

Mayor's Parramore Task Force

Meeting

Minutes – January 7, 2004

The meeting of the Mayor's Parramore Task Force was held on Wednesday, January 7 17, 2004, 8:35 a.m. at Orlando City Hall, ninth floor, Overlook Room. Greg Clendenin presiding in Chairman Brian Butler's stead.

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Brian Butler, Chairman
Bob Carmichael
Cari Coats
Paul Stevens
Ed Timberlake

Staff Present:

Wayne Rich
Walter Hawkins
Brenda March
Rick Howard
Ben Reddick
Capt. Mary Ann Salazar
Lt. Robert Pigman
Lisa Early
Kevin Edmonds
Mary Ann Schwabe
Lelia Allen
John Perrone
Laurie Botts-Wright
Tammy Hughes
Joyce Sellen

Frances DeJesus-Davila

Staff Present Continued:

Sgt. Michelle Pearson
Capt. Sonja White
Sgt. Christopher LaBoo
Marcia Hope Goodwin
Lisa McCoy
Linda Rhinesmith
John Perrone
Steve Leonard

Others Present:

Ken Mulvaney
Dr. Tim Adams
George Papageorgia
Vivian Bryant
Anthony Galloway
David van Gelder
William Ashcraft
Neil Brantley
Phil Cowherd
Nick Trimarche
Anthony Sims
Ali Dhanani
Rev. Ron Mizer
Wanda Perez
Dr. Charlie Jean Salter
Vivian Bryant
Neil Brantley
Michelle Ku
Maudie Walker
Sean Fuchs
Ericka Washington
Retz Joseph
Patrice Rice
Jacques Bricc
Desiree Sanchez
Randall Grief
Andrea Gold
Kelly Brewington

Acting Chairman Clendenin began the meeting with welcome, opening remarks and introductions. Subsequently, the Mayor's Parramore Task Force members reviewed, approved and accepted the Wednesday, December 17, 2003 meeting minutes of the Mayor's Parramore Task Force.

Acting Chairman Clendenin asked Ed Carson, Chairman of the Orlando Housing Authority's Board of Commission as well as Mayor's Parramore Task Force member, to introduce guest presenter, Ms. Vivian Bryant, Executive Director of the Orlando Housing

Authority. Mr. Carson stated that Ms. Bryant arrived to the Orlando area in 1994. She has been a real asset to the Orlando area and a major player in the development of Hampton Park and the redevelopment of Carver Court.

Ms. Bryant thanked Mr. Carson for the wonderful introduction and proceeded to share an overview of the progress and housing programs provided by the Orlando Housing Authority in the Orlando and Orange County areas.

Ms. Bryant approached the podium.

Ms. Bryant acknowledged her staff in the audience. Ms. Bryant proceeded to present the following information regards to the Orlando Housing Authority.

Mission: To offer a choice of safe and affordable housing options and opportunities for economic independence for residents of Orlando and Orange County.

The Orlando Housing Authority is a public body corporate and politic. It was established in 1938 pursuant to the 1937 State of Florida Legislative Act. All housing authorities in Florida are governed by Florida Statute 421. The Act permitted the establishment of housing authorities to increase the availability of safe and sanitary housing, at prices at within the means of persons with low income. The Housing Authority was created by the City of Orlando Resolution number 1580 on January 12, 1938.

Ms. Bryant commented that she prepared an outline inside of the packet that was handed to the Mayor's Parramore Task Force members to follow. Ms. Bryant explained that people often misconstrue about the Orlando Housing Authority because we carry the Orlando name that the Orlando Housing Authority is a city agency. That is not true. The Board of Commission is appointed by the Mayor of the City of Orlando, but the Orlando Housing Authority does not receive funds from the City of Orlando. The Florida Statute requires the Orlando Housing Authority to be an independent jurisdiction and carry the name of the jurisdiction in which created. Major funding is received by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development as subsidies and rents and other grants.

The major housing programs include:

- Public Housing
- Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers
- Affordable Private Market
- HOPE VI Redevelopment Program Grants (awarded in 2002)
 - 1) Hampton Park
 - 2) Carver Court
- Homeownership Program

The Orlando Housing Authority owns and manages the following rental properties and administers the following Section 8 Programs:

- 1,395 Public Housing Units
- 2,809 Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers
- 100 Section 8 Single Room Occupancy
- 84 USDA /Farm Labor Housing
- 356 Private Market Affordable Housing (Jackson Court, Division Oaks and West Oaks)

Ms. Bryant proceeded to explain the various programs and the requirements to qualify to receive assistance to live in an Orlando Housing Authority unit or to purchase a home based on the affordability criteria. And, the Carver Court residents relocation process which included: aides to assist residents, counseling, assistance with finding schools, doctors, transportation, bus tours to other public housing sites for seniors, etc. Parramore and former residents will have preference to move into the newly developed Hope VI grant area once the project has been built.

Ms. Bryant presents a gallery of photos of housing authority properties and homes purchased.

Then, Acting Chairman Clendenin opened the floor for questions from the Mayor's Parramore Task Force members. Discussions ensued.

Acting Chairman Clendenin thanked Ms. Bryant for such a thorough presentation. Acting Chairman Clendenin requested Subcommittee Chairs to report and inform everyone on their upcoming meeting dates. Presentations were given by: Ed Carson, Housing, Veronica Anderson, Social Services/Education, Derek Burke, Master Planning/Zoning and Greg Clendenin, Public Safety/Public Works.

Acting Chairman Clendenin reviewed the timeline recommendations and commented to the Mayor's Parramore Task Force members on how to dovetail those potential recommendations.

The future meetings of the Mayor's Parramore Task Force will be held on Wednesdays, February 4, 8:30 a.m., location to be determined and March 3, 8:30 a.m., Orlando City Hall, 9th floor, Overlook Room.

There being no further discussion, Acting Chairman Clendenin concluded the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Greg Clendenin, Acting Chairman

Brenda R. March, Recording

