

Request for City Council Action

Date: June 30, 2015

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| Agenda Section: Consent Agenda No. 5 | Originating Department: City Clerk's Office |
| Item: Acceptance of Minutes of Boards, Commissions, and Committees No. 5.6 | Approved: |

Background:

Attached for Council review and acceptance are minutes from the meetings of City Boards, Commissions, and Committees which have recently been sent to the City Clerk's Office.

Recommended Action:

The Council is requested to accept the following minutes and place them on file:

Human Relations Commission – May 4, 2015

Preservation Commission – April 20, 2015

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| Engineering Approval Obtained | Finance Approval Obtained | Legal Approval Obtained | Approval Obtained | Manager's Approval Obtained |
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Council Action: Motion by _____ 2nd by _____ to _____



Carbondale Human Relations Commission

Minutes – May 4, 2015
Carbondale Civic Center ~ 5:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Joshua Kyle Brandon, Joseph Brown, Ted Gutierrez, Jerrold Hennrich, Eric McMillan, Faith Miller, Joshua Phillips, Kareem Shariati, Dora Weaver

Commissioners Excused: Peg Falcone

Study Circle Staff Present: Sarah Heyer

Guests Present: Sonya Ingebritsen, Molly Parker, Elius Reed, Chris Workran, Nolan Wright,

Staff Present: Interim Police Chief Jeff Grubbs, Deborah McCoy

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by the Chair, Commissioner Hennrich. Commissioner Guterrez, new HRC Commissioner, was introduced.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Shariati and seconded by Commissioner Weaver to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2015 meeting. Commissioner Miller abstained as she was not present for the April meeting. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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| May 12, 2015 | Community and Policing Forum, Carbondale Civic Center, 7:30 p.m. |
| May 13, 2015 | Fund raiser for Nepal, India, Gaia House, 6:00 p.m. |
| May 16, 2015 | Speakers for Commencement Services, former Governor Jim Edgar, Governor Bruce Rauner, and SIU-Calum Bill Norwood. |

ISSUES

Public Education/HRC Website

Chair Hennrich reminded Commissioners to submit information to Commissioners Falcone and/or Weaver. Commissioner Gutierrez was asked to submit information for the website.

Public Forums/Events – Community Policing

The forum will be held Tuesday, May 12, 2015, 7:30 p.m. at the Civic Center. Commissioners and Coordinator Heyer discussed and agreed upon the topics and set-up for the forum. Commissioners volunteered to facilitate the seven table discussions. Coordinator Heyer agreed to finalize the press release and Coordinator Brandon

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agreed to finalize and confirm the program. Commissioners should arrive between 6:30 and 7:00 pm at the Civic Center on the evening of the forum. Mr. Wright suggested that the topics be posted on the City/HRC website and citizens encouraged to continue the discussion. Commissioner Miller commented that that was an intent of the committee.

HRC Annual Retreat

Commissioner McMillan stated that the Retreat is scheduled for Monday, July 20, 2015, Civic Center, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. A summary regarding subpoena power will be prepared for the Retreat. Commissioner McMillan suggested that at the Retreat, the HRC look at some of the social issues Mayor Monty identified as having an impact on crime, and identify who might influence those issues in this community and how the HRC could influence those groups.

Public Comments

Mr. Reed called attention to two articles in the Southern Illinoisan that addressed Governor Rauner's plans regarding cuts and unions.

PROCESS ASSESSMENTS

Neighborhood Alliance Report

The group will meet on Wednesday, May 6, 2015.

Non-Violent Carbondale Project

No report

Racial Justice Coalition

Rev. Ingebritsen stated that the next meeting would be held on May 8, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at the Church of the Good Shepherd. She indicated that the Kopper's Plant and special use permit for Brightfield's was not a finished issue as there are still unanswered questions. Serious concerns regarding police in schools still exist and there are plans to speak with Superintendent Shimshak about their decision and Interim Chief Grubbs about police from their perspective.

