



Jacksonville Human Rights Commission
JHRC Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 12, 2012
12:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present:	William "Casey" Bulgin	Michele L. A. Rollins, Esq.
	Cristina "Tina" Comstock	Walette M. Stanford
	Leonard del Rosario, M.D.	Dennis Wade
	Yvonne McClain	Cynthia "Cindy" Watson
	Kenneth "Ken" Middleton	Dottie Wilson
	Sherry Murray	
Commissioners Absent:	Parvez Ahmed, Ph.D.	Maria Taylor
	Dane Grey	Michael Wachholz
	Susan Harthill, Esq.	Alvin G. White, Ph.D.
	Daniel "Dan" O'Connor	
Staff Present:	Charlene Taylor Hill, Executive Director	Wayne McGovern, EO/EA Specialist
	Linda Grant-Hunter, Assistant Director	Joan Dolbear, Executive Secretary
	Mary Jarrett, Senior Assistant General Counsel	

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 a.m. by Michele L. A. Rollins, Vice Chair.

II. Moment of Silence

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Due to a room change and no flag, the Pledge of Allegiance was not recited.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Cindy Watson to approve the meeting minutes of May 8, 2012 and was seconded by Commissioner Walette Stanford. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

VII. Committee Reports

A. Community Relations Committee

Commissioner Dennis Wade stated Sheriff Rutherford attended the Community Relations Committee meeting on Monday, June 4, 2012. Sheriff Rutherford will be putting together a committee to review police issues. Commissioner Dennis Wade



was asked to be a member of this committee. During this meeting, the Sheriff confirmed that he would contribute to the Civil Discourse Project.

1. Hate Crimes Working Group

There was a nice turnout of people who attended the meeting. The group discussed the work it would like to do, i.e. training for the committee, community and first responders. A JFRD representative stated the JFRD needed to have training since it is the first on the scene. Commissioner Cindy Watson stated only a small amount of hate crimes are being reported and documented in northeast Florida and there are a large number of hate groups in northeast Florida. The group will review Boston's hate group model at the next meeting.

B. Employment Committee

Commissioner Yvonne McClain, Committee Chair, reported the committee determined the number one issue to barrier to employment was transportation. At the next meeting, the committee will gather recommendations regarding transportation issues and send a letter to the Jacksonville Transportation Administration (JTA).

Commissioner Yvonne McClain stated she was resigning from the JHRC due to additional work responsibilities and travel commitments. The committee would like to canvas the JHRC for additional members for the employment committee.

VIII. Executive Director & Staff Reports

Charlene Taylor Hill, Executive Director, reported that the Mayor's office has signed off on the \$76,000 from HUD. This money will be used to focus on disability and special services. In addition, the Jacksonville Area Legal Aid (JALA) will receive a portion of this money.

Ms. Hill stated that the JHRC has received requests from the City Council regarding Bill 2012-296. The JHRC has responded to all requests.

Linda Grant-Hunter, Assistant Director, reported that she attended the annual EEOC Conference on May 30, 2012 through June 1, 2012. The EEOC addressed similar issues as Jacksonville is facing, i.e. LGBT cases, social media issues and criminal background checks. Criminal background checks will be addressed at a future Brown Bag Lunch and Learn program.

IX. Chair's Report/Comments

There was no report from the Chair.

X. Announcements

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 a.m.