



JHRC COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, March 11, 2014
Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Attending:	Parvez Ahmed, Ph.D.	Rocelia Gonzalez
	Victoria Bryant-Riggins, PharmD	Nathan Rousseau, Ph.D.
	William "Casey" Bulgin	Walette M. Stanford
	Leonardo del Rosario, M.D.	Michael B. Stovall, Jr.
	Crystal L. Freed, Esq.	Cindy Watson
	Daniel "Dan" O'Connor	Dottie Wilson
Commissioners Absent:	Mario E. Decunto	Sammy Miller
	Kenneth "Ken" Middleton	Michael Wachholz
Staff Attending:	Charlene Taylor Hill, Executive Director	Wayne McGovern, EOE Specialist
	Wendy Byndloss, Esq., Attorney 1, OGC	Roberto Ortiz, EO Sr. Specialist
	Linda Grant-Hunter, Asst. Dir.	Joan Dolbear, Executive Secretary II

I. Call to Order

Commissioner Walette Stanford, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

II. Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Stanford called for a moment of silence and led the Commissioners in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Victoria Bryant-Riggins to approve the summary of the Meeting Minutes from February 11, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rocelia Gonzalez. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

V. New Business

There was no new business discussed.

VI. Old Business

There was no old business discussed.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Community Relations Committee

1. Meeting with Dr. Annmarie Kent-Willette, Education Commissioner - City of Jacksonville



The committee asked Dr. Annmarie Kent-Willette to attend its meeting to discuss youth and education. The FCAT results are the focus for teachers. Multi-cultural awareness and social issues are also needed. It was stated by Dr. Kent-Willette that teachers last approximately 3 years and 72% of babies are born into single parent households. Many new teachers are not equipped to handle the social and cultural issues of youth.

Dr. Kent-Willette also stated that Jacksonville schools are being compared to St. Johns County schools, which are very different because Jacksonville is an "urban" city.

Commissioner Nathan Rousseau suggested that a public forum be held on issues concerning youth, i.e. nine and ten year olds going to jail, lack of social and cultural learning, and inequality across schools, etc. Jacksonville University Public Policy Institute could conduct this forum.

2. 50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
Meeting with Lisa Buggs, Community Education and Enrichment Program Supervisor, Jacksonville Public Library

Commissioner Casey Bulgin, Committee Chair, stated the committee discussed ideas for the 50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which is July 2, 2014. Lisa Buggs attended the meeting and stated the library could provide a feature section of reading materials on the Civil Rights Act and Japanese American Internment, recommend books for its Book Clubs, feature a story in its newsletter and display appropriate materials and posters.

The committee agreed to have an open dialogue session (similar to Study Circles) which would lead up to a keynote speaker. The committee would also like the cultural community to come together with a music and dance feature of how the Civil Rights era influenced music. The Community Relations Committee and any other Commissioners who are interested will meet on Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at 11:30 a.m. at City Hall in Conference Room 3D to discuss the anniversary program.

B. Employment Committee

There was no meeting.

C. Housing & Public Accommodation Committee

Commissioner Victoria Bryant-Riggins called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Ms. Hill presented an overview of the Public Accommodations rules and ordinances to the committee. Roberto Ortiz, EO Sr. Specialist, reviewed the Fair Housing Festival that will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Hemming Plaza. The festival will contain workshops along with entertainment. A Kid's Zone will also be provided. Recognition of Commissioners will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

VIII. Executive Director & Staff Report

Charlene Taylor Hill reported that she met with Catholic Charities and discussed the types of inquiries the JHRC has received from individuals that they may serve.



A community activist, Bill Randall, has expressed interest in continuing the conversation of starting a human rights commission in Clay County. Ms. Hill has been asked to attend a meeting on Monday, March 17, 2013 with the Clay County Charter Review Committee.

Ms. Hill reviewed the metric statistics for the month of February 2014.

IX. Chair's Report

Commissioner Walette Stanford reviewed the upcoming events and next meeting announcements.

X. Announcements

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.



Upcoming Events

JHRC SPONSORED EVENTS		
Date/time/Location	Event	Contact
Saturday, April 26, 2014 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Hemming Plaza	Fair Housing Festival	Roberto Ortiz 904.630.3423
JHRC SUPPORTED EVENTS		
Date/Time/Location	Event	Contact
COMMUNITY EVENTS		
Date/Time/Location	Event	Contact
Thursday, May 22, 2014 Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront Hotel Reception – 6:00 p.m. Dinner & Program 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	2014 OneJax Humanitarian Award Honorees	OneJax 904.620.1JAX (1529)