



JHRC Meeting
Tuesday, May 8, 2012
12:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present:	Parvez Ahmed, Ph.D. Cristina "Tina" Comstock Leonard del Rosario, M.D. Dane Grey Susan Harthill, Esq. Yvonne McClain, Secretary, - Participated by Phone Kenneth "Ken" Middleton Sherry L. Murray	Daniel "Dan" O'Connor Michele L. A. Rollins, Esq., Vice Chair Walette M. Stanford Michael Wachholz, Chair Dennis Wade Cynthia "Cindy" Watson Dottie Wilson
Commissioners Absent:	William "Casey" Bulgin Maria Taylor Alvin G. White, Ph.D.	
Staff Present:	Charlene Taylor Hill, Executive Director Linda Grant-Hunter, Assistant Director Mary Jarrett, Senior Assistant General Counsel	Wayne McGovern, EO/EA Specialist Roberto Ortiz, Sr. Specialist Housing Joan Dolbear, Executive Secretary

I. Call to Order

Commissioner Michael Wachholz, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

II. Moment of Silence

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Dennis Wade to approve the meeting minutes of April 10, 2012 and seconded by Commissioner Leonardo del Rosario. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Old Business

A. Hate Crime Working Group

Ms. Charlene Taylor Hill, Executive Director, stated the Hate Crime Working Group met on Thursday, April 26, 2012. Mr. Will Daniels, U.S. Attorney's Office Middle District of Florida, was present to help organize the Jacksonville group. Mr. Daniels brought a wealth of experience and very good insight into getting the group started. The group discussed including representatives from the other Counties. The next meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. and will be held at the Jacksonville Fraternal Order of Police - Consolidated Lodge 5-30 5530 Beach Boulevard. Members were asked to send additional organizations and



contact information to Charlene Taylor Hill.

VI. New Business

There was no new business discussed.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Community Relations Committee

Commissioner Dennis Wade reported the Civil Discourse Project committee had not met. Commissioner Ahmed Parvez was meeting with Frank Denton from the Times-Union and would bring the committee up-to-date at the next meeting.

Commissioner Cindy Watson stated the committee addressed the possibility of hosting City Boards and Commissions at a meeting to determine if there are any opportunities to partner or collaborate together. Specifically, it would address what is happening on their commissions and boards.

B. Employment Committee

Commissioner Yvonne McClain, Committee Chair, asked Commissioner Susan Harthill report on the last meeting due to her absence. A representative from Work Source attended the meeting and gave an overview on what Work Source is doing to address barriers to employment. The committee also had a discussion on where does it go from here regarding barriers to employment. The committee will discuss next steps at its meeting in June.

VIII. Executive Director & Staff Reports

Ms. Charlene Taylor Hill thanked Commissioners Dan O'Connor and Dottie Wilson for attending the Fair Housing Symposium. The symposium focused on housing for people with disabilities and special needs. A panel discussion was facilitated by Michael Boylan, President of WJCT. Participants included Elder Source, Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, an Aging in Place Contractor, Anne Williamson writer of "An Analysis of Impediment to Fair Housing Choice In Jacksonville, Florida," Ability Housing and the City's Building and Permit Division. The information exchange was outstanding. Each participant learned about the other participant's work. Additional meetings will be arranged to continue this exchange of information.

Ms. Hill stated the "Stand Your Ground" meeting was changed to May 22, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. A notice will be sent to the Commissioners.

Ms. Hill reviewed the scope of the work of the JHRC. The majority is in enforcement. The Prevention and Training part of the work has to do with Study Circles and open dialogue, presentations to companies, and HUD training. In addition, there is the community relations work and research projects. This is a joint effort of the staff and Commissioners.

IX. Chair's Report/Comments

Commissioner Michael Wachholz asked that meetings be held with the City Council



Members within the next few weeks.

X. Announcements

Upcoming committee meeting dates were reviewed.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.