

Henry Parrish Interview

- 1) best qualified? Done to prepare? I'm a mayor of cocoa. Almost 6 years of intense experience. in government/business. Before that Jeb bush gov appointment to TRDA, education bio fuels, business incubators.
- 2) Biz interests? I am the only business person running. I've built my own Realestate business and building 4 buildings now, 30 year employee of Brunswick, design and build yachts/boats. Also have a bed and breakfast and opening another in cocoa village. Have one of leading bed and breakfasts in the nation. Very proud of that. Understand agriculture. My family in citrus business.... Until Bush 41 proposed NAFTA, then whole sales changed. My family controlled thousands of acres. I'm a huge train fan - passenger train fan. When bush signed deal and my family didn't know it... but we were out of business. And so instantly shifted to real estate business.
- 3) Healthcare? I'm the candidate that will improve health care. Liability side - tort reform. See how that effects Florida. I can tell you I'll be the one to make sense of that to make healthcare more affordable. I'm an independent thinker and can work as a team, and that is what healthcare need. We need to stand up to trial lawyers.
- 4) Education? No. More choices needed. Can't rely on gambling to funding education, Florida needs to step up and invest more. I'm the product of a really sorry school system, why I worked so hard in private sector.... Had to overcome. Need to help our kids.
- 5) Transportation? We have lately. Recent big commitments to our communities. DOT 29 layers of people to deal with. They play politics, but they have stepped up. Helped our city at every level. 12 projects finished or starting. They look at it as old community in transition and have people to take care of.
- 6) Private property environment protections. Not as familiar with. County EELS program. I had property in scotsmoore bought by that. I am for obtaining property like that. There is a balance between that and business.
 - 1) Save our lagoon tax? End of the day \$400 mill collected in 10 years. Right now people think there is not a lot going on because of the brown/red tide. People ask where are the dredges? I know the county Bureaucrats telling cocoa wont get dredges until year 8. Project Might not even happen. Need to talk about inlet situation problem, causeways. All these causeways fill in the river. We need scientific solution to tell us what the lagoon needs. We have a problem, no wildlife. We are not close where we need to be. Do all programs, fertilizer, septic tanks, etc. but we need to build a bridge shoreline to shoreline. No one wants to admit that yet. And lastly cut and inlet and flush it out.
- 7) Home Rule? "Who elects me?" I always stay home and say it like it is. I can't I won't support anything that will hurt the locals. Make sure quality of life improves.
- 8) TDT - (I missed)
- 9) Legacy - I want to be effective and results oriented. Support businesses here and help brevard compete with south Florida, and help us grow.
- 10) Leadership. Vital to have capable staff and be up on all the issues. Leadership help important.
- 11) Self research - opponent Jeff Ramsey dropped out yesterday and endorsed me. all my opponents will make something up and use it. You can have stellar record but they'll point to something. part of politics. I have thick skin. My opponents have no experience. I will have made my case to the citizens between now and august 28th. I feel good about my opportunity.
- 12) Shirley - expansion of gambling? By legislature or voters? I have a hang over from randy fine, on his strategy for gaming. I wouldn't want to put this to the voters to allow legal gambling on the ground. I like the situation we have with the boar.
- 13) How much do you need to raise? \$100k-\$200 k. As much as 300k. Petitions? Its not trivial, but its an old way of doing things. I'm not doing petitions. I'm doing hand to hand combat getting votes. Going to organizations. I can meet with every org in the county, as

sitting mayor who turned town around. I'll go into every community like a boss, with signs, etc and they will know my record.

- 14) How do you take city experience to state? I'm on regional water board, and I'm already on larger orgs water boards, so from it is natural transition. I am already connected to Tallahassee members and friends and colleagues. I have good ties and direction there. I think it is an easy transition from here to there. In cocoa I rebranded it, with image, gave confidence back to citizens, fire and police, safety. My policies lowered crime 35-40%. If I had more time could lower to the 50's. Have to take what you have and improve it. That sometimes takes compromise. Water deal.... ? signed with orlando orange and osceola, we are going to start sending water west and brings \$10million into coffers to us to the independent commission/district. Since Steve left we don't have anyone in tally talking water issues. I'm going to bring my experience there and make sure we don't go backwards. I'm very proud of our water deal. Doesn't get the attention it deserves.
- 15) A lot in tally that doesn't make sense, but I will make it makes sense. Cocoa swimming in cash because we are good at what we do.... Richest city the state. Make sure we continue this success.