



Carbondale Human Relations Commission

Minutes – February 3, 2020
Carbondale Civic Center - 5:00pm

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

Commissioners (Excused): Carla Childs, Roy Macuchowski

Commissioners (Unexcused):

Guest Present: Elius Reed, Marilyn James, Sierra Allen, Nancy Maxwell, Carmalita Cahill

SIU-C Dept. of Public Safety Representative: None

Study Circles Staff: Sarah Heyer

Staff Present: Chief Jeff Grubbs, Commission Liaison Courtney Beverly

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:01p.m. by Chair Stephanie Brown

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Joseph Brown and seconded by Commissioner Dora Weaver to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2020 meeting. Motion carried. All Voted Aye.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Weaver announced the Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration which will be held on January 19th and the Martin Luther King Jr. Day breakfast on January 20th which will be held at the SIU Student Ballroom beginning at 8a.m.

Chair Stephanie Brown announced that the Kiwanis Club of Carbondale playground has completed phase one of the playground equipment order and will begin to move into phase two.

Marilyn James mentioned presenting a presentation about the *James Family History* to the Human Relations Commission, which will cover local impacts in the areas of Southern Illinois. The *James Family History* presentation will be scheduled during the February 3, 2020 Human Relations Commission meeting.

Commissioner Weaver announced that the Black Graduate Greek Council will host a debate watch party at Carbondale's Chili's Grill & Bar which will be scheduled for January 14, 2020 beginning at 7p.m.

Commissioner Mitchell announced that he was offered and has accepted an internship with Senator Tammy Duckworth Office in Washington, D.C.

Carmalita Cahill invited the Human Relations Commissioners to the Marion VA Medical Center on January 21, 2020 to attend a presentation on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Time of presentation will be announced at a later date.

Scott Martin mentioned that he attended the fall 2019 Citizens Police Academy and encouraged the Human Relations Commissioners to attend the spring 2020 Citizens Police Academy.

Elius Reed mentioned the hiring of SIU President Dr. Daniel F. Mahony from Winthrop University in South Carolina.

Commissioner Webb announced that the Sierra Club will have a presentation on January 9, 2020 on Building Resilient Communities, Food Forests, and Intergenerational Stewardship. The presentation will begin at 5p.m. located at the Carbondale Township Hall.

Carbondale Spring will host a training on Nonviolent Communication Workshop, which is scheduled for January 12, 2020 located at the One Innovation Place which will begin at 12p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Chief Grubbs mentioned that the Carbondale Christmas Store "Coats for Kids Drive" was successful and the Carbondale Police Department was able to supply families with winter coats.

NEW BUSINESS

Sierra Allen a Community Outreach Coordinator for Illinicare Health presented an open dialogue to the Human Relations Commission in regards to Illinicare Health.

Chief Grubbs exit the meeting at 5:30p.m.

Nancy Maxwell the Medical and Legal Advocate of the Eurma C. Hayes Center discussed creating a youth conference for local Southern Illinois youth and to discuss the space usage at the Eurma C. Hayes Center.

Chair Stephanie Brown suggested to Nancy Maxwell to have her organization and members to attend Human Relations Commission meetings to continue the conversations on creating youth conferences for Southern Illinois youth.

ISSUES

None To Report

Public Education/HRC Website

None to Report

Public Forums/Events

None To Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Elius Reed mentioned a local home invasion that occurred on January 1, 2020 south of Carbondale and discussed the shooting incident that occurred on December 31, 2019 at the Carbondale's Ross Dress For Less parking lot.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Weaver mentioned that she has submitted an email to Mayor Mike Henry in December regarding extending her Human Relation Commission membership as Commissioner.

PROCESS ASSESSMENT

Study Circles Neighborhood Action Group

Sarah Heyer announced that the Neighborhood Alliance meeting will be held on February 8, 2020 located at the First United Methodist Church beginning at 10a.m.

Sparrow Coalition Report

Carmalita Cahill discussed updates on the Carbondale Warming Center and the daily operations of volunteers and residents of the Warming Center.

