

Mayor's Parramore Task Force *Meeting*

Minutes – March 24, 2004

The meeting of the Mayor's Parramore Task Force was held on Wednesday, March 24, 2004, 8:40 a.m. at Orlando City Hall, ninth floor, Harvard Room. Brian Butler presiding.

Members Present:

Brian Butler
Veronica Anderson
Ann Brown
Ed Carson
Greg Clendenin
A. Aminah Hamidullah
Juan Lynum
Bill Segal
Hudie Stone
Lonnie Thompson
Cheryl Taubensee

Members Absent:

Marjorie Brown
Derek Burke
Bob Carmichael
Cari Coats
Alvin Cowans
Terry Delahunty, Jr.
Tommy Dorsey
John Ehrig
Rollie Murray, Jr.
Paul Stevens
Ed Timberlake

Staff Present:

Walter Hawkins
Brenda March
Frances DeJesus-Davila
Mary Ann Schwabe
Marcia Hope Goodwin
Ben Reddick
Susan Harris
John Perrone
Lelia Allen
Lisa Early
Victor Sahgal

Others Present:

Jeff Billman
David van Gelder
Sheryl Mays
E. Todd Weatherspoon
Tim Adams

Chairman Brian Butler began the meeting with welcome, remarks and gave an overview of the meeting agenda. Chairman Butler commented that each Subcommittee's preliminary recommendations have included the goals and basic steps. Chairman Butler additionally stated that the process was to make sure that everyone is in agreement with the proposed preliminary recommendations that have been modified based on the previous meetings as well as input received from colleagues on the Task Force at the March 17th Executive Committee meeting.

Subsequently, the Mayor's Parramore Task Force reviewed and accepted the Wednesday, March 3, 2004 meeting minutes.

Chairman Butler discussed the format for the Chair person of each Subcommittee to report his/her particular preliminary recommendations as follows: Greg Clendenin, Chair, Public Safety/Public Works, Veronica Anderson, Chair, Social Services/Education, Ed Carson, Chair, Housing and Juan Lynam, Master Planning/Zoning in Derek Burke's stead. The Subcommittee Chairs reported preliminary recommendations with the following revisions:

Public Safety/Public Works Subcommittee

Goal One

Mr. Clendenin stated in goal one to reduce crime in Parramore so as to equal the average rate of crime in the City of Orlando to add below the average rate of crime in the City of Orlando.

Ms. Anderson stated under goal one, plan-basic steps category to make all future development comply with Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Techniques (CEPTED) to add the city's Public Works Department as an implementer.

Ms. Stone commented to clarify the first step to advocate with legislators to designate Parramore as a drug-free enterprise zone and to change to advocate with legislators to make Parramore enterprise zones drug-free.

Mr. Butler recommended for the city to put resources necessary to support community-oriented policing.

Mr. Segal commented on how to distill information into a working document to reach the Mayor's desk for submittal to Mayor Dyer. Mr. Thompson and Mr. Clendenin also stated concerns. Chairman Butler clarified concerns.

Chairman Butler made a motion to approve the Public Safety/Public Works Subcommittee's goal one recommended changes and seconded by Ms. Anderson. The motion passed unanimously.

Goal Two

Ms. Stone stated concerns with relocating the Coalition for the Homeless Men's Pavilion from the Parramore community. Mr. Clendenin, Mr. Segal, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Carson, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Lynum and Ms. Brown stated concerns regarding the service calls, mental health issues and criminal concerns that stems from the Coalition of the Homeless Men's Pavilion. Discussion ensued.

Chairman Butler made a motion to approve the Public Safety/Public Works Subcommittee's two recommended changes and seconded by Mr. Lynum. The motion passed unanimously with the exception of Hudie Stone who opposed

Goal Three

No changes

Goal Four

Ms. Anderson commented on sidewalks being addressed with this particular Subcommittee. Mr. Clendenin stated sidewalks add to the quality of life, public safety, etc. The Mayor's Parramore Task Force agreed to add sidewalks and establish sidewalks where necessary to the first steps' section.

Then, Mr. Clendenin requested the second page of goal one to add the city's Planning Department as an implementer.

Chairman Butler made a motion to approve the Public Safety/Public Works Subcommittee's additional recommended goals and seconded by Mr. Thompson. The motion passed unanimously.

Housing Subcommittee

Goal One

Chairman Butler requested clarification regards to the Parramore Village conceptual plan to increase housing stock in Parramore. Mr. Segal commented on the Housing Subcommittee addressing replacement value as oppose to market value. Mr. Carson commented on the Parramore residents' replacement and relocation of residents concerns addressed at previous meetings. Then, Ms. Lelia Allen, City Housing Director clarified concerns and discussion ensued.

Mr. Thompson suggested that basic step one should be moved to goal two and financial, time, technical support and cash to that particular goal.

Goal Two

Chairman Butler suggested that the Housing Subcommittee distinguish between people currently living in Parramore and people moving into the Parramore community.

