

Restore Rundberg March 24, 2016 Revitalization Team meeting minutes

The meeting took place at the Settlement Home for Children Conference Center.

Attendees:

Revitalization Team members: City of Austin Neighborhood Planning representative Ming Chu, Heritage Hills/Windsor Hills Neighborhood Planning Area representative Rachel Pry, North Lamar/Georgian Acres Neighborhood Planning Area representative Monica Guzmán, North Austin Civic Association Neighborhood Planning Area representative Randy Teich, Education representative (K-12 levels) Ann Teich, Education representative (higher education) Erica Saenz, Immigrant Community representative Abel Soto Lopez, Faith-Based Community representative Michelle Fleming, Public Safety representative Keith Bazzle, sitting in for Austin Police Region II Commander Donald Baker, Economic Development representative Cary Roberts, Community Health representative Aida Cerda-Prazak, and African/African American; Asian/Asian American; Hispanic/Latino; or Indigenous Leadership representative Antonio Ramirez.

Austin Police Department: Lieutenant Kevin Leverenz and Allen McClure, Senior Police Officers Paul Basulto, Ray Kianes, Taber White, Chief's Office Executive Assistant Patricia Gutierrez, Community Engagement Coordinator Cecile Fandos

Refugee Services of Texas: Lauren Bergfield

Disciple Life Baptist Church: Cory Page, Daniel Weatherman

Settlement Home for Children: Jacob Huereca

Caritas: Sarah Wagner

Austin Voices for Education and Youth: Chadima Abrego

Council on At-Risk Youth: Shana Fox

Muslims for Peace and Unity: Munir Khan

Call to order: 6:37 pm.

Chair Erica Saenz welcomed the **new members of the Revitalization Team** Rachel Pry, Michelle Fleming and Tony Ramirez to the table (David Fairchild was excused).

Minutes of the February 25 meeting were approved with one revision in the last sentence of the first paragraph in the second page, where “the group decided to wait until the next month before proceeding to an officers election, so that new members of the Revitalization Team could consider applying to those positions” was replaced by: “the group decided to wait until the next month before proceeding to an officers election, so that all Revitalization Team seat elections are completed first.”

Revitalization Team priorities updates:

- Healthcare

Healthcare workgroup co-leader Aida Cerda-Prazak announced that the Rundberg Community Health Improvement Plan drafting had started. Access to resources, language barriers, and the management of

chronic diseases are the three focuses of this process led by the Latino HealthCare Forum, hosting bimonthly meetings on those topics.

Aida Cerda-Prazak also announced that the Latino HealthCare Forum was about to start testing the application that was developed in order to give access to a directory of health resources.

- Economic and Workforce Development

Economic and Workforce Development workgroup co-leader Monica Guzmán presented a nonprofit she's met with workgroup co-leader Cary Roberts: Strong Side Austin, which is looking to start a pilot program developing efficacy and self-sufficiency in youth transitioning into adulthood through employment this summer. More on StrongSideAustin.org. "The initiative is still looking for a place to host the program," said Monica Guzmán.

- Housing Affordability

Housing Affordability workgroup leader Ann Teich gave an update about the Cross Creek Apartments located at 1124 Rutland Drive. She reported that the Mulholland Group is in the process of replacing water lines, and "that is an indication that they will continue to rehab the property," which "will provide a large number of affordable units for the Rundberg area."

- Code Compliance

Code Compliance workgroup leader Randy Teich reported that the group had been unable to find a date to meet. He also stated that he had spent time working on the Cross Creek Apartments issues.

Revitalization Team Chair Erica Saenz encouraged new members of the Revitalization to lead priorities.

Community Engagement Coordinator Cecile Fandos shared the question raised by Jo Kathryn Quinn, who needs to step back from being the Affordable Housing/Homelessness Prevention representative. Revitalization Team Chair Erica Saenz replied that her designee could step in.

Public comment:

Disciple Life Baptist Church Pastor Cory Page introduced himself and stated that he will have **volunteers available for service projects from June 13 to 16** as part of a camp for 300+ teens from all over the nation called City Reach, and designed to help new churches by assisting those churches in serving their community. "They will give away free carwashes, do small construction jobs, other various random acts of kindness, and host a week long day camp called X-Camps," listed Cory Page. "X-Camps offer different tracks for local area kids to choose from. They usually have a sports elements and a few creative elements. It is a faith based camp that offers a short Bible lesson, but it is mostly about just being kind to the community in the name of the new church. Registration for these camps is kept to at least a 2:1 ratio of campers to leaders, so that the City Reach campers can mentor and encourage the X-Campers." The camp could take place from June 13 to 15 if the church is able to secure a place.

Shana Fox, the Executive Director of the Council on At-Risk Youth offering the first Restore Rundberg camp from June 13 to July 14 reacted by explaining that CARY had secured a location for the program (Dobie Middle School) and would like to exchange with Cory Page about possibilities for partnering.

Adjourn: 07:02pm.