Neighborhood Action Group Report

None to Report

Non-Violent Carbondale Project Report

Sarah Heyer mentioned that the Nonviolent Carbondale Group discussed creating peace ribbons that will be distributed to local organizations in Carbondale and displayed sample ribbons that were created in 1985.

Chair Stephanie Brown suggested that Sarah Heyer bring ribbons and blankets as samples to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day breakfast for display.

Racial Justice Coalition

None to Report

Race Unity Group

Scott Martin suggested that the Human Relations Commissioners should attend the premiere of the movie *Just Mercy* and other documentary and films that will premiere on streaming services.

Law Enforcement

None to Report

Items for City Council

None To Report

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting – March 2, 2020. There being no further business, Chair Stephanie Brown closed the meeting to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Recorded by Courtney Beverly _____



Carbondale Human Relations Commission

Minutes – March 2, 2020
Carbondale Civic Center - 5:00pm

Commissioners Present: Anita Brown, Stephanie Brown, Dora Weaver, Roger Webb, Michelle Snyder, Carla Childs, Roy Macuchowski

Commissioners (Excused): Joseph Brown

Commissioners (Unexcused):

Guest Present: Elius Reed, Kathy Neely, Sage Banks, Diana Brawley Sussman

SIU-C Dept. of Public Safety Representative: None

Study Circles Staff: Sarah Heyer

Staff Present: Commission Liaison Courtney Beverly

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Anita Brown and seconded by Commissioner to approve the minutes from the February 3, 2020 meeting. Motion carried. All Voted Aye.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sarah Heyer announced that Keep Carbondale Beautiful is searching for a new Executive Director.

Commissioner Weaver mentioned that Commissioner Anita Brown and Commissioner Snyder will create a banner for the 11 Days for Peace.

Commissioner Weaver announced two potluck luncheons which will be held on February 8th and February 9th located at the Carbondale Muslim Center in Carbondale, Illinois.

Chair Stephanie Brown announced that playground equipment have been ordered for the inclusive playground at Turley Park and are currently fundraising and accepting donations.

Elius Reed mentioned that the Laborers Local 773 are accepting applications on February 4, 2020 beginning at 10a.m. for their apprenticeship program.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Webb mentioned that the Carbondale Community Solar Working Group are developing a group-by for Southern Illinois solar.

United Carbondale will be meeting at the Carbondale African American Museum on February 10, 2020 beginning at 5p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

None To Report

ISSUES

None To Report

Public Education/HRC Website

None to Report

Public Forums/Events

Marilyn James presented a presentation about the *James Family History* to the Human Relations Commission and Carbondale residents, which covered impacts the James's family contributed in the areas of Southern Illinois.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Elius Reed mentioned that on August 18, 2008 the Laborers Local 773 in Marion, Illinois have created a high school apprenticeship program. Mr. Reed stated that the Laborers Local 773 met with the Illinois Governor and Lieutenant Governor in December in regards to request funding for the new apprenticeship program and recruitment.

Elius Reed met with Cairo High School Superintendent Andrea Evers and discussed that the local school board have approved an understanding agreement to join the Local 773 apprenticeship program.

On December 2019 Mr. Reed attended the Carbondale School Board meeting and made a public comment about the status of the Local 773 apprenticeship program. Mr. Reed stated that Superintendent Stephen Murphy will meet with the Laborers Local 773 and discuss the high school apprenticeship program.

Elius Reed mentioned the 1975 City of Carbondale Affirmative Action Plan and discussed the current revising of the action plan.

Elius Reed mentioned that an SIU official stated that enrollment has declined for 2020 and Mr. Reed also attended the job conference at SIU where Governor J.B. Pritzker presented.

The process of a million dollar funding project was announced to upgrade and begin expanding the communication building.

Elius Reed mentioned an incident and arrest that occurred during New Year's Eve night.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Snyder announced the SI Wellness Expo which will be held at John A. Logan College on March 21, 2020 beginning at 8a.m.

PROCESS ASSESSMENT

Study Circles Neighborhood Action Group

None to Report

Sparrow Coalition Report

Commissioner Webb mentioned that the Sparrow Coalition recently changed their meeting dates to every first Tuesday of every month beginning at 9a.m. located at the First Christian Church in Carbondale, IL.

