

Human Rights Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2017

- Members present: Billy Earl Amos, John Wright, Laura Bradford, Jean Schrecengost, Marty Vitale (visitor), Kelly Carey, Dillon Prochnicki, Amy Zafrowski, Mark Decker, Maureen McNeil, Pranav Papali, & Vanice Atrium. Nancy Talbott was present on behalf of the Mayor's office.
- Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. and minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed.
- Discussed having a clearer mandate from the Mayor's office.
 - All communication from committee should go through the mayor and the Mayor's office.
 - Committee is designated to recommend what the mayor says but have a limited public presence.
 - Specifically designed to be an advisory committee to the Mayor and his office.
- NAACP Meeting on Thursday.
 - Meeting is for educational purposes only.
- Projects HRAC would like to work on
 - Confederate soldier monument in front of the courthouse
 - Would like to have removed or add a memorial for the lynching victim
 - Billy Earl & Mark
 - Draft memo to the Mayor
 - Hiring diverse populations
 - Maureen
 - Grants to educate local police officers regarding race and drugs
 - Would be beneficial for drug court
 - Jean & Billy Early
 - Look into ways to help people with invisible disabilities
 - Hearing impaired, etc.
- Making Salisbury a Sanctuary City was discussed.
 - City would lose federal funding based on current bills.
 - SU is having same concerns
 - At this time this is not a feasible option.
- Congressman Harris is speaking on 3/31 at Chesapeake College.
 - 6 p.m. at the performing arts center.
- Name tags for next meeting
- Next meeting scheduled for Monday, April 17, at 6:30
 - Time changed so Mr. Ireton could attend more meetings.
- Meeting adjourned: 6:45 p.m.

