

**Minutes  
City of New Orleans  
Human Relations Commission  
4:15 PM Thursday, November 10, 2011  
Archdiocese of New Orleans  
1000 Howard Ave.**

**Present:** Larry Bagneris Jr., Michie Bissell, Joe Halm, Georgette Ioup, Stephany Lyman, Jane Parker, Petrice Sams-Abiodun, Jenny Yanez.

**Absent:** Aqeel Abdul-Salaam, Therese Badon, Marc Behar, Rabbi Edward Cohn, Anita Curran, Beverly Greenwood, Martin Gutierrez, Rev. Douglas M. Haywood, Johnny Messinger, Craig Stewart, Jamie Tran.

- I. Call to Order by Chair Jane Parker at 4:17 p.m.**
- II. Review of the minutes from previous meeting** – The minutes were reviewed and corrections were made. Since there was not a quorum, the minutes will be voted on at the December meeting.
- III. Address from The Honorable James Carter, Director of Criminal Justice on the death of African American males in overwhelming numbers since Katrina.**

Bagneris said that Carter was not able to make it due to a budget hearing. Carter hopes to be at the December meeting.
- IV. Executive Director's Report**
  - a. Outreach to 25 organizations for nominations for HRC membership**

Bagneris said Michael Sherman of the Mayor's Office requested that Bagneris send out 25 requests to various community organizations to see if they had anyone to nominate to join the HRC. Bagneris said he is still waiting on a response.
  - b. Day Laborers (Wage theft court case successful)**

Bagneris said the first case was ruled in favor of the day laborers, and he expects it will be just the first of many to go before the court.
  - c. NOPD Training**

Bagneris said he held another training with 25 officers, who have various discipline issues, from each district where they learned about diversity and human relations with the public. He said those trainings will continue and hopes to expand to the next cadet class.
  - d. Sound meter check in the French Quarter**

Bagneris said the group went from bar to bar checking noise levels starting at midnight. Bagneris said the council will be drafting a noise ordinance for the French Quarter in the coming months. The ordinance likely will include bullhorns as well.

**V. Remarks by the Chairperson Jane Parker**

**A. Thoughts about logistics and structure of HRC meeting and board**

Parker said she wants the HRC to continue to work towards the strategic plan, adding that many strides to that end will be made outside of the regular monthly meeting. She said having additional time to meet would be very important to reaching the goals of the strategic plan.

Parker said the commission could invite graduate students to work on various projects (i.e. public awareness campaign). Also, Parker asked the commission to think if they knew anyone from the Hindu community to join and work with the commission.

**VI. Unfinished Business – None.**

**VII. New Business – None.**

**VIII. Announcements**

Bagneris said the HRC will meet in December at Temple Sinai at 4 p.m. This will be the regular meeting time and location moving forward so that the commission can meet for a longer time frame each month if needed.

**IX. Meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m.**

*Respectfully submitted by Joe Halm, Secretary*