Rev. Ingebritsen asked if HRC was going to make a statement about the police stopping by the schools. Commissioner Weaver commented that the HRC had not been formally asked to do anything about the program and that some groups liked the program and others do not. Chair Hennrich commented that no statement would be made by HRC until hearing from as many other sources as possible to reflect the position of Carbondale citizens as whole. It was suggested that perhaps a survey to citizens be distributed. Rev. Ingebritsen will put together a packet to be distributed to the HRC for the next meeting. Mr. Reed called attention to teachers and officers being paid good salaries and students having to participate in programs such as "I Can Read" to learn how to read.

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Law Enforcement

Interim Chief Grubbs commented on the importance of family and the loss of life. He stated that despite what has happened in Ferguson and Baltimore and other places, he would ask that the officers who are gunned down be remembered. Embracing lawlessness is not the answer to any of it. He believes the HRC and this community can work together to bring back community policing and bring people together instead of dividing.

Recently the City of Murphysboro and Jackson County law enforcement agencies joined the Crime Stoppers Program, which should help reinvigorate the Neighborhood Watch and other programs in communities. The Department hosted a working luncheon for the Women's Center where agencies and organizations came together to do some brainstorming. Interim Chief Grubbs spoke about the Violence Against Women's Act (VAWA) grant and its intent regarding some model polices on prevention. Several officers attended training in Texas regarding a battery intervention program. The Department is formulating some plans to reinstitute the Citizens Police Academy for this fall. Citizens are invited to submit ideas on what they would like to see included.

Commissioner Brown spoke on his involvement as a panelist at a seminar held on April 18, 2015, in East St. Louis on the mass incarceration of black males in urban area and other issues. Several judges and lawyers participated. Conversations should be had to determine what alternatives judges in this area are using as opposed to putting people in jail. Commissioner Brown suggested that the HRC consider hosting a discussion this fall that would bring together scholars from several systems and communities including law, criminal justice, judicial, and faith communities to talk about what judges see and how they can be involved in alternatives to the prison pipeline system.

Mr. Wright shared two experiences he recalled regarding the police. He recalled an experience about three weeks ago about 3:00 a.m. on a Sunday morning when he heard voices outside his window and saw lights. Mr. Wright went outside and was approached by Officer Lattan who explained that a young man was drunk and lost, and was trying to find his way home. The young man was white. Mr. Wright recalled an incident from a year ago when there was a loud crash down the street from a car hitting a pole. Mr. Wright went out and there was a young woman on the ground who was talking very faintly to an officer. He went back to his home to get a blanket for her. Mr. Wright saw other officers attempting to question her and another person in the back of the car who appeared to be in shock. Mr. Wright asked the officer where the medical care was and 10-15 minutes had passed without anything being done. The officer got in Mr. Wright's face and told him he was interfering with police investigation, and to get the hell out of there. An officer pushed him in the chest with both hands and invited him to leave the scene or be arrested. The individuals in the car crash were black. Mr. Wright stated that he would like to think that the manner in which the most recent incident was handled is current. However, with the Ferguson and other incidents of late, there is cause for concern. Mr. Wright indicated that he thought he should share those two incidents, as they are what he observed and experienced.

Ms. Parker spoke about five projects the Southern Illinoisan is working on. Three of the five projects are focusing on the justice system. Legal representation has been addressed, and prison overcrowding and after prison are other topics. She indicated the Southern would be interested in engaging in conversation about possibly co-sponsoring a forum/seminar on the justice system.

Commissioner Shariati spoke about the Sparrow Coalition, and asked that it be added as an item under Process Assessments on the Agenda. Commissioner Phillips will be prepared to report at a future meeting.

