

Mayor's Parramore Task Force *Meeting*

Minutes – March 3, 2004

The meeting of the Mayor's Parramore Task Force was held on Wednesday, March 3, 2004, 8:50 a.m. at Orlando City Hall, ninth floor, Overlook Room. Brian Butler presiding.

Members Present:

Brian Butler
Greg Clendenin
Veronica Anderson
Ann Brown
Derek Burke
Ed Carson
Alvin Cowans
Terry Delahunty, Jr.
Dr. Tommy Dorsey
John Ehrig
A. Aminah Hamidullah
Juan Lynum
Bill Segal
Hudie Stone
Cheryl Taubensee

Members Absent:

Marjorie Brown
Bob Carmichael
Cari Coats
Alvin Cowans
Paul Stevens
Ed Timberlake
Lonnie Thompson

Staff Present:

Walter Hawkins
Brenda March
Rick Howard
Joyce Sellen
Lelia Allen
Kevin Edmonds
Susan Harris
Frances DeJesus-Davila
Mary Ann Schwabe
Marcia Hope Goodwin

Staff Present Continued:

John Perrone
Tanja Gerhartz
Lt. Robert Pigman
Lisa Early
Ben Reddick
Tammy Hughes

Others Present:

Zahra Nahar-Brown
David van Gelder
Diane Lewis
Phil Cowherd
Hal McNamara
Michelle Ku
Wayne Grant
Barbara Kase
Desiree Sanchez
Vivian Bryant
Mike Dixon
Lorenzo Miller
John Henderson

Chairman Brian Butler began the meeting with welcome, opening remarks and introductions. Chairman Butler welcomed Rev. Rollie Murray, Jr., new member of the Mayor's Parramore Task Force members. He stated that the African American Council of Christian Clergy (AACCC) unanimously elected Rev. Murray to represent clergymen on the Mayor's Parramore Task Force, per Mayor Dyer's request. Subsequently, the Mayor's Parramore Task Force February 4, 2004, meeting minutes were reviewed; Terry Delahunty made a motion to accept the meeting minutes, John Ehrig seconded and the motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.

Chairman Butler asked each Subcommittee Chairperson to give a synopsis of previous meeting concerns: Ed Carson, Housing, Veronica Anderson, Social Services/Education, Derek Burke, Master Planning/Zoning and Greg Clendenin, Public Safety/Public Works briefly gave an overview of discussions of proposed goals to address concerns in Parramore. The Subcommittees' goal is to establish consensus on issues at the meetings to generate recommendations that will be incorporated into the overall Task Force recommendations. The Mayor's Task Force recommendations will be presented to the Mayor and City Council.

Chairman Butler thanked Subcommittee Chairs and introduced workshop presenter, Mark Brewer, President/CEO of the Community Foundation of Central Florida, Inc. to facilitate the summaries of issues discussion work session. Chairman Butler commented that the Mayor's Parramore Task Force recommendations will model the Downtown Orlando 20-Point Strategic Plan which will include goals, actions steps, timeline, implementers, etc.

Mr. Brewer facilitated the workshop and discussions ensued regarding the draft goals recommended by Subcommittee Chairs:

Veronica Anderson, Social Services/Education

- Goal 1. Facilitate the development of a seamless, easy-to-access, effective system of social services and economic support for Parramore residents.
- Goal 2. Create and participate in partnerships to ensure the educational success of Parramore children.
- Goal 3. Increase the employment rate in Parramore to more closely reflect the City rate by the 2010 U S Census.

Derek Burke, Master Planning/Zoning

- Goal 1. Improve the environment in Parramore to encourage new and expanded businesses.
- Goal 2. Encourage entertainment, arts, recreation, and culture in Parramore.
- Goal 3. Improve neighborhood compatibility to strengthen residential and mixed-use development in Parramore.

Greg Clendenin, Public Safety/Public Works

- Goal 1. Reduce Crime In Parramore To Resembe the Crime Rate on the East Side of I-4
- Goal 2. Relocate the Coalition for the Homeless Men`s Pavillion from the Parramore community.
- Goal 3. Improve Code Enforcement Compliance and Work Toward 100% Code Enforcement
- Goal 4. Provide Necessary Infrastructure For Future Development

Ed Carson, Housing

- Goal 1. To increase the supply of the housing stock suitable for homeownership in the Parramore neighborhood
- Goal 2. Address the challenges faced by people relocating into the Parramore neighborhood as well as the challenges of those already living there
- Goal 3. Incorporate the historical perspective of the Parramore neighborhood into the development of housing

Chairman Butler thanked Mr. Brewer for facilitating the workshop. Chairman Butler mentioned and it was a consensus of the group to provide Subcommittees' recommendations by the March 17 deadline to have available for Task Force members to review.

Chairman Butler opened the floor for public input as listed on the agenda (time is restricted to five minutes):

John Henderson stated that he is an organizer for the Parramore Development Task Force (PDTF) as well as a member of the recently organized Parramore Committee established by Senator Gary Siplin. Mr. Henderson thanked Mayor Dyer and Task Force members for making Parramore a priority. Mr. Henderson proceeded to discuss the following points:

- 1) "No One Left Behind"
- 2) Assure inclusion in the process
- 3) Land by way of purchase, grant or venture.
- 4) Pre-employment screening and strong percentage of jobs on both sides of the isles for residents
- 5) Supports *Project Turn-Around* the revitalization plan put forth to create 155 jobs immediately.

David van Gelder commented that he dwells at 742 West Amelia Street and is the President of the Callahan Neighborhood Association. Mr van Gelder commented on the following points:

- 1) The majority of Parramore residents falls within the extremely low income category ... 30 percent of the median income
- 2) Greg Clendenin and several people took a Parramore tour with Phil Cowherd
- 3) If the crime and code enforcement problems in Parramore are not cured, good money is thrown after bad on housing projects
- 4) Federal/Livingston/Otey Place project - residential across from industrial
- 5) Grand Avenue Elementary School is not near capacity and the children who attend Nap Ford Community School are predominantly not from the Parramore neighborhood.
- 6) Phil Cowherd mailed a survey to landowners with assessed value of over \$150,000 with a 25% response from 170 people.

Mr. Butler thanked Mr. Henderson and Mr. van Gelder for their input.

The next meeting of the Mayor's Parramore Task Force will be held on Wednesday, March 17, 8:30 a.m., Orlando City Hall. The exact location is to be determined.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Butler concluded the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Brian Butler Chairman

Brenda R. March, Recording