Mr. Thompson, Ms. Stone and Ms. Amidullah, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Segal, Mr. Clendenin and Mr. Carson stated concerns and further discussion ensued.

Expand Goal Three and Create a Goal Four

Chairman Butler made a motion to change goal number two to address the challenges of residents in Parramore and goal three to address the challenges people face relocating

into the Parramore neighborhood. In addition, add private developers on goal one under implementers. Mr. Carson commented that the encouragement of private development in Parramore is welcomed. The motion passed unanimously with the exception of Mr. Segal who opposed.

Social Services/Education Subcommittee

Goal One

Mr. Clendenin asked where to find the guideline eligibility for social service needs as well as income verification. Ms. Anderson stated social service organizations have eligibility guidelines to verify income.

Mr. Segal was concerned about the goal outlined as being universal and not specifically for the Parramore community. Chairman Butler pointed out the 211 social services communications system. Ms. Anderson and Ms. Stone commented that the 211 system allows for private entities to personally meet with individuals to get their social service needs met and is listed in goal number three as well as a one-stop shop resource center for Parramore residents. Discussion ensued

Goal Two

Ms. Stone commented that Jones High School has private sector mentors. Mr. Clendenin shared concerns regards to the establishment of a Parramore Schools Consortium and encouragement of parental involvement. Ms. Anderson stated that children in Parramore attend nine different elementary schools. Mr. Segal, Ms. Stone and Ms. Anderson commented on the consent decree in Parramore and the desegregation order. In addition there were discussions regards to the city having a resource center or an informational kiosk located in the community for Parramore residents. Mr. Thompson stated that he would like a neighborhood school listed as a goal. Mr. Clendenin referred to the Weed and Seed Safe House initiative to tie into goal two, plan basic step five, to convene providers of after school care for children. Discussion ensued.

Goal Three

Mr. Thompson commented that part of goal two should include the city to promote the state's enterprise zone that gives tax incentives to businesses for hiring people who reside in Parramore.

Goal Four

(Goal four should be reflected in the March 3rd meeting minutes)

No changes

Additional Discussion

Ms. Lisa Early, Director of Children and Education for the City of Orlando noted that the Nap Ford Community School and the need for a community school in the Parramore community is a concern. Mr. Thompson and Ms. Stone stated transportation needs for students to walk to Nap Ford Community School impacts the decision parents make to enroll their child(ren) in the Nap Ford Community School as oppose to another school that provides transportation. Ms. Brown stated that the goal of the Nap Ford Community School is to increase enrollment of children who reside in Parramore. Additionally, Ms. Brown commented that children who reside in Parramore do attend the Nap Ford Community School. Discussion ensued in regards to the Parramore children who attend schools outside of their neighborhood and the need for a neighborhood school. There

was a consensus from the Task Force to add basic step nine...the establishment of a public elementary school in Parramore. In addition, Ms. Anderson clarified to add under goal one, basic steps to include a seventh step to that particular section is to include the maximization of the city's recreation centers as a resource for social services information.

Chairman Butler made a motion to approve the Social Services/Education Subcommittee's four recommended goals and seconded by Mr. Lynum. The motion passed unanimously and opposed by Mr. Segal.

Master Planning/Zoning Subcommittee

Goal One

Chairman Butler, and Mr. Thompson commented on plan-basic step number six to promote the necessary infrastructure projects to support new development and redevelopment to minimize displacement of residents. Chairman Butler, Ms. Anderson and Mr. Segal commented on plan-basic step number eight should the TD Waterhouse be redeveloped, it should be done as a Request for Proposal (RFP) process. Chairman Butler stated to amend this particular step as the RFP process should be considered. Mr. Edmonds and Mr. Butler clarified if the Arena should be redeveloped for alternative use, it should be done as a request for proposal process. Discussion ensued.

Goal Two

Mr. Segal commented and Chairman Butler and Mr. Lynum clarified that plan-basic step five to include the redevelopment and/or in combination with residential housing. Discussion ensued.

Goal Three

No change

Chairman Butler made a motion to approve the Master Planning/Zoning Subcommittee's three recommended goals and seconded by Ms. Brown. The motion passed unanimously and Ms. Anderson abstained from voting on goal number one, basic step number five, due to a financial interest.

Chairman Butler thanked the Mayor's Parramore Task Force for serving and reviewed the timeline as well as the next step. Mr. Clendenin stated that the Mayor's Parramore Task Force Subcommittees' recommendations are interdependent and must be tied together. Furthermore, the goals and basic steps should be viewed as a unit by the implementers and all are extremely important to the revitalization of Parramore. In addition, Mr. Clendenin suggested that the Mayor's Parramore Task Force is utilized in an advisory capacity in the future. Discussion ensued regards to the public comments to the process, social services recommendations and closing of the Coalition of the Homeless.

Public Comments

Public comments were made from Mr. Tim Adams and Mr. David van Gelder.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Butler concluded the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Brian Butler Chairman

Brenda R. March, Recording

