

Mayor's Parramore Task Force
Social Service/Education Subcommittee Meeting
Meeting Notes
Wednesday, February 04, 2004

The meeting of the Mayor's Parramore Task Force Social Service/Education Subcommittee was held on Wednesday, February 04, 2004, at 10:35 a.m. in Conference Room R at City Hall on the 2nd Floor. Chairman Veronica Anderson presiding.

Members Present:

Veronica Anderson
Hudie Stone
Brian Butler
AC Cowans
Aaron Gallaway

Staff Present:

Marcia Hope Goodwin
Lisa Early
Lisa McCoy
Susan Harris
Cheryl Rainsberger

Community Present:

Bridget J. Monroe
David van Gelder
Pat Golden

Members Absent:

Tim Adams
Ann Brown
Terry Delahunty
Aminah Hamidullah
Beverly Morgan
Lorry James
Ron Mizer
NaShawndra

Pat Golden was invited to become a Subcommittee member.

Four Task Teams separated into groups to determine their next meeting dates.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

Task Team #1

Wednesday, February 11, 2004, 4:00 p.m., Dr. J. B. Callahan Center

Task Team #2

Tuesday, February 10, 2004, 10:00 a.m., Dr. J. B. Callahan Center

Tuesday, February 24, 2004, 10:00 a.m., Dr. J. B. Callahan Center

Task Team #3

Friday, February 6, 2004, 12:30 p.m., City Hall, 2nd Floor, Agenda Conference Room

Friday, February 20, 2004, 12:30 p.m., City Hall, 2nd Floor, Conference Room U

At the next subcommittee meeting, Tyra Witsell, from Orange County Citizens Commission for Children, will be invited to present an overview of Orange County's Neighborhood Center for Families (NCFs); how they are set up and the necessary budget. Larry Jones may also be a good addition to the meeting. Michelle Pearson, with the Orlando Police Department, works with the Weed and Seed program which offers grant funds for drug awareness. The Weed and Seed program is working on a resource center which may tie in with a NCF and be a partnership opportunity.

Each task team is requested to bring three solid recommendations to the next subcommittee meeting. The nine recommendations from the three teams will be discussed by the

subcommittee, who will come up with five to eight recommendations for the overall Task Force to consider.

The faith based community offers social service and education assistance. It was suggested to send surveys to the individual faith based organizations to determine what social services they provide. It was also suggested to use the faith based organizations for the social awareness campaign; educating the community on what to do during certain circumstances. Valerie King, an administrator with the University of Central Florida, said she would assist with the make up of the survey.

NEIGHBORHOOD EVENT

The purpose of the event is to obtain information from the Parramore area residents on specific social service needs. Since February is Black History Month, a church may already be planning an event. Rather than planning our own event, it may be more practical to conduct the surveys at an event that is already planned. As an incentive, completed surveys could count as entries for a prize drawing. Aaron Gallaway will phone the churches in Parramore area to see if any events are planned. The Task Force liked the idea of an event, but was concerned about conducting the survey before the recommendations' deadline. It may be easier to get information from another avenue or delay the event until after the recommendations (making the event one of the recommendations). If the church event partnership is available, the Parramore area residents' surveys would have to be isolated from other participants. There may be a smaller number of Parramore area participants at the church event as compared to the neighborhood event where all the participants would likely be Parramore area residents. If there are no church events in the near future, one may be willing to host it.

SURVEY

The survey will need to be developed as soon as possible, in case a church event is occurring soon. The survey will need to be translated into Creole and Spanish. Orange County Public Schools has a language bank that could assist with the translations. A community member, Bridget Moore, spoke with 8 Parramore area families who are willing to take the survey, as long as they remain anonymous. Approximately 12 more families could be added from senior or church recommendations. This would get a good focus group of 20 families. Veronica will check with the Task Force Executive Committee to assure that no other subcommittee is duplicating the survey proposal. Task Team #2 will take the lead on the survey questions. Each task team is asked to come up with three survey questions and e-mail them to Susan at susan.harris@cityoforlando.net by February 11, 2004. The entire survey should consist of about 10 to 11 questions. Other task force subcommittees will be asked for survey question suggestions through Brenda March. Valerie King should review and/or revise the completed survey. The group discussed and agreed that conducting focus groups with residents would be more doable and effective.

The next meeting of the Mayor's Task Force Social Services/Education Subcommittee will be on February 25, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. at Dr. J. B. Callahan Center.

The meeting concluded at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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