Commissioner Webb discussed updates on the Carbondale Warming Center with the assistance of SIU Interns from the Carbondale Public Library.

The First Presbyterian Church are offering free laundry services to the Carbondale community.

Neighborhood Action Group Report

Sarah Heyer announced that the Neighborhood Action Group meeting will be held on February 5, 2020 beginning at 5p.m.

Non-Violent Carbondale Project Report

None to Report

Racial Justice Coalition

None to Report

Race Unity Group

Commissioner Weaver mentioned that a banner was created for the 11 Days for Peace.

Commissioner Waver announced the Margie Parker Teach-In for Peace. Presentation given by Natasha Erskine, Deputy Coordinator Chicago Veterans for Peace, will present "My Journey: From Active Duty to

Discovering Pieces of Peace.” The presentation will be located at the Carbondale Civic Center on February 4th beginning at 7p.m.

Law Enforcement

None to Report

Items for City Council

None To Report

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting – April 6, 2020. There being no further business, Chair Stephanie Brown closed the meeting to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Recorded by Courtney Beverly _____



Carbondale Human Relations Commission

Minutes – July 6, 2020
Carbondale Civic Center - 3:30pm

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

Commissioners (Excused):

Commissioners (Unexcused): Roy Mazcuchowski

Guest Present: Nancy Maxwell

SIU-C Dept. of Public Safety Representative: None

Study Circles Staff:

Staff Present: Commission Liaison Courtney Beverly

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:40p.m. by Chair Stephanie Brown

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Michelle Snyder and seconded by Commissioner Joseph Brown to approve the minutes from the March 2, 2020 meeting. Motion carried. All Voted Aye.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None to Report

OLD BUSINESS

Chair Stephanie Brown mentioned that the Human Relations Commission Retreat will reschedule for fall 2020.

Commissioner Joseph Brown mentioned the City of Carbondale Affirmative Action Plan documents which were emailed to all the Commissioners. Chair Stephanie Brown announced that all Commissioners will review the Affirmative Action Plan and will submit a revision as a Commission to the City of Carbondale Diversity and Compliance Officer Alicia Jackson.

Commissioner Weaver mentioned the status of her reappointment to the Human Relations Commission. Further information will be announced at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Stephanie Brown and Commissioners discussed the events that are in our world news. Chair Brown suggested that the Human Relations Commission can host a Virtual Town Hall Zoom meeting with other organizations in Carbondale. Chair Stephanie Brown mentioned to the Commissioners several dates the week of July 20th to host a Virtual Town Hall Zoom meeting. Commissioner Snyder volunteered to develop a list of all local organization that would like to be invited and participate in the Virtual Town Hall meeting.

ISSUES

None To Report

Public Education/HRC Website

None to Report

Public Forums/Events

None to Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nancy Maxwell mentioned a Little Caesar's employee and the Sign Code Prohibiting Sign Spinners and Little Caesar's Sign Code Violation.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

The Commission discussed Nancy Maxwell's comment about the Sign Code Prohibiting Sign Spinners and Little Caesar's Sign Code Violation. Chair Stephanie Brown suggested to vote if the Human Relations Commission would like to write a letter of support to the City of Carbondale to reconsider the Sign Code Prohibiting Sign Spinners ordinance and reinstate the Little Caesar's employee.

Motion was made by Chair Stephanie Brown to have the Human Relations Commission to send the City of Carbondale a letter in support of the Little Caesar's employee and ask to reconsider the sign spinner's ordinance. 6 Voted Aye and 1 Voted Opposed.

Commissioner Snyder and Commissioner Childs mentioned to the Commission about gathering more information about the sign ordinance and then submitting a letter based off of the Sign Code Prohibiting Sign Spinners ordinance.

Chair Stephanie Brown withdrew the vote to have the Human Relations Commission send the City of Carbondale a letter in support of the Little Caesar's ordinance.

Chair Stephanie Brown requested copies of the Sign Code Prohibiting Sign Spinners ordinance.

