

## **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 PM by Chair Natalie Saint-Phard

## **Attendance**

NOTE: List of attendees not recoded in August and the names below have been added to August minutes on February 3, 2026 per the recollection of committee members

### Members Present

- Natalie Saint-Phard – Chair
- Julie Peters - Member
- Jenn Berkman – Member
- Rachael Fogerty - Member
- Demetria Marshall-Leonard – Vice-Chair (possibly in attendance, committee cannot 100% confirm)

### City Staff / Liaisons Present

- Jesse Turner – City Liaison
- Angela Blake – City Council Representative (possibly in attendance, she cannot 100% confirm)

### Visitor(s)

- Sophia Peters – Member
- Will Fries

### Members Absent

- Jeremy Alexander – Member

## **Approval of Previous Minutes**

- There was no meeting in July 2025; therefore, no July minutes to approve.

## **Committee Goals**

- Rachael recommended that the committee's existing goals remain unchanged.
- Discussion was held on combining certain initiatives; all members present were in favor.

## **5. Committee Connections and Collaboration**

- Natalie reported on ongoing efforts to connect with the TRUTH Committee.
- The committee expressed interest in arranging a visit to the TRUTH Committee to foster collaboration.

## **6. Watershed Discussion**

- Will Fries addressed concerns regarding a perceived misrepresentation of the committee by WBOC.
- Question raised: Should the advisory committee recommend that WBOC issue a restatement?

- It was noted that prior communication with WBOC “did not go well.” No formal decision was recorded.

## **7. Upcoming Events and Outreach**

- Natalie is coordinating with the ACLU on an upcoming clinic across the bridge.  
**Immigrants’ Rights Town Hall** scheduled for **August 12, 6:00 PM** via Zoom, RSVP required.
  - Purpose: Educating the committee on racial and union rights.
  - Natalie will send the RSVP link to all members.

## **8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.