Items for City Council

None

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting – June 1, 2015. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Recorded by Deborah McCoy _____



MINUTES

**Preservation Commission
Monday, April 20, 2015
City Hall/Civic Center – 7:00 p.m.**

1. **Roll Call:** Mr. Parkinson called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

Members Present: Jackson, Clark, Doherty, Ittner, Parkinson, Van Awken and Benedict

Members Absent: Comparato, Sigler

Staff Present: Sergeev, Price

Guests: Lee Fronabarger, M. Jacob, N. Nickreht, S. Goodale, J. Kelly, L. Rowland, M. Jese, T. Snyder, D. Kelly, C. Fulmer, S. Lambert, S. Gobert, R. Zang, C. Vine, G. Lashbrook, M. Bowen, J. Nance

2. **Approval of Minutes:** Ms. Ittner moved, seconded by Mr. Van Awken, to approve the minutes of March 16, 2015.

The motion to approve the minutes passed with a unanimous voice vote.

3. **Communication and Reports:**

- a) Educational and Technical Assistance Committee

Ms. Ittner notified the Commission that the League of Women Voters used the oral history report which discussed the building of Cedar Lake to write their presentation for a water ordinance that was proposed to the City Council.

- b) Nomination and Hardship Committee

Nothing to Review

- c) Work Plan Committee

Nothing to Review

- d) Certificate of Appropriateness Committee

Nothing to Review

e) Downtown Advisory Committee Report

Nothing to Review

4. **Old Business:**

a) Carbondale Main Street and Historic Preservation Conference 2015

Ms. Sergeev announced that she still needs volunteers for the registration table. Ms. Sergeev also announced that the IHPA has provided up to 3 scholarships if any of the Commission members would like to go.

Mr. Parkinson said he would like to fill one of the scholarships.

b) Discussion of Founder's Day Celebration 2016

Mr. Parkinson asked Mr. Clark to read a proposal that will be submitted to the City Manager for the establishment of a Founder's Day.

There was discussion about including the Carbondale High School History Department and History Club to be included in the list of organizations that the commission would like to solicit for assistance.

Mr. Van Awken moved, seconded by Ms. Ittner, to approve the proposal to Mr. Baity as amended. The motion was passed with a unanimous voice vote.

5. **New Business:**

a) Annual Meeting

a. Election of Office

Mr. Parkinson announced that he was no longer moving and would like to continue serving on the Preservation Commission.

Ms. Ittner stated that the Nomination Committee had met, and that Mr. Parkinson is slated as Chair and Mr. Sigler as Vice Chair for the next term.

Mr. Parkinson asked for a vote to accept Mr. Sigler as FY 2016 Vice Chair as presented by the Nomination Committee.

The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Parkinson asked for a vote to accept Mr. Parkinson as FY 2016 Chair as presented by the Nomination Committee. The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

b. Adoption of Meeting Schedule

Mr. Van Awken asked that the August 17th meeting be moved to August 24th.

Mr. Parkinson asked staff to read the bi-laws to verify if they could move the August meeting, Mr. Parkinson suggested holding a vote to accept the FY 2016 Meeting Schedule as presented until further notice.

Ms. Doherty moved, seconded by Ms. Jackson, to approve the FY 2016 Meeting Schedule as presented. The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

c. Adoption of 2015-2016 Work Plan

Mr. Clark presented the Work plan to the Commission.

Ms. Doherty mentioned that there is one thing that was not completed in the previous work plan that the committee would like to see happen in this work plan, is for the commission to post quarterly updates in the Carbondale Communiqué.

Ms. Sergeev listed the months that they are already posting an announcement in the Communiqué and suggested using these months for updates. She also stated that it would be nice if the Commissioners would write a history article to have included in the communiqué.

There was a discussion about the Preservations website.

Mr. Parkinson suggested that Mr. Clark, Mr. Sigler and himself get together to discuss the website and ways to make it more user friendly and informational.

Ms. Doherty suggested that the review for the work plan be added to a future Preservation agenda.

It was decided to add the work plan review to the Preservation agenda of September 2015.

Mr. Parkinson asked for a vote to accept the 2015-2016 Work Plan as presented by the Work Plan Committee. The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

6. **Comments by the Public, Commission Members or Staff:**

There was a discussion about the forming of the City of Carbondale.

7. **Adjournment:**

Mr. Parkinson adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.