



**JHRC Community Relations Committee
June 5, 2012
Meeting Minutes**

Commissioners Attending:	Parvez Ahmed
	William "Casey" Bulgin
	Dennis Wade
	Cindy Watson
	Dottie Wilson
Commissioners Absent:	Ken Middleton
Staff Attending:	Charlene Taylor Hill, Executive Director
	Joan Dolbear, Executive Secretary

I. Call to Order

Commissioner Dennis Wade, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. Guest

A. Meeting with Sheriff Rutherford

The sheriff is in the process of forming a committee to look into the perception from the JCCI's Race Relations Progress Report for 2004 and 2008, which stated the African American community was not being treated fairly by the police. Sheriff Rutherford has asked Commissioner Dennis Wade to be a member of this committee. The committee will look at police and community relations models from around the country and best practices from the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

The sheriff discussed the need to market and communicate the JSO programs and engage the community.

The Community Relations Committee will be the sounding board for the sheriff's committee.

The sheriff stated he would contribute to the Civil Discourse Project.

III. Old Business

A. WJCT/JHRC Civil Discourse Project

Commissioner Parvez Ahmed stated he is waiting to hear from the Florida Times-Union and WJCT. Ms. Hill will contact Michael Boylan, President WJCT, to determine the cost if WJCT coordinated the website for this project.

B. Action Items

Commissioner Dennis Wade will review the actions items for the next meeting.



C. Hate Crime Working Group

The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 7, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Fraternal Order of Police building on Beach Boulevard. The group will discuss its role around prevention, awareness and training.

IV. New Business

Ms. Hill stated she has contacted Angela Spears and Betsy Santiago regarding attending a committee meeting and they may attend the July 2, 2012 meeting.

V. Announcements

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 2, 2012 at 10:30 a.m.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.