



**JHRC Meeting
Tuesday, December 11, 2012**

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Attending:	William "Casey" Bulgin	Wilette Stanford
	Cristina Comstock	Michael Stovall, Jr.
	Leonardo del Rosario, M.D.	Michael Wachholz (by phone)
	Crystal Freed	Cindy Watson
	Sherry Murray	Alvin White, PhD
	Daniel "Dan" O'Connor	Dottie Wilson
Commissioners Absent:	Dane Grey	Kenneth "Ken" Middleton
	Susan Harthill	Michele L. A. Rollins, Esq.
Staff:		

I. Call to Order

Commissioner Wilette Stanford, Secretary, called the meeting to order at 12:09 p.m.

II. Moment of Silence

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Dan O'Connor to approve the meeting minutes from October 9, 2012 and November 13, 2012. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cindy Watson and passed unanimously.

V. Old Business

A. MOSH Exhibit: "Race: Are We So Different?"

Maria Hane, Executive Director of MOSH and Marsha Oliver, O Communications, gave an overview of the exhibit that is coming to Jacksonville on January 26, 2013 through April 28, 2013. The American Anthropological Association developed the exhibit in collaboration with the Science Museum of Minnesota. It is the first nationally traveling exhibition to tell the stories of race from the biological, cultural and historical points of view. Combining the perspectives offers an unprecedented look at race and racism in the United States.

VI. New Business

A. Special Presentation

Former Commissioner Dennis Wade was presented with a plaque in honor of his service and contributions to the Jacksonville Human Rights Commission from January 24, 2006 to August 7, 2012.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Community Relations Committee

1. Hate Crimes Working Group



Commissioner Casey Bulgin, Committee Chair, stated that Ms. Hill will be meeting with the Hate Crimes Working Group committee chairs to discuss progress and moving forward.

2. Global Jax

Commissioner Casey Bulgin stated a delegation of seven representatives from Indonesia visited the City of Jacksonville on Monday, December 3, 2012. The JHRC was one of the departments they met while in Jacksonville. Ms. Charlene Hill, gave the delegation an overview of the work it does for the City.

3. Civil Discourse

The JHRC, OneJax, WJCT and the Times-Union met to review the program that was held on "Public Prayer" and discussed what was going to be the next issue for open dialogue regarding civil discourse. The attendees discussed having open dialogue sessions along the topic of the traveling exhibit "Race: Are We So Different," in May, 2013.

One of the points that came out of the discussion during the "Public Prayer" program that the Community Relations Committee would want to pursue was whether the partners or sponsors for the project would want to make a recommendation to the City Council that they engage in a moment of silence at the start of its meetings. The committee wants to wait and review additional information before moving forward.

B. Employment

Linda Grant-Hunter, Assistant Director, stated the Employment Committee has invited career center representatives from local colleges and universities to come together and speak on the subject of Social Media and Youth. The discussion will be around the topic of how not to damage your employment record. The meeting will be held on January 10, 2013.

C. Housing and Public Accommodations Committee

Commissioner Dan O'Connor, Committee Chair, stated the committee reviewed the information obtained from Mr. James Schock, Chief of Building Inspection, at the last meeting on November 13, 2012. His suggestion was rather than focus on a local ordinance change, to look at a change at the State level. In addition, he suggested that the committee meet with Daniel Davis, President of the Northeast Florida Builders Association. Ms. Hill will contact Mr. Davis to schedule a meeting.

The committee has changed its meeting date to the first Monday of each month at 3:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in conference room 3D.

D. Nominating Committee

Commissioner Dottie Wilson, Nominating Committee Member, stated the slate for the JHRC Executive Committee is: Walette Stanford, President, William "Casey" Bulgin, Vice Chair and Daniel "Dan" O'Connor, Secretary.



A motion was made by Commissioner Cindy Watson to accept the slate and was seconded by Commissioner Dottie Wilson. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Executive Director & Staff Reports

Ms. Hill stated the externs from the Florida Coastal School of Law have completed their assignment with the JHRC. A new group will be starting next semester in January, 2013. Ms. Hill thanked Commissioner Susan Harthill for her help in providing externs to work with the JHRC.

IX. Chair's Report

Commissioner Walette Stanford, Commissioner Secretary, suggested that the Commissioners thank the JHRC staff for all their hard work during the year by providing a luncheon following the January 8, 2013 meeting at 1:00 p.m. She recommended having the Clara White Ashley Catering provide the food. Commissioner Walette Stanford asked for a \$20.00 donation from each Commissioner. All Commissioners agreed. Details will be forthcoming.

X. Announcements

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.