Colombo

SIU-C Dept. of Public Safety Representative: None

Study Circles Staff:

Staff Present: Deputy Chief Stan Reno, Commission Liaison Courtney Beverly

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### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:06p.m. by Chair Hennrich.

### MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Karriem Shariati and seconded by Commissioner Dora Weaver to approve the minutes from the May 6, 2019 meeting. Motion carried. All Voted Aye.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Weaver announced that the Homeless Veterans Program at the Gaia House Interfaith Center will no longer be held in the Gaia House Center.

### OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Webb and Commissioner Shariati discussed the Housing Subcommittee meeting that was held at the Carbondale Civic Center which was attended by Economic Development Director Steven Mitchell and Building and Neighborhood Services Supervisor John Lenzini. The Subcommittee discussed Tenant Rights and discussions about meeting with SIU Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs on how to distribute information and setup information stations around the SIU campus for students.

Dr. Linda Flowers suggested that the Housing Subcommittee should contact the Director of Student Legal Services at SIU to obtain more information about their student workshops and legal resources.

Commissioner Shariati mentioned that he will be contacting the Carbondale Times in regards to their distribution policy.

Chair Hennrich designated Commissioner Shariati as the Chair for the Human Relations Commission Housing Subcommittee.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Weaver and Dr. Linda Flowers discussed with the Commission about requesting sponsorship from the Human Relations Commission and to host an event at the City of Carbondale Civic Center for graduating high school seniors.

Dr. Linda Flowers announced that the NAACP Carbondale branch was awarded the Secretary of State Census Participation Grant. Dr. Flowers explained that the goal is to work on getting undercounted populations counted for the census. The NAACP Carbondale branch will collaborate with other branches in Mount Vernon and Cairo which will cover the counties of Jackson, Alexander-Pulaski, Jefferson and Williamson County.

#### ISSUES

None To Report

#### Public Education/HRC Website

None To Report

#### Public Forums/Events

None To Report

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None To Report

#### **COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Weaver discussed raising money for the Eurma C. Hayes Center and getting citizens to participate in renting spaces within the center.

Commissioner Weaver announced that the Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois will have there The United We Lead Gala on August 17, 2019 located at the Regency Conference Center in O'Fallon, Illinois.

The Flame Grill and Bar in Carbondale, IL will host an event about reducing utility bills. The event will be held on June 4, 2019 beginning at 4:30p.m. and 7p.m.

Chair Hennrich mentioned the Annual Election for the Human Relations Commission Vice-Chairman, which will be held during the Human Relations Commission Annual Retreat in July.

Chair Hennrich discussed the restructuring and accreditation for SIU to the Human Relations Commission.

## **PROCESS ASSESSMENT**

### *Sparrow Coalition Report*

Commissioner Webb announced that on June 10, 2019, a showing of a vacant building located on College Street in Carbondale, IL will be a possible location for an Emergency Warming Center.

### *Women For Change*

Commissioner Weaver mentioned that the Women for Change held a graduation celebration for the local middle school graduates at the Carbondale Super Splash Park on Tuesday May 28, 2019.

### *Neighborhood Action Group Report*

Chair Hennrich announced that the Neighborhood Action Group will meet in October 2019. Updates on the meeting location and time will be announced at a later date.

### *Non-Violent Carbondale Project Report*

Chair Hennrich announced that the Non-Violent Carbondale will meet to discuss the 11 Days for Compassion. Updates on the meeting location and time will be announced at a later date.

### *Racial Justice Coalition*

Commissioner Shariati announced that he will attend the Racial Justice Coalition meeting on June 6, 2019.

### *Race Unity Group*

Commissioner Weaver discussed an alleged verbal altercation between a citizen and an emergency personnel in regards to an emergency resident call.

Deputy Chief Reno discussed the procedures and protocol when citizens are calling for emergency situations to the Human Relations Commission.

Commissioner Weaver mentioned the April 2019 school bus incident that occurred at Carbondale Community High School.

### Law Enforcement

Nathan Colombo addressed an alleged altercation that was circulating on social media in regards to a local citizen and a Carbondale Police Officer. Deputy Chief Reno responded that it was not the Carbondale Police Department.

Commissioner Shariati mentioned the Intruder Workshop and Training that was held at Rock Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Carbondale, Illinois to the Commission. Commissioner Shariati explained to Deputy Chief Reno that he appreciate the training and learned a lot from the workshops.

Deputy Chief Reno announced the Celebrate 618 festival which will begin on June 9, 2019 in Carbondale, Illinois.

Commissioner Webb mentioned the present of Carbondale Police Officers at the First Christian Church in Carbondale, Illinois during Pride Fest. Further discussion led to Commissioner Webb thanking Deputy Chief Reno and the Carbondale Police Department.

Commissioner Webb discussed with Deputy Chief Reno the meaning of "Call for Service". Deputy Chief Reno explained the procedures and protocols of a "Call for Service", in which Deputy Chief Reno also further explained the difference of a reactive and proactive emergency call to the Human Relations Commission.

### Items for City Council

None To Report

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Meeting adjourned

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