



Carbondale Human Relations Commission

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

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

Commissioners (Excused): Carla Childs, Ted Gutierrez

Commissioners (Unexcused):

Guest Present: Scott Martin, Isaac Smith, Naomi Tolbert, Elius Reed, Erik Novack, Nathan Colombo, Miles Davis, Roseanna Dorsey, Roger Trexler

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 5:00p.m. by Chair Hennrich.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Shariati and seconded by Commissioner Joseph Brown to approve the minutes from the January 7, 2019 meeting. Motion carried. All Voted Aye. Corrections:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Human Relations Commissioners welcome Michelle Snyder, Anita Brown and Roger Webb the new appointed Commissioners to the Human Relations Commission.

Commissioner Stephanie Brown mentioned the Rotary Club of Jackson Williamson Counties Sunset for donating to the Autism Society of Southern Illinois.

The Kiwanis Club of Carbondale will hold their Annual Pancake Breakfast on February 16, 2019 beginning at 7a.m.

Commissioner Weaver announced on March 2, 2019 Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. will host a Youth Symposium at the SIUC Student Center beginning at 10:30a.m.

Elius Reed announced on February 7, 2019 the Illinois State NAACP President Teresa Haley will be speaking at the SIUC Student Center beginning at 5p.m.

On February 13, 2019 there will be a Job Fair Workshop Series located at SIUC Student Center beginning at 5p.m.

Scott Martin announced that the Carbondale Citizen's Police Academy will begin on February 6, 2019.

Naomi Tolbert announced that the College of Business Office of Diversity & Inclusion will be hosting a Black Business Expo at SIUC on February 27, 2019.

Sarah Heyer announced the 15th Annual Neighborhood Alliance meeting which will be held on February 23, 2019 located at the Carbondale Newman Center.

PRESENTATIONS

None To Report

OLD BUSINESS

None To Report

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Miles Davis the owner of the Autopsy Clothing Store in Carbondale, IL briefly describe a January 25, 2019 incident with the Carbondale Police Department. The incident was in reference to Mr. Davis business venue being shut down due to not having an entertainment license. The Human Relations Commissioners discussed with Mr. Davis about the shutting down of his venue and discussed solutions and recommendations to Mr. Davis' incident.

Commissioner Stephanie Brown noted, "If you are providing shows, and charging a fee that's an entertainment venue. So you should go through the city to be properly license for that and it's nice that they are going to waive the fee".

Mr. Miles reference that City Manager Gary Williams contacted the Carbondale Police Department in regards to not shutting down his event.

Chair Jerrold Hennrich asked if there was a citation given regarding the incident on January 25th. Mr. Davis responded that he was not given a citation and that the Police Officers shut his venue down and told all participants to leave and to give refunds.

Mr. Davis mentioned that City Manager Gary Williams and Building and Neighborhood Services Supervisor John Lenzini, Deputy Chief Stan Reno apologized about the incident on January 25th.

Commissioner Shariati asked Mr. Davis what he wanted from the Human Relations Commission. Mr. Miles stated that he wanted to discuss the incident with a bigger audience.

Nathan Colombo mentioned a May 11, 2018 event at the Varsity Theater in which the Carbondale Police were present and the similarity to Mr. Davis January 25, 2019 incident.

Further discussion on Mr. Davis's incident led to the discussion of local city ordinance and to continue the conversation on the March 4, 2019 Human Relations Commission meeting.

ISSUES

None To Report

Public Education/HRC Website

None To Report

Public Forums/Events

None To Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Elius Reed discussed a November 30, 2018 newspaper article and the SIUC spring semester enrollment.

Erik Novack mentioned the SIUC commercials.

Elius Reed commented on the City of Carbondale Affirmative Action Plan to the Human Relations Commission.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Chair Hennrich discussed the Human Relations Commission agenda and Commissioners terms to the newly appointed Commissioners.

The Human Relations Commissioners discussed the City of Carbondale Administrative Tow Fees.

Chair Hennrich mentioned to the Commission that he will be researching on Juvenile Justice Programs to discuss with the Human Relations Commission.

Chair Hennrich mentioned updating and discussing section three under terms of appointments to the Human Relations Commissioners.

PROCESS ASSESSMENT

Sparrow Coalition Report

Commissioner Webb and Scott Martin discussed the Carbondale warming centers and training volunteers.

Women For Change

None To Report

Neighborhood Action Group Report

Sarah Heyer announced that the Neighborhood Action Group will meet on February 6, 2019.

The 15th Annual Neighborhood Alliance meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2019 beginning at 9a.m.

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 – March 4, 2019. There being no further business, Chair Hennrich closed the meeting to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55p.m.

Recorded by Courtney Beverly _____