

Meeting Minutes of the Mayor's Parramore Task Force held on Wednesday, November 5, 2003 at 8:00 a.m., at the Dr. J.B. Callahan Neighborhood Center, 101 N. Parramore Avenue, auditorium.

Task Force Members Present:

Brian Butler, Chair
Veronica Anderson
Ann Brown
Marjorie Brown
Derek Burke
Bob Carmichael
Ed Carson
Greg Clendenin
Cari Coats
Alvin Cowans
Terry Delahunty, Jr.
Tommy Dorsey
John Ehrig
A. Aminah Hamidullah
Dan Kirby
Juan Lynum
Bill Segal
Paul Stevens
Lonnie Thompson
Ed Timberlake
Cheryl Taubensee

Task Force Members Absent:

David "Bumpy" Hughes
Hudie Stone
Bob Carmichael

City Staff In Attendance:

Frances DeJesus Davila
Rick Howard
Jean Roush-Burnett
Robert Pigman
Michael Pearson
Charles Robinson
Dean DeSchryver
Samuel Ings
Joe Fernandez
Tammy Hughes
Walter Hawkins
Brenda March
Dean Grandin

City Staff in Attendance Continued

Lelia Allen
Laurie Boswright

Others Present:

David Van Gelder
Mercerese Clark
Melissa Harris
Kelly Brewington
William Ashcroft
Alexis Collins

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m. by Chairman, Brian Butler.

Welcome and Introductions:

Chairman asked all Task Force members, staff and guests to introduce themselves. Everyone was welcome.

Review of Mayor's Seven Priorities and Nine Charges of the Task Force:

Brian Butler and Veronica Anderson read the Mayor Dyer's nine charges of the Task Force.

- 1) Evaluate social service delivery and the impact on the neighborhood.
- 2) Examine homeownership/renter ratio and try and ascertain how many people with some assistance could own vs. rent if housing stock and means were made available.
- 3) Provide recommendations on how to bring back the business and entertainment district on Parramore. What can the city/state feds do?
- 4) Recommend strategies to improve public safety in Parramore.
- 5) Examine open spaces and make recommendations on the need, if any, for additional open spaces or parks.
- 6) Develop or provide block by block analysis of the Parramore Heritage District, i.e, sidewalks, unpaved roads, etc.

- 7) Identify remaining public works need in Parramore, i.e. stormwater, drainage, streets, etc.
- 8) What are the challenges that people moving in to Parramore face and what challenges do people face who have lived all their lives in Parramore.
- 9) Finally, gain some historical perspective on the neighborhood. Take a look at what Parramore once was and why and make recommendation on what it can be; and review previous Parramore studies to gain additional insight of the area.

Mission:

Brian Butler read the mission statement of the Task Force which is to develop coordinated action strategies that address public safety, housing, master planning and social services thereby restoring the Parramore Heritage neighborhood into a safe, livable, sustainable and prosperous place for Orlando citizens, businesses and institutions to thrive.

Historical Perspective:

Historical presentation of the Parramore community was given by Mercedese Clark, Community Activist and Parramore resident and Geraldine Thompson, Founder of the Wells' Built Museum of African American History and Culture.

Florida Sunshine Laws:

Jean Roush-Burnett, Deputy City Attorney, reviewed the Florida Statutes as they relate to the Sunshine Laws. Additionally, she went over the City of Orlando laws as they relate to the Sunshine and explained that the City laws are more stringent than the Florida Statutes. Everything is open to public record laws. She also provided information regards to voting and voting conflicts.

Next Meetings:

On Wednesday, November 12, at 3:00 p.m., Task Force members will tour the Parramore Heritage community. The Parramore Heritage tour will be conducted by city staff. Also, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., at the Dr. J.B. Callahan Neighborhood Center, the Task Force will hold a public input meeting to hear directly from Parramore residents and concerned citizens in regards to the four targeted areas identified by the Task Force: Housing, Public Safety/Public Works, Social Services/Education and Master Planning/Zoning.

The next meeting of the Mayor's Parramore Task Force is scheduled for Wednesday, December 3, 2003, at 8:00 a.m. At that particular meeting, subsequent meeting time and location will be discussed.

There being no further business to come before the Task Force, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Brian Butler, Chairman

Walter G. Hawkins, Recording