



**JHRC COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, March 12, 2013**

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Attending:	Parvez Ahmed, PhD	Daniel "Dan" O'Connor
	William "Casey" Bulgin	Michele L. A. Rollins, Esq. – Participated by Phone
	Cristina Comstock	Walette Stanford
	Mario Decunto	Michael Stovall, Jr.
	Leonardo del Rosario, M.D.	Michael Wachholz
	Susan Harthill, Esq.	Dottie Wilson
	Sherry Murray	
Commissioners Absent:	Crystall Freed	Cindy Watson
	Ken Middleton	
Staff Attending:	Charlene Taylor Hill, Executive Director	Wayne McGovern, EO/EA Specialist
	Linda Grant-Hunter, Assistant Director	Joan Dolbear, Executive Secretary II
	Michael Wedner, Esq., Deputy General Counsel	

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 Minutes from February 12, 2013. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parvez Ahmed and approved.

IV. New Business

A. Welcome to Commissioner Mario Decunto

Commissioner Mario E. Decunto was introduced and welcomed to the Commission. He reviewed his background and stated he looked forward to being on the Commission.

Commissioner Walette Stanford announced that Commissioner Dane Grey had officially resigned from the Commission.

V. Public Comment

There was no public comment at the meeting.



VI. Old Business

A. Bill 2013-86 Reducing the Number of Commissioners

Ms. Hill stated that Bill 2013-86 was in the Rules Committee and Public Health and Safety Committee for review. The Bill calls for the reduction of Commission members from 20 to 11 and reduces the quorum from 9 to 7. The reduction of members would occur through attrition.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Community Relations Committee

Commissioner Casey Bulgin, Chair, stated there was a Hate Crimes Panel Discussion held on February 28, 2013. Panelists were William Daniels, Public Affairs Specialist, U.S. Attorney's Office; Mac Heavener, Assistant District Attorney, U. S. Attorney's Office; Kathy Pannell, Victim Services Specialist, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office; Lieutenant Don Tuten, Intelligence Unit, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and Charlene Taylor Hill, Executive Director, Jacksonville Human Rights Committee. Ken Jefferson, Retired Police Officer and Expert Crime Analyst – WJXT TV 4, served as Moderator.

Ms. Hill reported there was a good mix of people in attendance, including members from the New Black Panther Party, SHADCO, and the Hispanic Mayor's Advisory Board. The discussion was very informative, as stated by Commissioner Michael Stovall, Jr. who also attended.

Commissioner Bulgin stated the committee will focus on human trafficking issues by raising awareness in the community.

VIII. Executive Director & Staff Report

A. EEOC Strategic Enforcement Priority (SEP)

Linda Grant-Hunter, Assistant Director, reported she and Ms. Hill participated in a conference call with the District Director, Miami District Office - EEOC. The EEOC will be focusing on the following six priorities:

1. Eliminating Barriers in Recruitment and Hiring
2. Protecting Immigrant, Migrant and Other Vulnerable Workers
3. Addressing Emerging and Developing Issues
4. Enforcing Equal Pay Laws
5. Preserving Access to the Legal System
6. Preventing Harassment Through Systemic Enforcement and Targeted Outreach.

B. Fair Housing Symposium

The Fair Housing Symposium is scheduled for Saturday, April 6, 2013. The event will focus on persons with disabilities and the aging. There will be two tracks of workshops. Track One will be more "consumer" driven with topics on the differences between a housing complaint, a code enforcement issue and a landlord/tenant issue. The topic of how to file a public accommodation complaint will also be discussed. Track Two is more "professional" driven and will focus on design and visitability issues in addition to how to respond to requests for a reasonable accommodation or modifications, etc.



IX. Chair's Report

Commissioner Walette Stanford reminded the Commissioners of the upcoming events.

X. Announcements

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, 2013.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.



Upcoming Events

JHRC SPONSORED EVENTS		
Date/time/Location	Event	Contact
Saturday, April 6, 2013 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Location: Prime Osborn Convention Center	Fair Housing Symposium "Live Free: Removing Barriers"	Diane Ross 630-3419
JHRC SUPPORTED EVENTS		
Date/Time/Location	Event	Contact
Tuesday, April 18, 2013 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Location: UNF – University Center	Does Race (Still) Matter? – An Intergenerational Dialogue about Changing Perceptions on the Social Impact of Race	http://capricorn.anf.unf.edu/ticketing/racesymposium.asp Free e-tickets required for admission.
COMMUNITY EVENTS		
Date/Time/Location	Event	Contact
Thursday, March 14, 2013 7:00 p.m. University of North Florida Lazzara Performance Hall Free Event	Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Alphonse Fletcher University Professor at Harvard University and Director of the W.E.B Du Bois Institute for African and African American Research "Finding Your Roots"	E-tickets for this lecture are required and free to the public. To reserve tickets please visit or call (904) 620-2117
Thursday, March 28, 2013 6:00 p.m. MOSH Bryan-Gooding Planetarium Free Event	Dr. Melissa Hargrove, Assistant Professor of Anthropology at the University of North Florida "Through Our Eyes: Racing and Erasing Art"	Reservations are required. Visit www.themosh.org to register.
Wednesday, April 24, 2013 6:00 p.m. MOSH Bryan-Gooding Planetarium Free Event	Dr. Thomas Spelsberg, Geneticist, Mayo Clinic Rochester Geneticist and author of The Myth of Race "Racial Myths: What Does Our DNA Say?"	Reservations are required. Visit www.themosh.org to register