

## Restore Rundberg Community Meeting-Aug 28th

Location: Guerrero Thompson Elementary, 102 E Rundberg Lane

Date: August 28, 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)

Dazzie McKelvy (Place 2)

Kenny Mitchell (Place 3), Designee

Julia Foree (Place 3), Designee

Brian Almon (Place 4)

Ann Teich (Place 5)

Rick Randall (Place 9)

Michael Willard (Place 10)

Cmdr. Donald Baker (Place 11)

Cary Roberts (Place 12)

Allen McClure (APD), LT

Adam Soliz (APD), Officer

Tabor White (APD), Officer

Rafael Kianes (APD), Officer

Frank Wilson (APD), Officer

Nelson Andrade (APD), Community Engagement Coordinator

April Gutierrez (APD), Community Engagement Administrative Support

June Lujan (APD), Administrative Supervisor

Michelle Menchaca (APD), Recording Secretary

### Meeting called to order at 7:10pm

**Public Comments:** None stated

### Old Business:

#### 1. Approval of Minutes-

- a. Note that motions, seconds, nor approvals were added onto the minutes. They will from now on be included as a part of the approved minutes.

-Motion: *Rick Randall*, Second: *Michael Willard*

#### 2. Priority Title Updates and Additions

- a. Priority 6; To Define, Maintain, Improve and Expand Affordable Housing in the Rundberg Area
- b. Priority 7; Identify Scalable Economic Development and Workforce Opportunities in Coordination with Private and Public Sector Stakeholders

The development of new priorities to be reviewed in Priority 1-7 updates. Title changes, priorities and areas of priorities have not changed but have been corrected.

#### 3. Priority 1-7 Updates

- a. *Priority 1 Revitalization of 4 Key Properties*: No new information
- b. *Priority 2 Development of Hybrid Community Center and Healthcare Clinic (presented by Ann Teich)*. Frank Rodrigues explained his pursuit to identify funding to cover the health care needs assessment in the Rundberg area, at this point 70 thousand dollars has been funded and 78 thousand is needed. Studies unable to be done without the proper funding. Working to develop a one-stop health and wellness center. Gaps have been identified to pursue transportation for patients, research underway regarding the possibility of Capital Metro vans that are not being used, but could possibly utilized by local clinics.
- c. *Priority 3 After School Programs for Those 10 yrs. and Older (presented by Roberto Perez)*. Meetings are set for October to reconnect with community resources centers for after school programs. An additional meeting is scheduled for September 9 with Freedom Schools to discuss the different approaches to fund the upcoming summer programs. Freedom school offers a 5 week summer program that focuses on reading fundamentals and provides mentorship/empowers students from low income families who otherwise would not have this advantage.
- d. *Priority 4 Accountability for Housing and Property Code Violations (presented by Dazzie McKelvy)*. A detailed analysis was completed on the Public Information Request (PRIs) that identified the top 3 code compliance offenders in the Rundberg Area. On August 20, the Priority 4 team met with code compliance to identify Mara Vista, Spanish Palms, and Shadow Creek as top repeat offenders. Of the three, Mara Vista is the only one without enough complaints to meet the requirement of the City of Austin's ordinance for them to be on the repeat offenders list. It will be posted on the next updated list in September. The remaining properties continue under observation.
- e. *Priority 5 Homeless Intervention and Prostitution Diversion (presented by Michael Willard)*. On August 5, the Restore Rundberg Team was informed that the property owner of 606 Barwood Park asked Code Compliance and APD to remove the homeless individuals living on the property within 24 hours. The C.A.R.E. Team pulled together and scheduled an outreach for the following day. Representatives from Caritas, ATCIC, Front Steps, VA, ECHO, LifeWorks and Goodwill met to assess the situation and offer assistance with relocation. APD, working with code compliance, was able to negotiate an extension on the evacuation. The team provided some service alternatives to the residences. IT was noted that there is a lack of affordable housing, especially for ex-offenders, active drug users, and persons with mental illness, is clearly lacking in the community.
- f. *Priority 6 To Define, Maintain, Improve and Expand Affordable Housing in the Rundberg Area (presented by Ann Teich)*. Ann Teich gave an update on the lack of affordable housing for individuals in all brackets of income in the Rundberg Area. The next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, September 3 with experts in the field of affordable housing. Liz Mueller (University of Texas), Mandy De Mayo (Housing Works) and the Team; Dr. Mary Jo Hernandez, Michael Willard, Don Shephard, and Ann Teich are examining future steps for the priority's progression. Anyone interested in joining this new priority is welcomed.
- g. *Priority 7 Identify Scalable Economic Development and Workforce Opportunities in Coordination with Private and Public Sector Stakeholder (presented by Cary Roberts)*.

