

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

Meeting Notes
Wednesday, December 30, 2003, 8:45 a.m.

The meeting of the Mayor's Parramore Task Force Public Safety/Public Works Subcommittee was held on Wednesday, December 30, at 8:45 a.m. at the Dr. J. B. Callahan Neighborhood Center. Chairman Greg Clendenin presiding.

Members Present: Greg Clendenin, Chair

Members Absent: Lonnie Thompson
Juan Lynum
Brian Butler
Bob Carmichael

Staff Present: Capt. Sonja White
Lt. Robert Pigman
Steve Leonard
Jeff Arms
Sonya Robinson
Johnny Stringer
Ofc. George Montgomery
Sgt. Chris LaBoo

Others Present: Tim Adams
David Van Gelder
Maudie Walker
Phil Cowherd

Chairman Greg Clendenin began the meeting with welcome, opening remarks and self-introductions.

Chairman Clendenin introduced guest speakers from the Orlando Police Department representing the following programs: Citizens Police Academy, Volunteer Program, Citizens' Observer Program and Citizens for Neighborhood Watch Program. The Orlando Police Department's staff gave an overview of the various crime prevention programs and volunteer requirements as well as shared highlights regards to issues and concerns in Parramore:

- Majority of the crime in the Parramore area occurs at night when there are no volunteers present.

- People commented to the Orlando Police Department staff that Neighborhood Watch programs will not be successful until the demographics of the area changes ... this poses a challenge.
- Discussed specialized program designed for the Parramore community.
- Discussed landlords helping to organize Neighborhood Watch programs.
- Involve residents in social activities such as National Night Out and community block parties.
- The Peppermill neighborhood has started a new Neighborhood Watch program.
- Involve landlords in organizing Neighborhood Watch programs.
- There are four city vehicles dedicated to COP.

Phil Cowherd suggested that landlords attend the Citizens Police Academy (CPA), as well as volunteer to participate in the Citizens on Patrol (COP) program. The Orlando Police Department staff commented that in order to serve as a volunteer for the Orlando Police Department, all applicants must successfully pass the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) background screening process

Then, Orlando Police Officers handed out reports on calls and arrests in the Parramore area.

The accomplishments of OPD were recognized and applauded. There were discussions regards to Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) program techniques. The Orlando Police Department staff shared that lighting is a major concern in Parramore and OUC is very responsive.

The next two meetings of the Mayor's Parramore Task Force Subcommittee meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on January 8 and 21, 2004 at the Dr. J.B. Callahan Neighborhood Center. At the next meeting Mike Rhodes, City of Orlando's Permitting and Code Enforcement Division Manager, will make a presentation.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Clendenin concluded the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Greg Clendenin, Chairman and Recorder

