



JHRC COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, June 10, 2014

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Attending:	Parvez Ahmed, Ph.D.	Kenneth "Ken" Middleton
	Victoria Bryant-Riggins, PharmD	Daniel "Dan" O'Connor
	William "Casey" Bulgin	Rocelia Roman de Gonzalez
	Mario E. Decunto	Nathan Rousseau, Ph.D.
	Leonardo del Rosario, M.D.	Walette M. Stanford
	Crystal Freed, Esq. – By Phone	Dottie Wilson
Commissioners Absent:	Sammy Miller	Michael Wachholz
	Michael Stoval, Jr.	Cindy Watson
Staff Attending:	Charlene Taylor Hill, Executive Director	Roberto Ortiz, Sr. Equal Opportunity Specialist
	Linda Grant-Hunter, Asst. Director	Joan Dolbear, Executive Secretary II

I. Call to Order

Commissioner Walette Stanford, Chair, called the meeting to order 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 Dan O'Connor to approve the summary of the Meeting Minutes from May 13, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ken Middleton. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Public Comment

There were no Public Comments.

V. Old Business

A. 50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

Commissioner Casey Bulgin stated the information on the July 2, 2014 program is on the website vivaflorida.org. The program will start at 6:15 p.m. The following speakers have confirmed; Katie Ross, representing U. S. Senator Bill Nelson, The Honorable U.S. Congress Representative Corrine Brown, Nathaniel Ford, Executive Director, JTA and The Honorable Brian J. Davis has accepted the invitation to be the keynote speaker. There are a few confirmations that have not yet been received.



A short video highlighting local civil rights leaders and activists will be shown and music of the civil rights era will be performed. The major portions of the civil rights act will be highlighted and displayed in the Atrium.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Community Relations Committee

Commissioner Casey Bulgin, Committee Chair, stated the committee has been concentrating on the 50th Anniversary event. At their next meeting, the committee will discuss secured communities and Jacksonville Juvenile Justice.

B. Employment Committee

In the absence of Commissioner Michael B. Stovall, Jr., Committee Chair, Linda Grant-Hunter, Assistant Director, reported that the committee met on June 3, 2014. The committee is looking into other municipalities that have wage boards. The boards investigate companies who do not pay its employees final pay. The Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division, do not investigate small companies. The committee will research how these boards are structured and if such a board would benefit Jacksonville.

The committee is discussing the possibility of having a Brown Bag Information and Lunch Workshop for employers on the topic of employment disability and mental health issues. In addition, the committee will participate in the Disability Services conference scheduled for September 30, 2014. Its role has not yet been determined.

C. Housing & Public Accommodation Committee

Commissioner Victoria Bryant-Riggins, Committee Chair, stated that the committee did not meet in June. Ms. Hill reported will be working on a housing discrimination audit and is waiting to receive a proposal from Ms. Williamson and JALA.

VII. Executive Director & Staff Report

Ms. Hill reported that the Recreation and Community Development Committee of the City Council is looking back at grants and studies that have been completed and requested updates on what happened with the money, why the research project was done and what work is now being done by the Commission as a result of the original grant. Two grants have been identified for the JHRC; the Impediment to Fair Housing Choice 2004 and the Discrimination Study on the LGBT. This information will be supplied to Cleveland Ferguson, Deputy CAO, for his presentation to the City Council.

The Mayor will be presenting the budget in mid-July.



VIII. Chair's Report

Commissioner Walette Stanford, Chair, asked the Commission how to recognize Susan Cochran, the volunteer who is coordinating the 50th Anniversary event, for all the work she has done preparing for this event. The Commissioners agreed to contribute towards a gift card.

IX. Announcements

There will be no meetings during July. The next meeting is Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at noon.

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.



Upcoming Events

JHRC SPONSORED EVENTS		
Date/time/Location	Event	Contact
July 2, 2014 5:30 p.m. – Reception 6:15 p.m. – Program	50 th Anniversary of Civil Rights Act of 1964	Joan Dolbear 630-3609
JHRC SUPPORTED EVENTS		
Date/Time/Location	Event	Contact
COMMUNITY EVENTS		
Date/Time/Location	Event	Contact
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