



**JHRC Community Relations Committee  
July 2, 2012  
Meeting Minutes**

Commissioners Attending:	Dennis Wade, Committee Chair
	William "Casey" Bulgin
Commissioners Absent:	Parvez Ahmend
	Ken Middleton
	Michael Wachholz
	Cindy Watson
	Dottie Wilson
Staff Attending:	Linda Grant-Hunter, Assistant Director

**I. Call to Order**

Commissioner Dennis Wade, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

**II. Old Business**

**A.** WJCT/JHRC Civil Discourse Project  
No update was reported.

**B. Sheriff's Community Relations Panel**

This is not a JHRC initiative. Commissioner Casey Bulgin has been added to this panel. Commissioner Dennis Wade gave Undersheriff Dwain Senterfitt a document regarding best practices for chiefs of police for his review.

Commissioner Dennis Wade would like to have a facilitator on the panel. He is meeting with Sheriff Rutherford during the week of July 2, 2012.

**C. Action Items**

Commissioner Dennis Wade stated a document of action items was sent to him by Ms. Charlene Hill, Executive Director, which showed current items the committee was working on. Commissioner Wade wanted all the items left on the document, including those that had been completed. Commissioner Wade is going to reconstruct the action items document showing all items and the dates of completion. The action items pertaining to the JSO will stay on the list and will note the responsible parties as being Commissioners Dennis Wade and Casey Bulgin. Commissioner Dennis Wade would like the committee members to work on issues during the time between meetings to get more action items accomplished.

**III. New Business**

Commissioner Wade met with Ben Warner, President, Jacksonville Community Council Inc., to discuss the race relations perception survey for 2008. He requested that the results from prior years be included in each year's report. Mr. Warner stated it was not



contained in previous years due to cost restraints.

Commissioner Wade also stated that in the 2002 report conclusions and recommendations were included in the report, which have not been contained since. Mr. Warner stated it was being addressed along with the "quality of life" portion of the survey.

Commissioner Dennis Wade would like to know the status of two letters. The first was dated August 28, 2009, addressed to Congresswoman Corrine Brown and was from the NAACP. The second letter was dated April 10, 2010, addressed to Attorney General Eric Holder and was from the following organizations:

NAACP Jacksonville, Southern Christian Leadership Conference of Jacksonville, FL, National Primitive Baptist Convention Southeast Region, Florida General Baptist Convention Inc., African Methodist Episcopal Ministerial Alliance of Jacksonville, Baptist Ministers Conference of Duval and Adjacent Counties and National Islam of Jacksonville, Florida

He stated he would like the Commission to write letters to find out the status of the requested information, (letters attached). Ms. Linda Grant-Hunter, Assistant Director, stated she would discuss this with Ms. Hill upon her return to the office.

#### **IV. Next Steps**

The next committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 6, 2012. Commissioners Dennis Wade and Casey Bulgin will meet on July 11, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held in City Hall, Suite 350, Law Library. A public notice will be initiated.