

**Human Rights Advisory
Committee
August 22, 2017
Meeting Minutes**

Members present: Nancy Talbott, Amy Zaprowski, Kelly Carey, Billy Earl, Jean Schrecengost, Mary Ashanti, Pranav Papali, Chalarra Sessions, Mark Decker

- . Meeting called to order 6:40 p.m.
- . Mark and Jean approve prior minutes
- . The Committee discussed asking Mayor Day about monthly proclamations for Sby. (Black History Month, Gay Pride, ect.)
- . James Yamakawa addressed committee about the Matthew Williams issue and showed a video from the Equal Justice Initiative about a lynching memorial that Montgomery, Alabama plans to construct. He also mentioned an upcoming project that will collect soil samples from lynching sites nationwide.
- . The Committee discussed the removal Confederate markers and monuments to museums in order to get them off of government property. Some individuals are already writing to their Council representatives.
- . From 11 a.m. To 1 p.m. on Saturday, 8/26, there will be a Racial Justice Rally in front of SU on the corner of 13 and College Ave. (We are welcome to go as individuals but not as a committee.)
- . Billy Earl asked the Committee to consider the removal of the “cargo” marker at the intersection of Route 50 and Nanticoke Road.
- . Billy Earl asked the Committee to consider advising the Mayor to allow non-documented workers to vote in local elections
- . Billy Earl briefly mentioned a new SBY catchphrase: The City For Everyone
- . The Committee discussed a potential Town Hall to allow the community to discuss the removal of Confederate markers and the construction of lynching memorials. After much discussion, members decided to hold off on this for now.
- . The members present agreed to table James' request to take the soil samples idea to Mayor Day. Rather than make a recommendation, we will provide discussion updates to the Mayor as needed.
- . Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.
- . Next meeting will be held on September 12th at 6:00 in room 300.