



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

**Commissioners Present:** Parvez Ahmed, Ph.D.  
William "Casey" Bulgin  
Leonard del Rosario, M.D.  
Susan Harthill, Esq.  
Kenneth "Ken" Middleton  
Daniel "Dan" O'Connor  
Yvonne McClain, Secretary  
Michele L. A. Rollins, Esq., Vice Chair  
Maria Taylor  
Dennis Wade  
Cynthia "Cindy" Watson  
Dottie Wilson

**Commissioners Absent:** Cristina "Tina" Comstock  
Dane Grey  
Michael Wachholz, Chair  
Alvin G. White, P.h.D.

**Staff Present:** Charlene Taylor Hill, Executive Director  
Linda Grant-Hunter, Assistant Director  
Twane Duckworth, Esq., Asst. General Counsel  
Wayne McGovern, EO/EA Specialist  
Roberto Ortiz, Sr. Specialist Housing  
Joan Dolbear, Executive Secretary

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Michele L. A. Rollins, Vice-Chair, at 12:05 p.m.

**II. Moment of Silence**

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Cindy Watson to approve the minutes of November 8, 2011 and seconded by Dottie Wilson. The motion passed unanimously.

**V. Old Business**

The Mayor's Ordinance on Reforming the City of Jacksonville's Government passed on December 13, 2011 at the City Council Meeting. The JHRC has a dotted line reporting relationship to Employee Services under Jarik Conrad, Director of Employee Services.

**VI. New Business**

No new business was discussed



## **VII. Committee Reports**

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

Commissioner Parvez Ahmed, Committee Member, reviewed the Civil Discourse Project. He stated he attended a meeting with Michael Boylan, President, WJCT; Frank Denton, Editor, Florida Times-Union; and Dr. Saurabh Gumptra, Associate Professor - Coggin College of Business, University of North Florida (UNF) to discuss the Civil Discourse Project. The approach would be to have the Florida Times-Union host web-based discussions structured around controversial topics in the community. The JHRC would identify the topics and the initial list of panelists who would provide comments on these topics. A broader group of the community would be invited to participate in these discussions. There would also be a televised panel discussion for a broader audience to view and engage in the dialogue.

Ms. Hill will schedule another meeting to discuss the project.

### **B. Housing and Public Accommodations**

Commissioner Dan O'Connor, Committee Chair, stated the next meeting will be January 12, 2012 and Shannon Nazworth, Executive Director, Ability Housing, will be the guest speaker.

### **C. Employment**

Commissioner Cindy Watson stated the committee has not met since the last meeting. The next meeting is February 2, 2012.

### **D. Special Legislative Committee**

Commissioner Casey Bulgin stated a meeting would be scheduled during the next few weeks.

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

Charlene Taylor Hill reviewed the article in Folio Weekly regarding the GLBT community.

Charlene Taylor Hill reported that two complaints of discrimination, based on natural origin, against two different agencies have been received from refugees brought to the United States who have not been provided with the support they anticipated. Ms. Hill is investigating this situation. Commissioner Susan Harthill stated that Ms. Hill should contact the Immigration Clinic at the Florida Coastal School of Law and speak to Erica Curran.

MOSH has asked JHRC to serve on the planning committee for an exhibit that is coming to Jacksonville beginning in January 2013 called "RACE: Are We So Different"?

A justification has been submitted to fill the vacancy of Lisa Stafslie.



Two externs from Florida Coastal School of Law will be starting next week.

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

There was no report from the Chair.

**X. Announcements**

**XI. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.