Commissioner Childs mentioned that the Human Relations Commission should host a meet and greet with SIUC Chancellor Austin A. Lane. Chair Brown announced that Commissioner Childs will coordinate the meet and greet with SIU Chancellor Austin Lane and the Human Relations Commission.

Commissioner Snyder suggested that the meet and greet should be a Zoom meeting with Chancellor Austin Lane and Commissioners.

Commissioner Webb announced two solar programs in the Southern Illinois area that will help fight climate change. Solarize Southern Illinois developed a 'group buy' to install solar panels for residents, including financing options, that will help the environment, and greatly reduce energy costs. The Illinois Solar for All program will allow lower income residents, including renters, to obtain around a 20% savings on their Ameren electric bill. Contact Commissioner Webb, or Karen Knodt of First Christian Church, for details.

Chair Brown announced that Lenus Turley Park playground equipment have recently been taking down and will be replaced with new equipment for the Inclusive playground.

Chair Brown mentioned that on July 9, 2020 Rock Hill Baptist Church, Carbondale NAACP and Labor Local 773 will host a Drive Through Drop Off located at Attucks Park beginning at 1:30p.m.

PROCESS ASSESSMENT

Study Circles Neighborhood Action Group

None to Report

Sparrow Coalition Report

Commissioner Webb announced that the Sparrow Coalition meeting are every first Tuesday of every month beginning at 9a.m. Sparrow Coalition meetings will be conducted through Zoom. If you would like to join the Sparrow Coalition meeting, please contact Commissioner Roger Webb at rowebb@hotmail.com.

Commissioner Webb mentioned that the Sparrow Coalition meetings will discuss several homeless programs and announced that the Warming Center recently received a grant to remain open until August 30, 2020.

Neighborhood Action Group Report

None to Report

Non-Violent Carbondale Project Report

None to Report

Racial Justice Coalition

None to Report

Race Unity Group

Race Unity meetings have been conducted through Zoom meetings.

Commissioner Weaver announced that Scott Martin will be relocating to Wisconsin in the next couple of weeks.

Carbondale United

Nancy Maxwell mentioned that July 7, 2020 is Blackout Day. The event will be held at Carbondale's First Christian Church which will begin at 5p.m.

Carbondale United will sponsor a Virtual Town Hall meeting for the Carbondale NAACP branch on July 9, 2020 beginning at 5p.m. Individuals are able to register at the Carbondale Public Library or view the meeting on Channel 16 and the Carbondale United Facebook account.

Nancy Maxwell announced that on July 30, 2020 there will be a Youth Summit. More information will be announced at a later date.

Law Enforcement

None To Report

Items for City Council

None To Report

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting – September 14, 2020. There being no further business, Chair Stephanie Brown closed the meeting to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Recorded by Courtney Beverly _____



Carbondale Human Relations Commission

Minutes – September 14, 2020
Carbondale Civic Center - 3:30pm

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

Commissioners (Excused):

Commissioners (Unexcused): Roy Mazcuchowski

Guest Present: Nancy Maxwell

SIU-C Dept. of Public Safety Representative: None

Study Circles Staff:

Staff Present: Commission Liaison Courtney Beverly, City Clerk Jennifer Sorrell

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:31p.m. by Chair Stephanie Brown

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Joseph Brown and seconded by Commissioner Roger Webb to approve the minutes from the August 3, 2020 meeting. Motion carried. All Voted Aye.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Brown announced that the Laborers Local Union 773 will be distributing food baskets on August 6, 2020 beginning at 1:30 p.m. located at First Baptist Church in Murphysboro, IL.

Commissioner Webb announced the Ralph Smith's dialogue which is presented by the Interfaith Council, the event will be held on August 4, 2020 beginning at 6 p.m. If you would like to join the meeting, please contact Commissioner Roger Webb at rowebb@hotmail.com.

Commissioner Webb mentioned the Blackout Tuesday event, which will be held on August 4, 2020 and located at First Christian Church in Carbondale, IL beginning at 5 p.m.

Nancy Maxwell announced that Carbondale United will be commemorating the 57th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's march on Washington. The event will be held on August 28, 2020 beginning at 5:30 p.m. located at Carbondale's Attucks Park.

