

## Restore Rundberg Team Meeting – June 26, 2014

Location: Holy Word Lutheran Church, 10601 Bluff Bend Dr.

Date: June 26, 2014

Start: 1900 (7:00pm)

End: 2030 (8:30pm)

### Attendees Present:

Roberto Perez Jr. (Place 14) – Co Chair  
Margaret Valenti (Place 1)  
Don Shepard (Place 3)  
Julia Foree (Place 3)-Designee  
Brian Almon (Place 4)  
Rick Randall (Place 9)  
Michael Willard (Place 10)  
Mary Jo Hernandez (Place 13)

Laura Pressley (Place 13) – Designee  
Dr. David Springer (University of Texas)  
Keith Bazzle (Sgt – APD)  
Adam Soliz (Officer-APD)  
Tabor White (Officer-APD)  
Rafael Kianes (Officer-APD)  
Michelle Menchaca (APD) – Recording Secretary

### Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

**Public Comments-** None stated.

**Approval of Minutes-** Meeting Minutes approved for the Community Meeting on 5/22 and the Team Meeting on 6/12.

### Old Business:

1. **Grant Positions Updates**– The posted positions have been closed. The panel interview process will start July 7<sup>th</sup>.
2. **Priority 1-4 Updates**
  - a. *Priority 1 Revitalization of 4 Key Properties-*  
The hotspot areas identified by UT are under various stages of procurement, development or the landowner appraising their property's value. The Showplace Lane Property has been purchased by the IDEA Charter School but the property continues to decline. The Showplace Ln building has since been boarded and fenced.
  - b. *Priority 2 Development of Hybrid Community Center and Healthcare Clinic-*  
Access to medical and psychiatric care for children, adults and seniors is compromised due to lack of space, specialists, providers and support groups for the Rundberg area clinics. The closure of the Lonestar Clinics is expected to make a severe impact on the surrounding medical facilities. Seton Topher is hampered

financially due to Seton's refusal to participate as a federal qualified provider. Seton's participation would have allowed better reimbursement coverage to see patients that require more financial assistance. The Community Care clinics are carrying patient loads 50% more than recommended for medical care. The Braker Ln Clinic is making an effort to provide evening and Saturday appointments for people that hold multiple jobs to give them access to care. Transportation to the clinic on Braker Ln is still problematic. It can take residents 3 bus transfers to reach the clinic and Capital Metro is unable to assist in the situation. The clinic is looking into providing shuttle service to curb some of the need. Critical services are lacking for the area, the services provided are limited. Specialty services that are available are located only at the Braker Ln Community Care Clinic such as a Hepatitis C program. Pulmonary services are also offered but only to adults. After injury or surgery there are not any rehab services for low income residents. Pain management is provided through primary care doctors but they do not provide narcotics. A Dental clinic is established on Braker Ln, denture services are referred out. There is not an after hour or emergency care clinic in the Rundberg area. Mental health care is provided by tele-psychiatry contracted by Community Care. Severe and chronic mental health conditions are provided by the Austin Travis County Integrated Clinic located on Rundberg and IH35. ATCIC goes into the community to see clients. Currently there is not an alcohol or drug program in the Rundberg area.

- c. *Priority 3 After School Programs for Those 10 yrs and Older-*  
Binders with information for summer youth programs were given to selected apartment complexes in the area. Priority 3 is going to start working with those individual apartment complexes and will follow up with information of working with those sites. There is an upcoming presentation for Dobie Middle School.
- d. *Priority 4 Accountability for Housing and Property Code Violations-*  
Code Compliance is very tasked with issues across the area and under resourced. Priority 4 is trying to assist by prioritizing health and safety issues for the Rundberg area. Many apartment complexes are not in compliance and complaints are received from a population of residences that are undocumented and may hesitate to report the issue until it's very severe. Two public information requests were sent out. The first set focused on the 12 properties and the second set focused on the Middle Fiskville property. In the past 2 years 64 major complaints have been filed against the property on Middle Fiskville. Complaints reported have been noted as water leaks, infestations of rodents / insects, broken windows, lack of air conditioning, heat, or hot water. The goal of Priority 4 is to help code compliance focus on the major offenders and to make sure property owners not responsible will be registered in the Frequent Violator Program/Rental Registration Program.
- e. *Priority 5 Homeless Intervention and Prostitution Diversion-*  
This priority was established last month. A meeting was held yesterday with providers and residents to start the conversation addressing the problems of homeless and prostitution. ECHO is going to conduct a pulse count in July of the transient population in the area. Resources are being pulled together by networking with ATCIC, the Austin Police Dept, Downtown Community Court, and Safeplace. CARITAS is starting a new service in the area to assist the homeless with resources.

3. **Juvenile Justice Programming, RFP and Scope of Work Update-** The RFP has been drafted but as of yet has not been posted; approval maybe established before it goes online. The idea of the RFP is for existing nonprofits that provide school based services to middle school youth to apply for grants to improve their programs or provide new evidence based programming for at risk youth. This is expected to launch in the fall. In addition, the Neighborhood Specialist and Engagement position has been closed and is in the process of starting interviews.
4. **Community Survey Update-** The survey has been approved and is available in English and Spanish. It has been distributed to the Community Care Clinics, Gus Garcia, the YMCA, and the Walnut Creek Library. Graduate students have gone to those locations to help people fill out the survey. There have been conversations of deploying graduate students and other volunteers to the hotspots to interview the residents that live in those areas. Results are projected for the fall once enough surveys are completed the analysis will be summarized and shared.

#### **New Business:**

5. **Presentation by AISD Director of Transportation Kris Hafezizadeh** – This upcoming school year Hart Elementary will no longer have buses transporting children to the school that are under the 2 mile or less AISD Policy. This is due to a new bridge built by the City of Austin that reduced what had been perceived as a hazard crossing traffic. That policy is posted on the AISD Website. To assist children and parents these initiatives are taking place. Further presentation will take place in the next Revitalization Team Meeting July 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - a. 300 bicycles will be donated to children in grades 3-5 for active transportation.
  - b. August 18-21<sup>st</sup> there is training for Bike Safety
  - c. The first month officers, EMS, and AFD will ride with the children. Volunteers are also sought to ride with the children throughout the year.
6. **Presentation by Project Connect Liaison Juan Wah-** Information about Capital Metro Project Connect a high capacity transit system that is undergoing construction to reduce traffic in Austin. Due to the lack of information for transit issues in the Rundberg area. The representative will make presentation at a later date with questions asked by the community.
7. **Presentation by E.C.H.O Representative Preston Petty-** Ending Community Homelessness Organization (ECHO) focuses on service coordination and service provision for the City of Austin and Travis County. A pulse count (census) will be conducted in the Rundberg area to assess the needs of the homeless. ECHO will evaluate the information gained from the census and list programs that would be of assistance. The information obtained will be shared with the Restore Rundberg Team.
  - a. July 23<sup>rd</sup> 5am-8am Pulse Count. At least 30 volunteers are needed. Residents knowledgeable of the area are encouraged to participate. Training is available. For further information you can email Preston Petty at [prestonpetty@austinecho.org](mailto:prestonpetty@austinecho.org)

**Next Meetings-** All welcomed to join.

- a. Next Revitalization Team Meeting  
11:00 am, Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at GAMA, 8801 Research Blvd, Suite 100
- b. Next Community Meeting  
7pm, Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup> TBD

**Meeting adjourned: 8:30PM**