



**Carbondale Human Relations Commission**

Minutes – September 9, 2019  
Carbondale Civic Center - 5:00pm

Commissioners Present: Anita Brown, Stephanie Brown, Dora Weaver, Karriem Shariati, Roger Webb, Michelle Snyder, Joseph Brown, Carla Childs

Commissioners (Excused):

Commissioners (Unexcused):

Guest Present: Elius Reed, Rana Schenke

SIU-C Dept. of Public Safety Representative: None

Study Circles Staff:

Staff Present: Commission Liaison Courtney Beverly

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CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Karriem Shariati and seconded by Commissioner Joseph Brown to approve the minutes from the July 1, 2019 meeting. Motion carried. All Voted Aye.

Motion was made by Commissioner Michelle Snyder and seconded by Commissioner Karriem Shariati to approve the minutes from the August 5, 2019 meeting. Motion carried. All Voted Aye.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Reed mentioned that the Comptroller of Illinois Susana Mendoza will be the guest speaker for the Carbondale NAACP Annual Banquet on October 27, 2019 beginning at 4:00p.m located at the Carbondale Civic Center.

Commissioner Weaver announced that the Black Graduate Greek Council will be hosting a debate watch on September 8, 2019 beginning at 6:30p.m located at Bandana's Bar-B-Q in Carbondale, IL.

Commissioner Shariati mentioned the accident involving a train and pedestrian that occurred on September 2, 2019 in Carbondale, IL.

Commissioner Childs announced that the Boys and Girls Club of Carbondale will host their 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Crystal Gala on September 20, 2019 beginning at 6:00p.m located at the Garden Grove Event Center.

The Jackson County Health Department will host a Community Town Hall meeting on September 17, 2019 beginning at 5:30p.m located at the Carbondale Civic Center.

National Voter Registration Day is September 24, 2019.

Commissioner Weaver mentioned that the Women for Change Carbondale will host their "Big Event" Unity March and Celebration at Attucks Park on September 21, 2019.

Commissioner Weaver mentioned that the Race Unity Group will show the film "Rigged" on September 9, 2019 located at the Newman Center in Carbondale beginning at 7p.m.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Elius Reed mentioned the Jackson County Democratic Party Dinner which was held on August 22, 2019 located at the 17<sup>th</sup> Street Warehouse in Murphysboro, IL.

#### NEW BUSINESS

None To Report

#### ISSUES

None To Report

#### Public Education/HRC Website

None To Report

#### Public Forums/Events

None To Report

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Elius Reed mentioned newspaper articles to the Human Relations Commissioners in regards to a house party that occurred on April 22, 2001.

#### COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Joseph Brown mentioned an applicant that submitted an application for the Human Relations Commission SIU Student Representative position.

Commissioner Joseph Brown discussed with the Commission an article that was published in the newspaper about the “Navigating the Black Experience” orientation at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Commissioner Joseph Brown mentioned the Carbondale Spring meeting that was held at The Varsity Center on September 8<sup>th</sup> and discussed their plans and research.

### **PROCESS ASSESSMENT**

#### *Human Relations Commission Housing Subcommittee*

None to Report

#### *Sparrow Coalition Report*

Commissioner Webb mentioned that the Carbondale Interfaith Council Committee have met to discuss the Emergency Warming Center and fundraising. Further discussion led to the Commissioners to mention local clothing drives that will begin this fall in Carbondale, IL.

#### *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

#### *Race Unity Group*

Commissioner Weaver mentioned that she will follow up with the Human Relations Commissioners in regards to the Race Unity Group meeting.

#### *Law Enforcement*

None To Report

#### *Items for City Council*

None To Report

**ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting – October 7, 2019. There being no further business, Chair Stephanie Brown closed the meeting to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

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