Commissioner Weaver mentioned that SIU's Young Democrats and the Black Graduate Greek Council will host a voter registration in August and will be located at the SIU Student Center. If you would like more information, please contact Commissioner Dora Weaver.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Weaver mentioned the status of her reappointment to the Human Relations Commission. Further information will be announced at a later date.

The Human Relations Commissioners discussed the status and scheduling of the Virtual Town Hall meeting which will be held through a Go To Meeting. Chair Brown has mentioned different discussion topics, scheduling dates and variety of local organizations that would like to attend the meeting.

Commissioner Snyder mentioned that the Human Relations Commission can do a formal invite to local organizations to attend the Community Group Roundtable, which will discuss their mission statement, calendar of events and collaboration efforts with other local organizations. Commissioner Snyder noted that all Commissioners can contact her to add additional organizations to the invitation list.

Nancy Maxwell requested if Commissioner Snyder can email a copy of the invited local organizations.

Chair Brown mentioned that the Community Group Roundtable will be independent and will not focus on policing, but more on the Human Relations Commission and local organizations.

Chair Brown announced that the tentative date of August 24, 2020 will be confirmed with the City of Carbondale City Clerk Jennifer Sorrell.

Commissioner Childs announced the scheduling of the Meet and Greet with SIU's Chancellor Dr. Austin Lane. Commissioner Childs has submitted a meeting request for October 5, 2020 with Dr. Lane's office. The Human Relations Commissioners discussed topic details that will take part during the Meet and Greet and inviting local community groups and agencies that attend the Human Relations Commission monthly meetings. Chair Brown requested to reserve a Civic Center room to host the Meet and Greet for October 5th beginning at 5 p.m.

Nancy Maxwell mentioned the Little Caesar's employee and the Sign Code Prohibiting Sign Spinners and Little Caesar's Sign Code Violation. The Human Relations Commission explained to Nancy Maxwell that they have reviewed the sign code violations and the 15.4.10.8 Temporary Signs Permitted.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Brown discussed the review and submitting revisions in regards to the Affirmative Action Plan.

ISSUES

None To Report

Public Education/HRC Website

None to Report

Public Forums/Events

None to Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ginger Golz discussed with the Commissioners about Police Reform, body cameras and how the public are needing to address topics to the Carbondale Police Department for discussion. Chair Brown mentioned to Ginger Golz that the body cameras topic has been discussed in previous meetings and town hall meetings.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Snyder mentioned the areas of interests that the Commissioners wanted to focus during the Human Relations Commission Annual Retreat. Commissioner Snyder noted that she will reach out and gathering information about the Carbondale Police Department and the surrounding counties.

PROCESS ASSESSMENT

Study Circles Neighborhood Action Group

None to Report

Sparrow Coalition Report

Commissioner Webb announced that the Sparrow Coalition meetings are every first Tuesday of every month beginning at 9a.m. Sparrow Coalition meetings will be conducted through Zoom. If you would like to join the Sparrow Coalition meeting, please contact Commissioner Roger Webb at rowebb@hotmail.com.

Commissioner Webb announced that the *Feed My Sheep Community Kitchen* are serving meals, which will be located at Bethel A.M.E Church in Carbondale, IL.

Neighborhood Action Group Report

None to Report

Non-Violent Carbondale Project Report

None to Report

Racial Justice Coalition

None to Report

Race Unity Group

Race Unity meetings have been meeting on Tuesday night's beginning at 7 p.m. through Zoom meetings.

Commissioner Weaver announced that Scott Martin will be relocating to Wisconsin.

Carbondale United

Nancy Maxwell mentioned the 2020 Youth Summit and addressed the community reviews.

Nancy Maxwell listed the upcoming marches for the Southern Illinois Unity Group, Blackout Tuesday, Mass Incarceration March and a Variety Show on August 22, 2020 located at Carbondale's Attucks Park.

Commissioner Weaver mentioned that SIU's Information Technology Department and My Brother's Keeper program can assist in developing a Community Group website for Carbondale United.

Chair Brown requested if Commissioner Weaver to send an invite to Mr. Norris from My Brother's Keeper to present during the September 14th Community Group Roundtable.

