

Mayor's Southern Dallas Task Force
Area 9-South Dallas
March 19, 2009
Annotated Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Jim Slaughter (Chair), Joe Atkins, Glorias Dixon, Telemachus Evans (City Staff), Liz Head (V. Chair), Eva Jones, Neil Kirchofer, Ron Patterson (City Staff), John L Radovich, Rev. John Richardson, Louis Rhone, Rev. B.L. Smith, LaSheryl Walker

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Slaughter at 4:05 P.M.

Previous Meeting Minutes: The previous meeting minutes held on February 12, 2009 were reviewed, corrected where necessary, and accepted.

Jim Slaughter discussed the purpose of this meeting is to discuss the subcommittee structure and discuss what had been accomplished in the scheduled subcommittee meetings held during the last three weeks. He reviewed the following subcommittee titles and asked for discussion on their organization. The members present agreed to let the subcommittees stand at the following four general categories:

- 1) Housing/ Homeless
- 2) Economic Development/Planning/Zoning
- 3) Crime/Safety/Code Enforcement
- 4) Education/Youth/Health/Culture

Jim Slaughter then asked for the subcommittee team leaders to each discuss what was accomplished in their respective sub-committees meetings.

- 1) **Housing/Homelessness Subcommittee (Leader-Rev. Britt):** Rev. Britt was not available for this meeting. Two members present (Joe Atkins, Neil Kirchofer) had attended the subcommittee meeting on Feb. 20th at Central Dallas Ministries. Mr. Kirchofer gave a brief overview of his perception on the meeting. He stated that Rev. Britt had given an overview of what the City was planning for permanent supportive housing for the homeless. Only a few members attended the subcommittee meeting and discussion was centered around housing for the homeless.
- 2) **Economic Development/Planning/Zoning (Leader- Rev. B.L. Smith):** Rev. Smith was not available, at this time, for this meeting. Mr. Kirchofer was the only member present that had attended the subcommittee meeting and gave a brief overview of the meeting. He stated that the subcommittee was low in attendance.

- 3) **Crime/Safety/Code Enforcement (Leader – Jim Slaughter):** Mr. Slaughter noted that this subcommittee had not met. He and Mr. Neil Kirchofer were the only two members assigned to the team, and he had not called additional members to solicit their support for the committee. He was planning on merging this subcommittee into one of the others, due to a lack of member attendance. Members present wanted this subcommittee to continue, and Mr. Slaughter appointed Mr. Kirchofer as the Team Leader on this subcommittee. Mr. Slaughter and Ms. Liz Head would be splitting their time between the four committees, in an effort to get some momentum going on the subcommittees.
- 4) **Education/Youth/Culture/Health/Recreation (Leader – Robert Edison):** Mr. Robert Edison was not available at this meeting. Mr. Slaughter indicated that he would call Mr. Edison to see if he was still interested in serving in this capacity, prior to the next meeting.

After a brief break, the group re-convened and the discussions was centered on types of projects, that the committee wanted to recommend for the first round of submittals due in May/June. Mr. Ron Patterson (City Staff) gave a brief overview of what some of the other task force teams were considering for their projects. He emphasized that the primary emphasis in the first round of projects will be the length of time in implementing the project. Short term projects should be capable of being implemented in 1-2 years.

Mr. Slaughter (Chair) indicated that he would get in touch with each of the subcommittee leaders and reemphasize with them that in their next subcommittee meeting, the emphasis should be toward developing short term project(s), which would be recommended to the full committee for consideration.

Ms. Liz Head (Vice Chair) expressed concern on the lack of participation of Team 9 members on the membership list. A majority of individuals, listed on the initial membership roster, have not participated in any of the scheduled meetings. It appears that only a minority of the Team 9 listed membership roster members are committed to the overall Mayor Task Force project. Some members suggested that we call those members that haven't attended to see if they wanted to still be involved in the process.

Ms. Eva Jones expressed concern on subcommittees meeting at the same places, and recommended that they rotate their meeting places throughout the community. She volunteered to host the next Economic Development/Planning/Zoning subcommittee at her business Eva's Barbeque. Rev. B. Smith declined to move the subcommittee meeting to her business for the next meeting. Mr. Slaughter encouraged him to consider reevaluating having the meetings at various location, if members, were volunteering their business/offices for the meeting, at later dates.

Mr. Slaughter said that he would get with each subcommittee leader and confirm their next subcommittee meeting date. Subcommittee members would be notified via phone call or e-mail on the date of their subcommittee meeting. Mr. Slaughter (Chair), and Ms. Liz Head (V. Chair) agreed that they would split their time between the subcommittees. Ms. Liz Head (V. Chair) would be attending the Crime/Safety/Code Enf. and Education/Youth/Culture/Health/Rec. subcommittee meetings. Mr. Slaughter (Chair) would be attending the Housing/Homeless and Economic Dev./Planning/Zoning subcommittee meetings.

Mr. Slaughter reviewed the roster of each subcommittee with member present. The following are the subcommittee assignees as of this date:

- 1) **Housing/Homelessness Subcommittee members:** Rev. Britt (Leader), Brenda Cotton, Joe Atkins, Paul McCarthy, Diane Ragsdale, Rev. John Richardson. Subcommittee meets at Central Dallas Ministries.
- 2) **Economic Development/Planning/Zoning Subcommittee members:** Rev. B.L. Smith (Leader), John Radovich, Dorcy Clark, James Mitchell, Eva Jones, LaVette Dudley, Lewis Rhome. Subcommittee meets at Inner-City Community Development Corp.
- 3) **Crime/Safety/Code Enforcement Subcommittee members:** Neil Kirchofer (Leader), Ted Evans, LaSheryl Walker. Subcommittee meeting place to be determined.
- 4) **Education/Youth/Culture/Health/Rec. Subcommittee members:** Robert Edison (Leader), L.V. Alexander, Rev. Livingston, Glorias Dixon. Subcommittee meeting place to be determined.

Jim Slaughter indicated that the next full taskforce meeting of the Area 9 Team Taskforce will be Thursday, April 16, 2009, 4:00 p.m. at the Forest Heights Neighborhood Development Corp, 3203 Holmes St., Dallas 75215, at the corner of Pennsylvania Ave. and Holmes St.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM.