

JHRC Commission Meeting March 13, 2012

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners	William "Casey" Bulgin	Dan O'Connor
Present:		
	Tina Comstock	Michele L. A. Rollins
	Leonardo del Rosario	Walette Stanford
	Dane Grey (participated by phone)	Maria Taylor
	Susan Harthill	Dennis Wade
	Yvonne McClain	Cindy Watson
	Ken Middleton	Dottie Wilson
	Sherry Murray	Dan O'Connor
Commissioners		
Absent:	Parvez Ahmed	
	Michael Wachholz	
	Alvin White	
Staff Present:	Charlene Taylor Hill, Executive Director	Wayne McGovern, EO/EA Specialist
	Linda Grant-Hunter, Assist. Director	Roberto Ortiz, Equal Opportunity Specialist Senior
	Mary Jarrett, Senior Assistant General Counsel	Joan Dolbear, Executive Secretary

I. Call to Order

Commissioner Michele L. A. Rollins, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

II. Moment of Silence

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Dan O'Connor and seconded by Cindy Watson to approve the minutes of February14, 2013. The motion passed unanimously.



V. Old Business

A. Friends of Study Circles

The Kick-off Event is scheduled for Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at The Unitarian Universalist Church of Jacksonville, 7405 Arlington Expressway from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

VI. New Business

A. Introduction to New Commissioners

Two new Commissioners were introduced--Sherry L. Murray and Walette M. Stanford.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Community Relations Committee

Sheriff Rutherford has been invited to attend the next committee meeting scheduled for Monday, April 2, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. to discuss the perception of the Jacksonville black community that they are being treated unfairly by the police (as reported in JCCI Race Relations Progress Report.)

Ms. Charlene Hill, in the absence of Commissioner Parvez Ahmed, stated that an action plan (Re: Civil Discourse Project)was being developed and would be available for discussion at their next meeting. She is also summarizing similar projects conducted by other communities. The timeframe for the project is late April or early May.

B. Employment Committee

Commissioner Yvonne McClain, Committee Chair, announced that Commissioner Dane Grey was now a member of the committee. The committee's main goal continues to be barriers to employment in Jacksonville. The Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce is attending the next meeting on Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

VIII. Executive Director and Staff Reports

Roberto Ortiz, Equal Opportunity Specialist Senior, gave an overview of the 10th Annual Fair Housing Symposium scheduled for Saturday, April 21, 2012 beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the Downtown Library. The program will consist of a panel discussion on the topics of Disability and the Aging Population.

Ms. Charlene Hill stated some City Council members would like to see more Commissioners during the year (other than at Budget time.) Commissioner Michele Rollins will help with the assignment schedules to meet with City Council members.

Ms. Charlene Hill reviewed the members and meeting dates for each JHRC committee.

The first meeting of the Hate Crime Coalition is being scheduled for Thursday, April 26, 2012.

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IX. Chair's Report/Comments

Michele Rollins, Vice Chair, would like to invite all committee chairs to attend the Executive Committee, which meets prior to the JHRC meeting at 11:30 a.m.

X. Announcements

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.