Law Enforcement

None To Report

Items for City Council

None To Report

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting – October 5, 2020. There being no further business, Commissioner Roger Webb closed the meeting to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Recorded by Courtney Beverly _____



Carbondale Human Relations Commission

Minutes – October 5, 2020
Carbondale Civic Center - 3:30pm

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

Commissioners (Excused): Roy Mazcuchowski

Commissioners (Unexcused): Carla Childs

Guest Present: Nancy Maxwell

SIU-C Dept. of Public Safety Representative: None

Study Circles Staff: Sarah Heyer

Staff Present: Commission Liaison Courtney Beverly, City Clerk Jennifer Sorrell

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Chair Stephanie Brown

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Anita Brown and seconded by Commissioner Roger Webb to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2020 meeting. Motion carried. All Voted Aye.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Brown announced Sierra Allen's Grace Movement charity event flyer to all the Commissioners.

Commissioner Webb announced that SIU Chancellor Austin Lane will be meeting with the SIU Alumni Association on October 5, 2020 beginning at 5 p.m.

Chair Brown mentioned the updates to the Turley Park playground equipment and announced that construction will resume next week.

OLD BUSINESS

Chair Brown mentioned that Commissioner Weaver addressed if the Human Relations Commission can write a letter of support for an external search for African American Police Officers.

Chair Brown thanked the Commissioners for the September 14th meeting and the participation of all the community organizations that attended.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Brown mentioned that Commissioner Childs has scheduled SIU Chancellor Austin Lane to meet with the Human Relations Commission during the November 2nd meeting.

Chair Brown announced that Commissioner Joseph Brown have received an email interview request from the Daily Egyptian for the Human Relations Commission.

Chair Brown mentioned that the reports for the *Improving Police Community Relations Survey* will be obtain from Commissioner Snyder and Interim Chief Reno and will be announced at a later date.

PRESENTATION/PUBLIC EDUCATION

None to Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None to Report

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Weaver announced that SIU Black Graduate Greek Council and Young Democrats will host a Voters Registration Drive on September 26th and October 2nd.

Chair Brown announced the 43rd annual Virtual Freedom Fund Banquet which is scheduled for Sunday October 18th beginning at 4 p.m. Registration will be held at the Carbondale Public Library.

Chair Brown mentioned the dates and location for early voting and the 2020 Census deadline.

PROCESS ASSESSMENT

Study Circles Neighborhood Action Group

Sarah Heyer announced the Neighborhood Alliance meeting will remain a remote meeting and addressed any updates about the Carbondale Police Department *Improving Police Community Relations Survey*.

Sparrow Coalition Report

Commissioner Webb mentioned that the Sparrow Coalition will meet the morning of October 6th.

Commissioner Webb announced that the Carbondale Warming Center will begin a fundraising drive to raise funds for the Center. Chair Brown suggested for the Sparrow Coalition to research and apply for the Illinois Treasurer's Grant.

Neighborhood Action Group Report

None to Report

Non-Violent Carbondale Project Report

Sarah Heyer mentioned that the Non-Violent Carbondale Project have not held a meeting.

Racial Justice Coalition

Sarah Heyer mentioned that she attended the Racial Justice Coalition meeting and mentioned a discussion about having a national search and having local community members involved on the committee.

Sarah Heyer addressed an incident that occurred at John A. Logan College about a presentation on racism and how the presentation was canceled due to the recent executive order.

Race Unity Group

None to Report

Carbondale United

Nancy Maxwell announced upcoming events which included: Gun Safety Summit and Adapting to Remote Learning October 24th, Stop The Violence meeting October 23rd- 25th, Yoga For Her October 9th, Virtual Summit on Domestic Violence Teen Relationship October 29th, Stop The Violence March October 24th, Painting In The Park October 24th, Prayer Vigil October 25th.

