

Restore Rundberg Revitalization Team Meeting

CommUnityCare North Central Health Center

1210 W Braker Ln

April 9, 2015

7:00 – 8:30 pm

AGENDA

In attendance

Team Members: Rick Randall, Michael Willard, Laura Pressley, Commander Baker, Ann Teich, Ming Chu, Abel Lopez, and Erica Saenz

APD: Officer Kianes, Officer White

UT: Allison Marshall

Interpretation

There is one person that needs interpretation, Guadalupe Soto. Officer Kianes is interpreting for her.

Old Business

Team Priority Updates

- Priority 1 – Revitalization of Key Properties
 - There is some progress being made and Erica is going to keep everyone updated on this topic.
- Priority 2 – Healthcare
 - This weekend is the Latino HealthCare Forum on Saturday morning at 10:00am-11:30 at Guerrero Thompson at the school library. They are going to be sharing preliminary findings from the assessment that they did. There has been a lot of work done on this priority and there is still a lot more to be done in order to move forward with phase 3 and phase 4. They are going to come and do a presentation to the team; maybe they will have a 45-minute version of the present back. They could present at the meeting on the April 23.
- Priority 3 – After School/Youth Services
 - Roberto will have an update next time
- Priority 4 – Code Compliance
 - Laura is giving an update. This team did a Request for Information about a year ago so they can examine the big picture. There are about 2 properties that need to be added to the repeat offender program. One of them is called Spanish Palms and the other one is called Stony Creek Apartments next to Hart Elementary. What they want to do is hand this information off to Jeff Travillion, who will put it in the right hands and make sure to follow up on it. There is going to be a big code compliance team that is going to meet at the end of April.
- Priority 5 – Homeless and Prostitution Intervention
 - Michael does not have an update at this time. ECHO has released their findings and Michael is going to follow up with them to see if they can come do a presentation. The results show that there are fewer homeless people, they had more volunteers in the street to find the homeless people and they found less

people. Michael does not know how the Point In Time count will compare to the results from last August. This is not just a downtown survey; instead it is a comprehensive process with an incentive to try to find as many people as possible. The ECHO Point In Time count is just a count; there are more organizations that are able to provide resources to the homeless people that they encounter when they are doing the count. All Michael knows is that the numbers have gone down. ECHO will come and do a presentation to show the exact numbers. About 2% of the people do not actually want assistance or they don't know what assistance actually means.

- Priority 6 – Housing Affordability
 - This team is taking its time with this because it is such a big issue. Several of the team members met with Council Member Greg Casar. He would like our plan to be part of a larger city plan. Whatever we do, we want to make sure that it is part of a bigger plan; we are in the process of looking at properties to rehab, which will be our next task. This team is thinking about talking to other council members that are interested in this topic. We had Kim Trigo with us, she is in charge of the Mira Vista Apartments. It is an example of a landowner that wants to do the right thing but is having a hard time because of the repeat offender program. Casar seems open to hearing what other people are interested in doing and seems to have a very open ear. Whatever is done needs to be part of a bigger plan for housing affordability
- Priority 7 – Economic and Workforce Development
 - There is an Einstein project that is being developed. Kevin Johns the director of economic development is going to be presenting to the Community Advancement Network (CAN) so that they can hear about the initiative to see how they can interact with it if appropriate. The project has to do with workforce development and the concept of dual generation; it's a community-based plan where they are assisting both the parents and the children. They are going to be presenting how they plan to implement it. Chris King of the Ray Marshall center is heading this and the grant money from the Aspen foundation is ending so they are looking to continue this work. Chris King has explained what they are hoping to do with the dual generation project across the city. They want to make sure that they are leveraging resources from their partners. Donald Baker explained that they are trying to continue working with Toral from Austin Suites.

Public Comment

Greg Casar is having a community forum at Gethsemane Lutheran on Anderson Lane which is to get community input on the bond money that is supposed to be allocated for transportation. The event is at 7pm on Monday April 13.

On Saturday June 27 there will be ABCD training. They are looking for a location. There will be more details to follow; this is going to be done through the Community Advancement Network (CAN). There will be outreach to as many different people as possible. There should be interpretation for this event.

Nelson has accepted a position with the city; he is still with the APD. He is going to be transitioning to the auto theft department. There is going to be a transition plan to try to keep some of his work with the Rundberg project. Kyran is trying to create a full time community liaison position so that extends past the end of the grant. Wielding some influence with city council will be important to try to get this position approved. Kyran is going to give an update in May, it will be important to make sure that this position is long term.

On Monday May 4, 6p-8p at the YMCA on Rundberg there is going to be a meeting to create a social media coalition for District 4 and the Rundberg area. The coalition will be a group of people representing different sectors in the community that will be in charge of administering the group's social media to build a positive reputation for the district.

