

Mayor's Parramore Task Force
Social Service/Education Subcommittee Meeting

Meeting Notes
Wednesday, December 17, 2003, 10:00 a.m.

The meeting of the Mayor's Parramore Task Force Social Service/Education Subcommittee was held on Wednesday, December 17, at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Orlando City Hall. Chairman Veronica Anderson presiding.

Members Present: Veronica Anderson
Ann P. Brown
Hudie Stone
Brian Butler

Members Absent: A. Aminah Hamidullah
Alvin Cowans
Terry Delahunty, Jr.

Staff Present: Marcia Hope Goodwin - Co-Leader
Lisa Early - Co-Leader
Linda Rhinesmith
Susan Harris

Others Present: Aaron Gallaway

Chairman Veronica Anderson began the meeting with welcome, opening remarks and self-introductions.

Members discussed the purpose and scope of the subcommittee's tasks. The members drafted the following subcommittee mission statement:

To develop action strategies that address the issues of social services and education in an effort to achieve and sustain the communities desired vision for the Parramore Heritage neighborhood.

Chairman Anderson reviewed the Nine Charges of the Mayor's Parramore Task Force. After discussion, the members agreed that the subcommittee would concentrate on three of the Nine 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.

There was some discussion on addressing Charge #3 on how to bring business back into Parramore. Members agreed that the subcommittee would need to address employment but that Charge #3 should be addressed by economic development. Members discussed the need for employment and living wages. Employment and jobs will be discussed at a future subcommittee meeting.

Chairman Anderson announced that Hudie Stone has agreed to serve as the Vice Chairman of the subcommittee. Members thanked Mrs. Stone for agreeing to serve as Vice Chairman.

Staff is researching and compiling studies of social service agencies in the Parramore area. The studies and information will be provided to the subcommittee members as they become available. Staff will make sure the subcommittee members receive a copy of the Mayor's Homelessness Task Force report. Lisa Early informed members that the Orange County Neighborhood Center for Families is considered an exemplary model for developing "one stop shops" for addressing the specific social service issues in neighborhoods.

Chairman Anderson provided Aaron Gallaway with a copy of the Florida Sunshine Law. Mr. Gallaway is a businessman interested in serving on the subcommittee. He will contact Brenda March or Walter Hawkins about joining the subcommittee.

Presentations by Hudie Stone and Terry Delahunty, Jr. were postponed until a future subcommittee meeting.

Members discussed setting up a meeting schedule for the subcommittee. It was decided that the meetings would be set at each meeting and will be based on the subcommittee work.

The next meeting of the Social Services/Education Subcommittee will be held on Wednesday, January 7, 2004, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room R on the second floor of Orlando City Hall.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Anderson concluded the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Veronica Anderson, Chairman

Susan Harris, Recording