Law Enforcement

None to Report

Items for City Council

None to Report

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting – November 2, 2020. There being no further business, Chair Brown closed the meeting to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Recorded by Courtney Beverly _____



Carbondale Human Relations Commission

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Carbondale Civic Center - 5:00pm

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

Commissioners (Excused):

Commissioners (Unexcused): Roy Mazcuchowsk

Guest Present:

SIU-C Dept. of Public Safety Representative: None

Study Circles Staff:

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00p.m. by Chair Stephanie Brown

Introduction

The Human Relations Commission met with SIU Chancellor Dr. Austin Lane and each commissioner introduced themselves. During the meet and greet they discussed the mission, history, and function of the Human Relations Commission. The discussion led to further conversations on how the Human Relations Commission is involved with the Carbondale community, SIU Campus and local organizations.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Stephanie Brown closed the meeting to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Recorded by Courtney Beverly _____



Carbondale Human Relations Commission

Minutes – November 2, 2020
Carbondale Civic Center - 3:30pm

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

Commissioners (Excused):

Commissioners (Unexcused): Roy Mazcuchowsk

Guest Present: Kayla Estes

SIU-C Dept. of Public Safety Representative: None

Study Circles Staff: Sarah Heyer

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:30p.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 October 5, 2020 meeting. Motion carried. All Voted Aye.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Brown announced the ribbon cutting for the Carbondale's All-Inclusive Playground at Turley Park phase one on November 16 2020 beginning at 12p.m.

Chair Brown mentioned that Carbondale District 165 Superintendent has resigned on June 30, 2020 and the Board of Education are currently accepting qualified applicants for the Superintendent position.

OLD BUSINESS

None To Report

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Joseph Brown mentioned the November 3, 2020 Presidential election and the safety and concerns of the public.

Interim Chief Reno mentioned that a march is planned for Wednesday November 3, 2020 starting at the Carbondale Town Square Pavilion to Senator Paul Simon Federal Building which will begin at 5 p.m.

Interim Chief Reno announced the Carbondale Police Department Coat Drive and addressed the safety measures of collecting coats for families this winter.

Commissioner Webb mentioned that the Carbondale Interfaith Council "Spirit of Christmas", will be collecting financial donations and the deadline for contributions is November 15, 2020.

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 Anita Brown mentioned the book "Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents" written by Isabel Wilkerson. Commissioner Brown requested if guest Jennifer Pellow could discuss and review the book during the Human Relations Commission December meeting.

PROCESS ASSESSMENT

Study Circles Neighborhood Action Group

None to Report

Sparrow Coalition Report

Commissioner Webb announced that the Sparrow Coalition meeting will be held on November 10, 2020 beginning at 9 a.m. located at the First Christian Church in Carbondale, IL. If anyone is interested in attending the meeting please contact Roger Webb at rowebb@hotmail.com.

Commissioner Webb mentioned the Carbondale Warming Center and updated the Human Relations Commissioners on the assistance being received by local churches and organizations. Commissioner Webb also announced the financial donations being received for the Carbondale Warming Center which will continue to operate until April 2021.

Neighborhood Action Group Report

Sarah Heyer announced that the Neighborhood Action Group meeting will meet on Wednesday November 4, 2020.

Non-Violent Carbondale Project Report

None to Report

Racial Justice Coalition

None to Report

Race Unity Group

Commissioner Weaver announced attending the Race Unity Group meeting for the month of November.

Carbondale United

Commissioner Weaver mentioned that Carbondale United met with local organizations and discussed activities on how to stop the violence and have researched how to obtain a Violence Intervention Grant.

Law Enforcement

Interim Chief Reno announced that retired Carbondale Police Sergeant Gerald Edwards has returned to the Carbondale Police Department as a Liaison to the Carbondale Community and will assist in community programming and department recruitment.

On October 20, 2020 the Carbondale Police Department and Saluki Patrol met with students, staff and faculty to discussed current events, policing, policing in Carbondale and SIU campus.

Interim Chief Reno announced several programs that are in development at the Carbondale Police Department which will range from an apprenticeship program and a Five on Five program.

Interim Chief Reno discussed and answered questions on public safety for citizens and local businesses in regards to the November 3, 2020 Presidential election.

Items for City Council

None To Report

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting – December 7, 2020. There being no further business, Chair Stephanie Brown closed the meeting to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned

Recorded by Courtney Beverly _____