



**JHRC COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, February 11, 2014**

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Attending:	Parvez Ahmed, PhD	Sammy Miller
	Victoria Bryant-Riggins, PharmD	Nathan Rousseau, PhD
	William "Casey" Bulgin	Walette Stanford
	Mario E. Decunto	Michael B. Stovall, Jr.(by phone)
	Leonardo del Rosario, MD	Cindy Watson
	Rocelia Gonzales	Dottie Wilson
	Ken Middleton	
Commissioners Absent:	Crystal Freed, Esq.	Michael Wachholz
	Daniel "Dan" O'Connor	
Staff Attending:	Charlene Taylor Hill, Executive Director	Wayne McGovern, EO/EA Specialist
	Linda Grant-Hunter, Assistant Director	Joan Dolbear, Executive Secretary II
	Michael Wedner, Deputy General Counsel	
	Wendy Byndloss, Attorney 1	

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Walette Stanford, Chair, at 12:05 p.m.

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 Cindy Watson to approve the summary of the Meeting Minutes from January 14, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ken Middleton. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

V. New Business

July 2, 2014 is the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Employment Committee along with the Community Relations Committee will meet to discuss how to recognize this anniversary. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. at City Hall in Conference Room 3D.



Ms. Hill reported that the next issue JCCI will be exploring is entitled "Unlocking the Pieces: Community Mental Health in Jacksonville." The concerns are the stigmas attached to mental health conditions and the lack of resources and continuum of care in Jacksonville. Ms. Hill will be attending the first meeting on Wednesday, February 12, 2014 to address the impact mental health conditions has in the workplace and for individuals who are looking for housing.

Ms. Hill met with Laura Lane, JCCI, and Tonisha Landry-Gaines, Manager Special Events for the City of Jacksonville, to discuss having one centralized website for all cultural type events. A professor at UNF has identified a student who may be able to take on the project. In addition, the World of Nations event needs a broader marketing and advertising campaign to focus on not only the attendance of children but also the attendance of adults.

VI. Old Business

VII. Committee Reports

A. Community Relations Committee

1. Racial Profiling

Commissioner Casey Bulgin, Committee Chair, stated the committee met with Josephine Jackson, from the Office of Equity and Inclusion for the Duval County Public Schools, to discuss what is being done around the subject of diversity training and multi-cultural education in the Duval County Public Schools. Ms. Hill will contact Ms. Jackson to determine if the Commission could help with its initiatives.

Annemarie Kent-Willette, Educational Commissioner for the City of Jacksonville, will be invited to attend the next committee meeting for an information exchange.

Rebecca Black has been invited to attend the April 3, 2014 committee meeting to discuss immigration law and secure communities.

Commissioner Sammy Miller suggested that the definition of racial profiling be included on the JHRC website.

2. Human Trafficking Art Exhibit

The exhibit will run through February 21, 2014.

B. Housing & Public Accommodation Committee

Commissioner Victoria Bryant-Riggins stated the committee met on Monday, February 3, 2014. Ms. Hill presented an overview of the fair housing laws to the committee. A Guide for Homeowners & Condominium Associations "Working with Persons with Disabilities" was reviewed. In preparation for the next meeting, the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice was distributed for review and discussion at the March meeting.

April is Fair Housing month. An event is being planned, which will involve the family and community. The event will take place on Saturday, April 26, 2014 and will be held at Hemming Plaza.



VIII. Executive Director & Staff Reports

Ms. Hill provided training to a realty company to fulfill the settlement agreement for a familial status case.

Ms. Hill spoke to the HR Executive Council who are very senior directors of HR for companies in Jacksonville. It is a "by invitation only" group and Ms. Hill was asked to attend to speak on how the council could organize themselves to support JAX2025. This group is a good resource for the JHRC and Employment Committee.

There have been a couple of complaints lodged against homeless and transitional shelters. These shelters are covered under the JHRC ordinance (Fair Housing or Public Accommodation). Ms. Hill contacted Dawn Gilman, Director of Emergency Shelters and Homeless Coalition in Jacksonville. Ms. Gilbert invited Ms. Hill to attend a meeting with the executive directors who are on the board to engage in dialogue concerning the kind of things the JHRC is seeing pertaining to homeless shelters and its responsibilities.

Mr. Michael Wedner, Deputy General Counsel, introduced Wendy Byndloss from the Office of General Counsel who will be assigned to the JHRC. Commissioners introduced themselves to Ms. Byndloss.

Ms. Hill reviewed the metric statistics for the month of January 2014.

IX. Chair's Report

Commissioner Walette Stanford reviewed the upcoming events and next meeting announcements.

X. Announcements

Monday, March 3, 2014 @ 10:00 a.m. - Housing & Public Accommodations Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 4, 2014 @ 10:30 a.m. - Employment Committee Meeting (the Community Relations Committee will also attend to discuss the July 2, 2014 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 Event
Thursday, March 6, 2014 @ 11:30 a.m. - Community Relations Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 11, 2014 @ 11:30 a.m. - Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 11, 2014 @ 12:00 p.m. - Commission Meeting

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.



Upcoming Events

JHRC SPONSORED EVENTS		
Date/time/Location	Event	Contact
Saturday, April 26, 2014 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Hemming Plaza	Fair Housing Event	Roberto Ortiz 630-3423
JHRC SUPPORTED EVENTS		
Date/Time/Location	Event	Contact
COMMUNITY EVENTS		
Date/Time/Location	Event	Contact
Thursday, May 22, 2014 Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront Hotel Reception – 6:00 p.m. Dinner & Program 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	2014 OneJax Humanitarian Award Honorees	OneJax 904.620.1JAX (1529)