

Restore Rundberg Team Meeting

Location: GAMA- 8801 Research Blvd, Suite 100

Date: May 8th, 2014

Start: 11:00

End: 12:30

Attendees Present:

Margaret Valenti (Place 1)
Kara Sheehan (Place 1)-Designee
Dazzie McKelvy (Place 2)-Designee
Don Shepard (Place 3)
Ann Teich (Place 5)
Erica Saenz (Place 6)
Robert Martinez (Place 7)
Rick Randall (Place 9)

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)
Frank Wilson (Officer – APD)
Michelle Menchaca (APD) – Recording Secretary

Meeting called to order at 11:06am

Old Business:

1. **Approve Minutes From Previous Meeting** – Approved
2. **Grant Update-** Briefings on the Mobile Walking Beat, the open position for Neighborhood Liaison and the Norwood Park Initiative.
 - a. *The Mobile Walking Beat* is handing out flyers and seeing positive results in the hot spot areas. The show of presence has led to residents feeling comfortable in providing information of possible issues and the officers following up with assistance.
 - b. *The Neighborhood Liaison posting* has been extended for two more weeks. There may be a position for a Specialist and a Worker. The Specialist tasks will be based on being in the community creating contacts and the Worker will be in the office taking calls, coordinating resources and updating databases.
 - c. *The Norwood Park Initiative* has been placed on hold due to time constraints. Rick Randall has been the lead working with developers.
3. **Juvenile Justice Program** – The City of Austin BCJI Program includes funding in the amount of \$128,000 to provide juvenile justice programming for youth in the BCJI area.

- a. *A RFP is to be issued for non-profits and other agencies to respond for interest to deliver school based prevention or intervention programs to the middle schools in the Rundberg and grant area.*
- b. *There are two general programs a universal program delivered to everyone in the classroom and a targeted/selective program addressed to high risk youth. The programs are based on the needs of the school.*
- c. *The RFP is going to be released in the summer to be implemented in the upcoming academic year.*

4. Priority 1-4 Updates

- a. *Priority 1 Revitalization of 4 Key Properties*
Showplace Lanes is being boarded and a chain length fence is to be installed to secure the property. Idea Charter which purchased Showplace Lanes is also interested in purchasing another building. There is possibility for a recreation easement on their purchased property. The fields on Sam Rayburn/John Nance Gardner are high again. Other ideas for development have slowed due to property pricing and liens.
- b. *Priority 2 Development of Hybrid Community Center and Healthcare Clinic*
Priority 2 is meeting with the Latino Healthcare Forum and the St. David's Foundation. They are also working to pull together Central Health, Seton and the other area healthcare providers in a meeting to further discuss the area's continuity of care. Capital Metro is another contact for establishing access to health care in the area by looking as accessibility to locations and costs for transit.
- c. *Priority 3 After School Programs for Those 10 yrs and Older*
The focus has been with Dobie Middle School and Webb Middle School to identify their needs for after school programs. Business contacts are also being established for support in program funding.
- d. *Priority 4 Accountability for Housing and Property Code Violations*
200 emails are being filtered by property and complaint from a public information request. A majority of complaints are about leaks and mold. There is not a city code that deals with mold and will require more thought. Other noted major complaints are rats, bed bugs, roaches, air conditioner and heating systems not functioning. The PIRs received were closed cases. Every 30 days PIR requests are going to be sent specifically for open issues. Repeat offenders are should be tracked for Code Violations and not maintaining properties, it's being examined to establish if they are in fact doing so and are being held accountable.

5. Other Workgroups Updates-

- a. There was a second meeting of the CARE Team representing the Police Dept, EMS, ATCIC, and ECHO. The result is David Gomez from ATCIC will go to the Watchtower Area and engage the homeless individuals in the area for input of resources.
- b. A meeting with the DA revealed the development of a prostitution court. Details to be determined.
- c. CARITAS is establishing a satellite office on Rundberg to outreach for the transients.

New Business:

6. **Austin Community Tree Program**- will assess every property in the NACA neighborhood for plant-able space to plant a tree. Volunteers are needed.
 - a. *Margaret Valenti is the Program Manager, Planning & Development Review Dept. Contact #: 512-974-2648 Email: margaret.valenti@austintexas.gov*
 - b. *The first event Training Day is Saturday, September 27th 8am – 2pm Settlement Home for Children-Williamson Campus 1607 Colony Creek Drive*
 - c. *The second event Training Day is Saturday, November 8th 8am – 2pm Settlement Home for Children-Williamson Campus 1607 Colony Creek Drive*
 - d. *Tree Staging and Planting Day Friday, November 14th 8am-2pm Location is TBA*
 - e. *Tree Staging and Planting Day Saturday, November 15th Tree 8am-2pm Location is TBA*
7. **Brownfields in the Restore Rundberg Area**- Presented by Brownfields Program Manager, 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.
8. **Action Items for the next Community Meeting**-
 - a. Another presentation of Brownfields in the Restore Rundberg area with a longer time allotment.
 - b. The motion for the addition for a Priority 5-Homeless and Prostitution, to be presented in the next community meeting.
9. **Recommendations from City Legal** –In regards to individuals running for campaigns. No campaigning in the meetings or materials from members or any individuals. Signs may be placed for public awareness.
10. **Discussion**- Open forum.
 - a. Community Meetings are held in varied locations. Team meetings will be held at GAMA
 - b. Self-introduction of the Junior Youth Spiritual Empowerment Program. They have been assisting in the neighborhood clean-ups and were asked to attend the next meeting to present their program.
 - c. Team Building Retreat on a Saturday to be announced.
11. **Next Meetings**- All welcomed to join.
 - a. *Thursday, May 22nd 7pm – 8:30pm Restore Rundberg Community Meeting GAMA, 8801 Research Blvd, Suite 100*

Meeting adjourned: 12:48PM