

For Your Information, Please plan to join us on July 3, 2004

# Commemoration: The Race Riots of 1917

Location: Eads Bridge



Program:

7:30 Registration

8:30 Press Conference / Program.

- Opening prayer.....Rev. Obie Rush
- Welcome/MC.....Mayor Carl E. Officer (Acknowledge Elected Officials)
- Comments.....Robert Storman, City Mgr. (Economic Impact)
- Purpose/Challenge.....Ann Walker (Intent to Make Annual)

Organizational Impact/Words of Wisdom/Roll Call.

- Urban League
- NAACP
- Labor Union
- Chamber of Commerce
- Police Dept.

Victim Testimonies.....Enactment/Reading of a few testimonies

Warm up for Walk.....Stretches

Introduction of Dhati Kennedy. ....Organizer of the 1997 Memorial



**Drum Processional Led by Dhati Kennedy. (Please remain silent)**

*Core of drummers followed by Organizers/Officials/Clergy, then the public.*

8:50 Begin processional

9:15 Proclamation is read, drop wreath, sing "Lift Every Voice & Sing"

9:30 Closing Prayer.....Father Joseph Brown

9:45 Bridge is cleared, return to the Fair St. Louis Parade or back to City Hall for refreshments.

*On behalf of our Ancestors and Future Generations,  
Thank You for your Cooperation, Anne Walker*

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Background Information:

<http://www.exodusnews.com/HISTORY/History010.htm>

[http://www.eslarp.uiuc.edu/ibex/archive/nunes/esl%20history/race\\_riot.htm](http://www.eslarp.uiuc.edu/ibex/archive/nunes/esl%20history/race_riot.htm)