New Business (50 min)

- Approval of February 26, 2015, March 12 and March 26 meeting minutes
 - The minutes for all three meetings have been approved.
- Presentation Jennifer Denton, from COA Comprehensive Planning division. “Restore Rundberg and Imagine Austin priorities” includes Q&A
 - Ming is our new City of Austin employee that has joined the Rundberg team. Jennifer is a planner and she is here to implement the Imagine Austin plan. She is here to give an overview of how the imagine Austin plan overlaps with the efforts that the Rundberg team is addressing. The idea behind Imagine Austin was to make sure that we have a comprehensive plan so we develop sustainably. By 2039, we are expected to be well over a million people and it is important to address what that means for the community. Over 110 people move here each day. There is a picture of the North Lamar at Braker Ln. where a lot of change has happened. When Imagine Austin came up, the idea was to make it a participatory and community driven project. There were about 18,000 pieces of input so it was very heavy on community engagement. The other important part is sustainability and looking at how new people change the demographics. The last part looks at implementation—the boots on the ground phase— which is the phase we are currently in. This takes time; Rome was not built in a day. The results show that people want Austin to continue to be an environmentally friendly and green place, make sure it stays diverse, want to make sure we are mobile and connected. People want effective ways to get around town; they care about education and being prosperous. We have and want to continue to have a vibrant workforce. They group these ideals into economy society and environment. One thing about Imagine Austin is that we create a unique community. We want to keep our community moving using public transit, electric cars, biking and walking, we want to improve walkability. We want to make Austin a place where we all love to live. The priority programs are organized into 4 theme areas and they are spread throughout the various city departments. The 4 themes are: living, working moving, thriving.
 - How does Restore Rundberg tie into Imagine Austin? There is a near perfect fit between the priorities. Revitalization of key properties falls into line with the priority program 8- CodeNext. Healthcare falls together with priority program 7

Health Austin. Afterschool youth services falls into priority 3 which is workforce development. Homelessness and prostitution falls into the priority program 6- Housing affordability. Code Compliance falls into the priority program 6 and 7, which is household affordability and healthy Austin.

- There are no direct volunteer opportunities but there are ways for people to learn about what they are doing. They have a meet up group where they try to update the priorities so people can make connections which are both networking and educational opportunities. The internal link is Ming Chu, talk to Ming about priority programs. We need more groups like Restore Rundberg to carry out this work. It takes a village, as they say. Imagine Austin was adopted in 2012 and so they are 2 years into the implementation and it has been housed in the planning department but it is being implemented across the city.
- Questions: In the plan, old census data is being used because at the time, the 2010 data was not available but what we know is that we have outpaced the growth that they originally projected. Did the city take this new data into consideration when they finalized the Imagine Austin plan? Yes, they are going to look at all the data again. The 2014 census data is going to come out and will be incorporated. What happens when there are undocumented people that are not being accounted for? There is an estimate that tries to incorporate those demographics. In 2017 they update the new data, which is every 5 years. They knew going into it that things would be changing but the first big update will come in 2 years.
- Presentation by Laura Dierenfield “Vamanos Rundberg” includes Q&A
 - Caitlin D’Alton is here instead of Laura since there was a misunderstanding about the time. The RRR Team knows about the initiative since it has been involved since last fall. Caitlin is going to give a brief update of where they are in the process. Caitlin works with Capital Metro which is part of the Vamanos Rundberg team. This is a pilot program to increase physical activity. The other part of the project is to do an assessment of healthy food in the community. The food systems manager, Edwin Marty, is heading that part of the project; he has been doing a lot of outreach in the community and is getting a recommitment from people through the process. He is looking to identify 25 people that can be leaders. Then he wants to partner with the LBJ School and Lanier High School. LBJ because of Raj Patel and his expertise with food systems. There is going to be an interview process, review results and then bring this information back to the community to make sure that their assessment is correct. They want to make sure that this is grassroots information. This is a citywide neighborhood food systems assessment. He wants to see what is valuable so he can tweak it for the future. He is looking for these “champions”, which are the people that are going to be doing the interviews. He hopes that whatever comes out of the findings there can be policy solutions that are implemented.
 - On the mobility side, they are trying to get an idea of who is already doing this work in the community they don’t want to reinvent the wheel. They have been doing mapping and find ways to support the work that the people are already doing. The request for the approval from city council will happen on May 7 Laura would like to come do a presentation in May at the next community meeting to get community approval.

- Questions: Would the long-term solution be trying to make cheap food such as fast food more accessible? Is there any way to influence AISD? Possibly, they have been working with AISD as part of the stakeholders team but it is not clear exactly how they will be involved to implement some of the solutions. The food access side is about gathering information and then assessing it so that there then can be a plan that could be implemented.

Adjourn

Next Meeting:

Restore Rundberg Community Meeting

April 23, 2015

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Guerrero-Thompson Elem School

102 E Rundberg Ln