



**JHRC Community Relations Committee  
February 6, 2012  
Meeting Minutes**

<b>Commissioners Attending:</b>	Parvez Ahmed
	William "Casey" Bulgin
	Ken Middleton
	Dennis Wade
	Dottie Wilson
<b>Commissioners Absent:</b>	Cindy Watson
<b>Staff Attending:</b>	Charlene Taylor Hill, Executive Director
	Joan Dolbear, Executive Secretary

**I. Call to Order**

Commissioner Dennis Wade, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

**II. Old Business**

**A. WJCT/JHRC Civil Discourse Project**

Commissioner Parvez Ahmed stated the committee is in the process of writing an outline action plan. There will be a test case first to review the process and the substance being discussed.

Once the timeline for the project is completed, Commissioner Dennis Wade will contact Sheriff Rutherford regarding his agreement to help fund the project.

**B. Sheriff's Meeting**

Commissioner Dennis Wade had a meeting with Sheriff Rutherford on January 27, 2012. Sheriff Rutherford stated that the JSO does not believe the response to JCCI's survey, which stated that there is a perception that the black community of Jacksonville do not feel that they are treated fairly by the police. He has agreed to establish a committee, including members of the community, to help address this issue. The Sheriff asked Commissioner Wade to join the committee and assist in finding other members. Commissioner Wade has spoken to Judge Brian Davis who would not be available but would recommend other judges for him to speak to. Ms. Hill stated the committee needs to determine what role the Commission will play regarding this issue and what expectations people have of us and bring it to the full Commission for agreement. It was recommended that Sheriff Rutherford attend a committee meeting to discuss this issue to determine our role and the process.

**C. Action Items**

The action items the committee will concentrate on are the Civil Discourse Project, meeting with the Sheriff regarding the perception that the black community in Jacksonville do not believe they are being treated fairly by the police and a hate crimes coalition.



**III. New Business**

A joint meeting with the Special Legislative Committee will take place following the February 14, 2012 JHRC meeting.

**IV. Announcements**

**V. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

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