



**JHRC Meeting
November 8, 2011
12:00 p.m.**

Commissioners Present: Parvez Ahmed, Ph.D.
William "Casey" Bulgin
Leonard del Rosario, M.D.
Dane Grey
Susan Harthill, Esq.
Kenneth "Ken" Middleton
Michele L. A. Rollins, Esq., Vice Chair
Maria Taylor
Michael Wachholz, Chair
Dennis Wade
Cynthia "Cindy" Watson
Dottie Wilson

Commissioners Absent: Cristina "Tina" Comstock
Yvonne McClain, Secretary
Daniel "Dan" O'Connor
Alvin G. White, P.h.D.

Staff Present: Charlene Taylor Hill, Executive Director
Linda Grant-Hunter, Assistant Director
Twane Duckworth, Esq.,
Wayne McGovern, EO/EA Specialist
Roberto Ortiz, Sr. Specialist Housing
Lisa Stafslie, Community Outreach
Joan Dolbear, Executive Secretary

- I. Call to Order**
The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Commissioner Michael Wachholz, Chair.
- II. Moment of Silence**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Approval of the Minutes**
A motion was made by Commissioner Dottie Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Leonardo del Rosario to approve the October 11, 2011 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
- V. Old Business**
There was no old business discussed.
- VI. New Business**
There was no new business discussed.



VII. Committee Reports

A. Community Relations Committee

Commissioner Casey Bulgin, Committee Member, stated the committee discussed the Civil Discourse Project. Commissioner Parvez Ahmed and Charlene Taylor Hill will schedule a meeting with UNF to discuss costs associated with the project.

Sheriff Rutherford will be invited to attend the next meeting scheduled for Monday, December 5, 2011 at 10:30 a.m.

B. Communications Committee

Commissioner Michele Rollins, Committee Chair, stated the committee will be attending the Executive Committee Meetings for the next few months. The regularly scheduled Communications Committee meetings scheduled for the first Thursday of the month at 3 p.m. have been canceled.

C. Employment

Commissioner Cindy Watson, Committee Chair, reported that the committee met with the President and Executive Vice President from Work Source to learn about the programs it provides for unemployed individuals.

D. Special Legislative Committee

Commissioner Casey Bulgin, Committee Chair, reviewed the resolution to include sexual orientation and gender identity or expression as a protected class to be included in the city ordinances. A motion was made by Commissioner Dottie Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Leonardo del Rosario to accept the resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Executive Director & Staff Reports

Charlene Taylor Hill, Executive Director, reported that Twane Duckwork, Assistant General Counsel, would be filling in for Michael Wedner, Deputy General Counsel, on several JHRC issues.

Friends of Study Circles has officially organized and will begin its advocacy and fund raising work. Commissioner Casey Bulgin is the Treasurer for the organization.

Ms. Hill and Linda Grant-Hunter, Assistant Director, will be attending a FEPA/EEOC meeting in Miami, FL on November 15, 2011. EEOC is paying for the travel expenses.

An "extern" from the Florida Coastal School of Law has volunteered to work with the JHRC starting in January.

IX. Chair's Report

A. Nominating Committee

The nominating committee met and proposed the same set of officers for next year, i.e. Commissioner Michael Wachholz, Chair; Commissioner Michele Rollins, Vice Chair and Commissioner Yvonne McClain, Secretary. A



motion was made by Commissioner Cindy Watson and seconded by Commissioner Maria Taylor to approve the slate of officers for 2012. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Hill reported that Lisa Stafslie, Community Outreach and Study Circles, would be leaving the city effective November 15, 2011. The Commissioners thanked Ms. Stafslie for all her work and dedication.

X. Announcements

XI. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 13, 2011.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.