

## Restore Rundberg Community Meeting

Location: GAMA-8801 Research Blvd, Suite 100

Date: May 22, 2014

Start: 1900 (7:00pm)

End: 2030 (8:30pm)

### Attendees Present:

Erica Saenz (Place 6) - Chairman

Roberto Perez Jr. (Place 14) – Co Chair

Margaret Valenti (Place 1)

Linda Krueger (Place 2)

Julia Foree (Place 3)-Designee

Brian Almon (Place 4)

Ann Teich (Place 5)

Robert Martinez (Place 7)

Patricia Zavala (Place 8)

Michael Willard (Place 10)

Donald Baker (Place 11)

Mary Jo Hernandez (Place 13)

Laura Pressley (Place 13) – Designee

Allen McClure (Lieutenant – APD)

Adam Soliz (Officer – APD)

Taber White (Officer – APD)

Frank Wilson (Officer – APD)

Rafael Kianes (Officer-APD)

Michelle Menchaca (APD) – Recording Secretary

### Meeting called to order at 7:07pm

#### Old Business:

1. **Campaign Activity Announcement-** City Legal advised no campaigning or political materials from members or any individuals in the community during the meetings.
2. **Grant Positions Updates**– Briefings on the open positions for the Restore Rundberg Community Engagement Specialist and the Restore Rundberg Community Engagement Liaison openings.
  - a. *The positions have been reposted and extended until 5/31 for the Engagement Specialist position and 6/03 for the Engagement Liaison position.*
  - b. *Both openings are posted on Base Camp, the City of Austin Website and sent to UT and ACC to obtain an interest in a wider base of applicants. Please forward to interested individuals.*
3. **Development and Sustainability Workgroup Updates**-None current at this time.

#### 4. **Priority 1-4 Updates**

a. *Priority 1 Revitalization of 4 Key Properties-*

Initiatives engaging in community clean-ups and working with displaced homeless as a result of revitalizing the areas have been carried throughout properties.

b. *Priority 2 Development of Hybrid Community Center and Healthcare Clinic-*

There have been meetings with different organizations in the healthcare network to create a better establishment of care and a pursuit for a needs assessment of healthcare in the area. Not all providers retain the same data and some have different divisions for service areas throughout Austin. For example Rundberg is in 3 different divisions for Central Health. There are clinics that do collect data for utilization of services but it doesn't indicate needs. Frank Rodriguez with the Latino Healthcare Forum has conducted a needs assessment for the Doves Springs area and is willing to assist with the Restore Rundberg assessment. There will be collaborations to establish what resources are needed to help him in this project. Other information concludes; a healthcare clinic near the N Lamar Transit Station would be a good place due to transportation. Meetings with Seton led to their awareness of people without documentation are not receiving care with Central Health. In addition, the clinic at Braker/Parkfield is underutilized due to bus location.

c. *Priority 3 After School Programs for Those 10 yrs. and Older-*

The focus has been looking at what summer programs are available and providing that information to parents. The idea proposed is to create 14 binders and give them to apartment complexes in the area so the tenants can see which program would benefit their child. There is a continuation of working with churches and faith based after school programs for the youth's enrichment in the summer. Priority 3 is also looking at programs that empowers the youth to be leaders. Michael De La Fuente and the Hispanic Austin Leadership hosted a "CEO for a Day" for youth from the Rundberg area middle schools.

d. *Priority 4 Accountability for Housing and Property Code Violations-*

A Public Information Request was sent for the top 12 offending properties in the Rundberg area. Over 100 emails were received only 3 properties were in the information received, Middle Fiskville, E Rundberg and Grouse Meadow. The majority of cases were closed issues but a few were open for 2013. Another PIR is to be sent to Code Compliance asking for information for follow up of those properties. Complaints seen are rodent/pests, leaks, ceiling repairs, and nonfunctioning air conditioners and heaters. The goal of Priority 4 is to work with Code Compliance to resolve the issues with repeat offenders and ensure there are accountable for their properties.

#### 5. **Other Workgroups Updates-**

a. Erica Saenz is the Chair for Cultural Competence Diversity and Inclusion Workgroup. The workgroup's agenda is focusing on linguistics services city wide.

b. There are education initiatives hosted at City Hall for people running for public office to learn the needs of their community.

## **New Business:**

6. **Revitalization Team Priorities Update and Public Comment-** Introduction of Priority 5 Homeless Intervention and Prostitution Diversion lead by Michael Willard.  
There is continued work in the concept of the CARE Team (Comprehensive Approach Restorative Enforcement) presently working on the initiative.
7. **Priority 3: Presentation: Junior Youth Spiritual Empowerment Program by the U.S Baha'i Community presented by Maggie Hartman-** The educational program originates from Columbia and is a process of learning about community. It develops children's classes, junior youth groups and study circles. The programs help the youth develop expression, address complex family situations and develop community service plans.
8. **Juvenile Justice Programming, RFP and Scope of Work** –Dr. Springer is working on shaping the RFP with Kryan Fitzgerald. A targeted and universal intervention program is being assessed for middle school youth in the Rundberg area.
9. **The Austin Community Tree Program-** will assess every property in the NACA neighborhood for plant-able space to plant a tree. Volunteers are needed.
  - a. *Contact Information:* Margaret Valenti, Planning & Development Review Dept.  
PH: 512-974-2648 Email: [margaret.valenti@austintexas.gov](mailto:margaret.valenti@austintexas.gov)
  - b. *The first event Training Day* is Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> 8am – 2pm  
Settlement Home for Children-Williamson Campus 1607 Colony Creek Drive
  - c. *The second event Training Day* is Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> 8am – 2pm  
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  - d. *Tree Staging and Planting Day* Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup> 8am-2pm Location is TBA
  - e. *Tree Staging and Planting Day* Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> Tree 8am-2pm  
Location is TBA
10. **Brownfields Area- Wide Planning presented by Christine Whitney-** The program is to identify blighted or underutilized properties for revitalization in the community. It assists in obtaining other grants, community involvement, research planning and implementation strategies for cleanup and reuse.
  - a. *Contact information:* Christine Whitney, Austin Brownfields Revitalization Office  
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## **Next Meetings-** All welcomed to join.

- a. Next Revitalization Team Meeting 7:00p.m. Thursday, June 12th at GAMA, 8801 Research Blvd, Suite 100
- b. Next Community Meeting 7:00p.m. Thursday, June 26th Holy Word Lutheran Church, 10601 Bluff Bend Dr

**Meeting adjourned: 8:24PM**