



**JHRC Meeting
October 11, 2011
12:00 p.m.**

Commissioners Present: Parvez Ahmed, Ph.D.
William "Casey" Bulgin
Cristina "Tina" Comstock
Yvonne McClain, Secretary
Kenneth "Ken" Middleton
Daniel "Dan" O'Connor
Maria Taylor
Michael Wachholz, Chair
Dennis Wade
Cynthia "Cindy" Watson
Dottie Wilson

Commissioners Absent: Leonard del Rosario, M.D.
Dane Grey
Susan Harthill, Esq.

Staff Present: Michele L. A. Rollins, Esq., Vice Chair
Charlene Taylor Hill, Executive Director
Linda Grant-Hunter, Assistant Director
Michael Wedner, Esq., Deputy General Counsel
Wayne McGovern, EO/EA Specialist
Roberto Ortiz, Sr. Specialist Housing
Lisa Stafslie, Community Outreach
Joan Dolbear, Executive Secretary

- I. Call to Order**
The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Commissioner Michael Wachholz, Chair.
- II. Moment of Silence**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Approval of the Minutes**
A motion was made by Commissioner Cindy Watson and seconded by Commissioner Dottie Wilson to approve the September 13, 2011 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
- V. Old Business**
There was no old business discussed.
- VI. New Business**
There was no new business discussed.



VII. Committee Reports

A. Community Relations Committee

Commissioner Dennis Wade, Committee Chair, stated the committee discussed the Civil Discourse Project. He reported that the committee was still in discussion regarding whether there would be funding to move forward with the project. Additional information will be available at the next meeting regarding possible partners, i.e. UNF, Community Foundation, etc.

VIII. Executive Director & Staff Reports

Charlene Taylor Hill, Executive Director, reported that the budget for JHRC FY11/12 was approved by the City Council. The new administration has been working on a re-organization structure, which is currently being reviewed by Office of General Counsel. The re-organization changes will have to be approved by the City Council.

Commissioner Tina Comstock asked whether the JHRC could merge with another state or city organization. Ms. Hill stated there was no other department within the city that does the same work as the JHRC .

Ms. Hill asked the committee chairs to provide a summary of its work during FY11. In FY12, JHRC will report on the private/public partnerships it has and show the dollar value for having the relationships.

The Florida Coastal School of Law will be providing an Extern in January 2012 and two volunteers will start within the next couple of weeks.

Ms. Hill stated she gave a talk to the delegation from the Republic of Georgia on the Commission's work on human rights issues. The delegation had several questions about protections for minority groups and First Amendment rights.

IX. Chairs Report

Commissioner Michael Wachholz, Chair, asked Commissioners Cindy Watson, Yvonne McClain and Parvez Ahmed to serve on the nominating committee for the 2012 officers. All agreed to serve.

X. Announcements

XI. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 8, 2011

XII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.