

Mayor's Parramore Task Force
Social Service/Educational Subcommittee
Task Team #1 – Social Services Needs of Residents

Meeting Notes
Wednesday, February 11, 2004

The meeting of the Mayor's Parramore Task Force Social Services/Educational Task Team #1 on Parramore Residents Social Services Needs met on Wednesday, February 11, 2004 at 4:00 p.m. at the Dr. J. B. Callahan Neighborhood Center located at 101 North Parramore Avenue. Marcia Hope Goodwin chaired the meeting.

Subcommittee Present

Hudie Stone
Brian Butler

Staff Present

Marcia Hope Goodwin
Cheryl Rainsberger

Final recommendations for the Mayor's Parramore Task Force, which will be submitted to the Education and Social Service Subcommittee on January 25, were discussed. A question was raised on the expectations of the task force and whether the task force makes recommendations only or are tasked to carry out the recommendations. It was suggested that recommendations should resemble the Mayors Downtown Transition Team Report format. The Mayor's Parramore Task Force will have a facilitator to assist with documenting the recommended goals to the Mayor. There should be approximately 4 goals with steps of how to accomplish each goal.

A suggested goal is to conduct focus groups to determine social service needs of the Parramore community.

Survey questions for the focus groups were discussed. In their last meeting, Task Team #2 talked about focus group categories. Suggested categories for the focus groups are:

Families with Children
Seniors
Church Leaders

Task Team #2 recommended a pre-statement at the focus group, stating "*We define social services as*":

Food

Clothing

Healthcare

Transportation

Shelter

Childcare

Job Readiness

The team also recommended obtaining information on the focus group attendees when they arrive about their income level, number of individuals in the household under 18 and over 60 and the age bracket of the responders. This information will help determine why an attendee may or may not be eligible for specific social services.

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The attached questions will be submitted to Susan Harris of Task Team #2, who is compiling the list of survey questions.

Demographic data can help with determining the needs of the Parramore Community. Hudie offered to obtain information from the 2-1-1 service. The citizens who use this service are tracked by zip code only. The Parramore area is a portion of the large zip code 32805, and could not be isolated using by the 2-1-1 data. Orange County Public Schools also keeps data on which residents use the free and reduced lunch program. This data may be inaccurate, because some students use the program who may not need the service. Paul Lewis with the City of Orlando could isolate the income education level and other data needed. Marcia will check to see if he can come up with current data this week. This current data could help determine which percentage of the Parramore residents are eligible for specific services.

It was noted that the Parramore area has the highest incidence of tuberculosis in Orange County.

Eligibility requirement information would be necessary to determine the number of residents who qualify for specific government social services. Hudie will check with 2-1-1 to see if they have a list of these requirements. Some services are provided for a specific length of time and then a waiting period must be met prior to receiving the service an additional time.

The next meeting of Task Team #1 – Social Services Needs of Residents will be on **Wednesday, February 18, 2004 at 4:00 p.m.** at the Dr. J. B. Callahan Neighborhood Center located at 101 North Parramore Avenue. Members will be asked to come prepared to decide on final recommendations for the Social Services and Education Subcommittee meeting on February 25.

The meeting concluded at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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