



**Jacksonville Human Rights Commission  
Community Relations Committee  
January 9, 2012**

**Meeting Minutes**

<b>Commissioners Attending:</b>	Parvez Ahmed
	William "Casey" Bulgin
	Ken Middleton
	Michael Wachholz
	Dennis Wade, Chair
	Cindy Watson
	Dottie Wilson
<b>Staff:</b>	Charlene Taylor Hill Executive Director
	Joan Dolbear, Executive Secretary

**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**

Commissioner Parvez Ahmed met with Michael Boylan, President of WJCT, and Saurabh Gumpta, Associate Professor - Coggin College of Business, University of North Florida (UNF), to discuss the Civil Discourse Project. UNF could be responsible for designing and hosting the website. Michael Boylan recommended to have the Florida Times-Union involved as it already has a platform for this purpose.

Another meeting was held, which also included Frank Denton, Editor for the Florida Times-Union. He is very interested in working on this project and partnering with JHRC and WJCT.

The JHRC will arrange a meeting with WJCT, UNF and the Florida Times-Union to further discuss the project and develop an action plan.

Commissioner Dennis Wade, Committee Chair, asked Commissioner Parvez Ahmed to manage the Civil Discourse Project.

Charlene Taylor Hill will follow up with Michael Boylan on the status of the sheriff's contribution to this project.

**B. Meeting with the Sheriff**

The meeting with the Sheriff may possibly take place the week of January 9, 2012.



**C. Action Items Update**

Once the civil discourse action plan is developed, the committee will update the action items document.

**III. New Business**

Charlene Taylor Hill reported that two complaints of discrimination on the basis of natural origin have been received regarding refugees brought to the United States who have not been provided with the support they anticipated from the agencies. Ms. Hill is investigating this situation.

**IV. Next Steps**

**V. Announcements**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 6, 2012 at 10:30 a.m.

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