



**JHRC Meeting**  
**Tuesday, April 10, 2012**  
**12:00 p.m.**

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

**I. Call to Order**

Commissioner Michael Wachholz, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

**II. Moment of Silence**

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Commissioner Dottie Wilson to approve the meeting minutes of March 13, 2012 and seconded by Commissioner Michele L. A. Rollins. The motion passed unanimously.

**V. Old Business**

**A. Friends of Study Circles**

Commissioner William "Casey" Bulgin reported that Friends of Study Circles kickoff meeting was that evening, April 10, 2012, and invited all Commissioners to attend.

**B. Hate Crime Coalition**

Ms. Charlene Taylor Hill, Executive Director, stated the Hate Crime Working Group was scheduled for Thursday, April 26, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. in the Main Downtown Library Conference Center, Room G4. Mr. Will Daniels, U.S. Attorney's Office Middle District of Florida, will be in attendance to help organize the Jacksonville group.



## **VI. New Business**

There was no new business discussed.

## **VII. Committee Reports**

### **A. Community Relations Committee**

Commissioner William "Casey" Bulgin, Committee Vice Chair, reported that a draft of the action plan for Civil Discourse Project was distributed and discussed.

### **B. Employment Committee**

Commissioner Yvonne McClain, Committee Chair, reported that the committee is meeting with the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce at its next meeting and additional agencies regarding barriers to employment issues.

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

Ms. Charlene Taylor Hill reported that a Public Accommodations Cause Finding was successfully conciliated. In addition to a monetary success, the respondent must go through training and a display sign in the restaurant's window stating service animals are welcome.

Ms. Hill stated she has attended budget meetings for the next fiscal year. Currently, the JHRC budget will remain flat.

Ms. Hill indicated it is the role of the Commission to be sure there is no antagonism and outbreaks between groups, i.e. create calm out of chaos. It is important that the JHRC work with the Sheriff's office to understand what is happening in the community and stay engaged. The two rallies attended by Ms. Hill and Ms. Linda Grant-Hunter, Assistant Director, in response to the Trayvon Martin incident were calm.

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

Commissioner Michael Wachholz asked the Commissioners to attend the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Fair Housing Symposium on Saturday, April 21, 2012.

Commissioner Wachholz stated a list will be distributed to the Commissioners indicating which Council member the Commissioners will be asked to meet with. It is the goal to have the meetings completed by June 1, 2012.

Commissioner Wachholz engaged the Commissioners in an open conversation concerning ways the Commission could help during community unrest. The following thoughts were discussed:

1. Be aligned with the Mayor's Office and Sheriff's Office
2. Establish a process if there is unrest in the community
3. Give people and leaders an opportunity to communicate and vent
4. Study Circles facilitators can be used to help with the facilitation
5. Contact the Department of Justice for help
6. Communications for the JHRC is through Charlene Taylor Hill.



**X. Announcements**

Upcoming committee meeting dates were reviewed.

**XI. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.