

Parramore Task Force
Social Services & Education Subcommittee
Task Team 2 – Social Service Providers
Tuesday, February 24, 2004 11 a.m.
Callahan Neighborhood Center Community Room

Meeting Notes

Members Present: Hudie Stone
Members Absent: A.C. Cowans, Terry Delahunty, Beverly Morgan
Guest: David van Gelder
Staff: Lisa McCoy, Susan Harris

Susan Harris called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. Mrs. Harris asked that everyone review the February 10th meeting notes.

Mrs. Harris provided an update on the survey. Due to a computer virus, the City has shut down its networks and Mrs. Harris was not able to e-mail or provide a copy of the survey for the task team to review. Task Team 1 was the only other group that provided questions. As soon as the City's computer network is back on line, she will e-mail it to everyone for review. After the task team's review, she will send it to Veronica Anderson, the subcommittee chairman.

There was review of the three recommendations developed at the February 10th meeting. Mrs. Stone recommended adding a fourth recommendation pertaining to the establishment of an information and referral office for the neighborhood residents.

The task team recommendations discussed were:

1. Conduct focus groups using a survey to gather feedback and input from the neighborhood about the social service needs of residents and the impact of social service agencies located in the neighborhood.
2. Support the establishment of a one-stop social service center funded by the City and County located outside the Parramore area neighborhood. This center would provide "triage" type services for the homeless, mentally ill, people with drug/alcohol problems, and others in need of social services.
3. Establish an information and referral center, similar to the Parramore Heritage Resource Center that operated in the neighborhood from 1994 through 1999, that is operated by the City. The purpose of this center is to provide information regarding employment and community and social services.
4. Extend the timeline of the subcommittee to allow the subcommittee to accomplish its tasks.

Mrs. Harris will e-mail these recommendations to the other task team members and ask them to provide input by the close of business today, February 24, 2004. Mrs. Harris will present the task team recommendations to the Social Services and Education Subcommittee at the February 25 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.