



CITY OF ORLANDO

Mayor's Parramore Task Force Public Safety/Public Works Subcommittee Meeting

**Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 10, 2004, 6:00 p.m.**

The meeting of the Mayor's Parramore Task Force Public Safety/Public Works Subcommittee was held on Tuesday, February 10, 2004, at 6:14 p.m. at the Dr. J. B. Callahan Neighborhood Center, Chairman Greg Clendenin presiding.

Members Present: Greg Clendenin, Chair
Lonnie Thompson
Tim Adams
Brian Butler
Hudie Stone

Members Absent: Bob Carmichael
Ed Carson
Juan Lynum
Maudie Walker

Staff Present Capt. Sonja White
Lt. Robert Pigman
Sgt. Christ LaBoo
Sgt. Michelle Pearson
Steve Leonard
Ben Reddick

Others Present Joseph Cocchiarella
Phil Cowherd
David van Gelder
Bill Lutz

Chairman Greg Clendenin began the meeting with welcome, opening remarks and self-introductions by the board members present. Maudie Walker came in prior to the start of the meeting but had to leave for another meeting. Chairman Clendenin acknowledged Joseph Cocchiarella, Assistant State Attorney, who addressed the revolving door issue at the jail and gave the subcommittee an overview of why some people stay in jail longer than others.

Chairman Clendenin asked Lt. Robert Pigman of the Orlando Police Department to introduce Joseph Cocchiarella, Assistant State Attorney to Lawson Lamar. Mr. Cocchiarella is assigned the General Counsel of Metropolitan Bureau of Investigations (MBI). He is very experienced in

the field of drug investigations. His colleague, Judge Alan Lawson, presented at the Public Safety/Public Works Subcommittee meeting on February 4th.

Attorney Cocchiarella is assigned to the Task Force of MBI, which handles mid to upper level narcotics enforcement and vice regarding organized crimes. The Public Safety/Public Works Subcommittee is looking for innovative ways to arrest or prosecute the people in the Parramore area. Officers at the Orlando Police Department do a good job of arresting criminals but the problem is that the system doesn't keep people behind bars long enough.

Assistant Attorney Cocchiarella gave a lengthy presentation and opened the floor for questions from the Subcommittee members. Discussion ensued. Phil Cowherd would like the City Commissioners, Chief of Police and Mayor to consider the Court Watch program. Individuals' time served is based on the Judge or the Chief Judge's set bond schedule. It was also mentioned that Commissioner Vargo had tried at one time to set up the Court Watch program.

The next meeting of the Mayor's Parramore Task Force Public Safety/Public Works Subcommittee will be held on Tuesday, February 24, 2004, 6:00 p.m., Dr. J. B. Callahan Neighborhood Center.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Clendenin concluded the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Greg Clendenin, Chairman

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