

**Mayor's Parramore Task Force**  
*Education Task Team #3 Meeting*

**Meeting Notes**  
**Friday, January 23, 2004, 8:00 a.m.**

The meeting of the Education Task Team #3 which is a subcommittee of the Mayor's Parramore Task Force Social Service/Education Subcommittee was held on Friday, January 23, at 8:00 a.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room on the second floor of Orlando City Hall. Chairman Veronica Anderson presided.

**Members Present:** Veronica Anderson  
Hudie Stone  
A. Aminah Hamidullah

**Staff Present:** Lisa Early - Co-Leader  
Linda Rhinesmith  
Brenda March

**Special Guests:** Denise Cossom  
Joe McCoy  
Pam Woulard  
Pastor Harry Amos  
Kimberly Whitney  
Holly Vanture

Chairman Veronica Anderson called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. Following self-introductions, Chairman Anderson reviewed the Mayor's Nine Charges for the Parramore Task Force. The Task Force consists of four subcommittees, one of which is the Social Services and Education Subcommittee (SSES). The SSES is tasked with developing recommendations and action strategies that address the following three charges:

- #1 – Evaluate social service delivery and the impact on the neighborhood.
- #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 – 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.

To accomplish this task, the SSES divided into three Task Teams, with each team addressing separate issues:

- Task Team 1: Social Service Needs and Impact on Residents
- Task Team 2: Social Service Provider Impact
- Task Team 3: Education

Chairman Anderson explained that the focus of this particular team would be on the educational needs of the Parramore residents of all ages. The Task Team will develop recommendation and strategies that address this issue and will present them to the SSES by March 3, 2004.

Chairman Anderson distributed a copy of the Parramore Heritage Renovation Project Annual Report that was developed back in 1994 by a citizen committee. The findings and strategies outlined in the report will serve as a starting point for the SSES and Education Task Team.

Chairman Anderson called on the special guests representing a school located in or serving the Parramore community to give a brief overview of their school and their school's current needs. Those reporting were:

Pastor Harry Amos, Principal  
Harvest Baptist Christian Academy  
Needs: Librarian; Equipment for outside playground

Kimberly Whitney, Principal  
Holly Vanture, Mentor Coordinator  
Fern Creek Elementary  
Needs: Mentors; Supplies

Denise Cossom, Proprietor  
Vision Educational Learning Center  
Needs: Mentors; Parental Involvement and Sponsorships

Joseph McCoy, Senior Director  
Orlando Tech  
Needs: Student Scholarships

Pam Woulard, Community Resources Coordinator for OCPS, suggested inviting principals from other schools serving the Parramore community to discuss practices currently in place that address similar school needs. It was agreed that Ms. Woulard would invite the principals to the next meeting. Pastor Amos expressed concern over the stigma the name Parramore currently holds. Discussion followed.

Lisa Early thanked everyone for the work they were doing in the community. It was decided that the Team would meet again on Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, and Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. Brenda March will send meeting notices to all members.

Chairman Anderson adjourned the meeting at 10:10.

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Veronica Anderson, Chairman

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Linda Rhinesmith, Recording