



## JHRC COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, July 9, 2013

### Meeting Minutes

<b>Commissioners Attending:</b>	P. Ahmed, PhD	Daniel "Dan" O'Connor
	William "Casey" Bulgin	Walette Stanford
	Mario E. Decunto	Michael Stovall, Jr.
	Crystal Freed, Esq.	Michael Wachholz (by phone)
	Susan Harthill, Esq.	Cindy Watson
	Ken Middleton	Dottie Wilson
	Sherry Murray	
<b>Commissioners Absent:</b>	C. Comstock	Michele L. A. Rollins, Esq.
	Leonardo del Rosario, M.D.	
<b>Staff Attending:</b>	Charlene Taylor Hill, Executive Director	Roberto Ortiz, Sr. Specialist Housing
	Linda Grant-Hunter, Assistant Director	Wayne McGovern, EO/EA Specialist
	Mary Jarrett, Esq., Senior Assistant General Counsel	Joan Dolbear, Executive Secretary, II

#### I. Call to Order

Commissioner Walette Stanford, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. Commissioner Stanford asked whether the Commission would object to having WJCT videotape the Commission Meeting without sound to use for background stock footage. There was no objection by the Commissioners.

#### II. Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Stanford called for a moment of silence and led the Commissioners in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### III. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Dan O'Connor to approve the summary of the Meeting Minutes from May 14, 2013. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Susan Harthill and approved.

#### IV. New Business

There was no new business discussed.

#### V. Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

#### VI. Old Business

##### A. Meeting with LULAC

Commissioner Mario E. Decunto stated Ms. Maria Machin, President of the League of United Latin American Citizens for Northeast Florida (LULAC), and two other members



attended the JHRC Community Relations Committee meeting on June 17, 2013 to discuss concerns regarding education, housing and employment for Hispanics in Jacksonville. At a LULAC meeting held on June 26, 2013, the attendees discussed discrimination issues within the Hispanic community with Mrs. Mildred Duprey de Robles, Conciliation Specialist for the U.S. Department of Justice in Miami. The list of issues discussed will be reviewed and prioritized at the next meeting scheduled for July 24, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at St Luke's Episcopal Church, 296 University Blvd. N., Jacksonville.

## **VII. Committee Reports**

### **A. Housing & Public Accommodations Committee**

Commissioner Dan O'Connor stated the committee brainstormed the idea of visitability by possibly showcasing models as a starting point that could be a cooperative venture through Brooks Rehab as transitional type living. In addition, the committee would like to meet with the new President of the North Florida Builders Association.

The committee would like to increase its members. Joan Dolbear will circulate dates and times for possible meetings every other month.

The committee would like someone from JCCI to speak on the topic of Vision 20-25 at the next Commission meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 13, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. Ms. Hill will contact JCCI.

### **B. Employment Committee**

#### **1. Brown Bag Lunch & Information Exchange**

Commissioner Susan Harthill stated the Brown Bag Lunch and Information Exchange is being held on Tuesday, August 20, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. at Adecco Group, NA. Ms. Candace Moody, Vice President of WorkSource, will speak on social media and Commissioner Harthill will speak on the topics of workplace bullying and unpaid internships.

### **C. Community Relations Committee**

#### **1. Human Trafficking Workshop**

The Worlds Affairs Council is having a program on Human Trafficking on October 1, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This program will be held at WJCT. Mr. Terry Coonan, Executive Director of the Florida State University Center for the Advancement of Human Rights, will be the keynote speaker. A movie will also be shown and exhibitors will be present.

In addition, the NE Florida Human Trafficking Coalition and Campus to City Wesley Foundation is presenting a program on Friday, July 12, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at UNF Student Union Auditorium on the topic of labor trafficking. There will also be exhibitors and chat rooms with facilitator.

#### **2. Civil Discourse Project**

Commissioner Casey Bulgin stated Commissioner Ahmed and his colleague Assistant Professor Saurabh Gupta presented their findings on creating a civil discourse model we can follow for conducting open dialogue on issues facing Jacksonville. The digital piece needs to be addressed and we need to determine who can provide this important piece. An executive summary will be developed



and distributed to the Commission for discussion.

#### **VIII. Executive Director & Staff Report**

To understand the discussion earlier regarding LULAC, Mildred Duprey de Robles is the Conciliation Specialist from Miami and works for the U.S. Department of Justice for Community Relations Services. This agency is JHRC's federal partner as it relates to issues in the community. Mr. Tommy Battles is the Regional Director. The JHRC continues to have interactions with the CRC around a number of issues.

HUD has completed its performance assessment of the JHRC (as a FHAP agency). Timeliness of case closures has been an issue, however significant progress has been made.

The HUD Grant focused on the disability community, and its housing needs (in addition to the aging population) is continuing. On June 28, 2013 a workshop for housing providers that service the disabled community but who may not particularly focus on that community was conducted. Dr. Anne Williamson was contacted to conduct follow-up research to the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice Study (AI) and lead the workshop. Recommendations to bring this group together (builders, non-profit organizations, and support services organizations) came out of the initial AI Study. Dr. Williamson has offered one-hour consulting for any attendees who wanted her service. Eight organizations have agreed. In addition, she will interview other organizations who were not at the meeting, i.e. Metro North, Wounded Warriors, etc. This is continuing work. A booklet has also been developed for homeowner associations and condominium associations showing examples of issues that members of their community may have.

Ms. Hill gave a very brief overview of her trip to Turkey with the Istanbul Cultural Center.

#### **IX. Chair's Report**

Commissioner Stanford reviewed the upcoming events.

#### **X. Announcements**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 13, 2013.

#### **XI. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.