Cary Roberts outlined a priority to create an economic workforce development team to identify economic opportunities with private and public sector stakeholders. These opportunities can link individuals with and optimize unique skills sets. The idea is to communicate positive achievements in the Rundberg Area. Individuals interested can join this newly formed priority.

## **New Business:**

### **4. Grant Positions, HR update**

*Commander Baker announced* introduced the new grant position employees. He gave a brief overview of their duties. (He introduced Kenny Mitchell, a community member that helped with the clean-ups and camp relocation process. Kenny will be Don Shepherd's Lead Designee and Lisa Shepherd will be stepping down).

#### **a. Grant Position, Community Engagement Coordinator**

Nelson Andrade moved to Austin from Michigan 10 years ago. Nelson taught bilingual education, art and after-school programs for AISD, including Wooldridge Elementary in the Rundberg area. He most recently worked as a community field organizer for Nextdoor.com, helping neighbors stay safe and connected. Nelson is happy to be a part of Restore Rundberg and is looking forward to engaging the community and building on the great work that's been going.

#### **b. Grant Position, Administrative Support**

April Gutierrez moved to Austin with her parents to attend Lake Travis High School. April is currently completing her bachelors in Health Care Administration. April worked in the university admissions office, recruiting potential students who were bilingual, and educating them on the University's resources to encourage them to apply. April is excited to be a part of the Restore Rundberg Team and ready to help out in all she can.

### **5. Restore Rundberg additional updates (including Austin City Council Aug 26 Work Session presentation (presented by Commander Donald Baker)**

On Tuesday, August 26, APD Executive Staff, Dr. Springer, Dr. Lauderdale and Ann Teich, presented to Mayor and City Council at City Hall. The presentation emphasized the collaboration with the Restore Rundberg Revitalization Team, various service organizations, and community showing sustainability and improvement within the area. The presentation is now available on city website; <http://www.austintexas.gov/department/city-council/2014/20140828-reg.htm>

### **6. RRRT August 2nd retreat follow-up, Values and Covenant, and RRRT Policies and Procedures (presented by Erica Saenz)**

A subcommittee was formed and will work on the review of the team documents. The covenant is to be posted on Basecamp for open thoughts. The covenant will be reviewed and revised. Each team member will review and sign the completed document.

### **7. APD Updates (presented by DR unit)**

*Research initiatives for Restore Rundberg*

- a. The Restore Rundberg Apartment Coalition (RRAC) was built to find solutions to problems within the area apartment communities. The Coalition has reached out to

others in the area in effort to build a strong alliance. RRAC started with 3 complexes and has grown to 14 with room for expansion. The coalition is building stronger relationships with the apartment management, residence, police, and surrounding community.

- b. Mobile Walking Beat (MWB), is in place to help engage the community, it has pointed out a need for officers in the area. MWB consists of 8 officers and a supervisor using high visibility presence and a quality over quantity approach. MWB officers are tasked with making connections with business owners, residents and children in the area and collecting social and criminal intelligence. The Mobile Walking Beat has conducted 55 operations, made 5,500 contacts, and distributed approximately 2,200 Restore Rundberg pamphlets. In addition, the unit distributed Victim Assistance Information pamphlets. During the hours that MWB officers were on the streets, there were zero violent crimes committed in the 3 hotspots. The new added hours provides more coverage and allows officers to engage a variety of citizens in their community.

**8. UT Research Updates** *(presented by Dr. Springer)*

- a. Analyses on the crime data of the three hot spots from the year 2013 to present revealed a decline in calls for service in all three areas, with a significant drop in hot spot 2 (Sam Rayburn area). There hasn't been a spike or displacement in or within the hotspots even with the coalitions in operation. In a recent meeting with officers and UT, staff decided increase efforts with the MWB in Hot Spots 1 and 3 while still remaining in Hot Spot 2. We are continuing to track arrest reports and calls for service.
- b. UT Students, accompanied by officers, will begin to go door-to-door to taking surveys and gaining perspectives from the people in the community. The results will be tracked over time for comparison. These projects are projected to star in September.
- c. Project Photo Boys a program that gave cameras to immigrant middle school students allowing them to document their lives. The program proved successful and UT hopes to show this at and upcoming meeting. In the fall, this project will be replicated with Launch Pad, focusing on refugee and immigrant children. A group of UT students will continue to assist by providing leadership and support.

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

a. Next Revitalization Team Meeting

11am, Thursday, September 11 at Community Care Health Centers, 1210 W Braker Lane

b. Next Community Meeting

7pm, Thursday, September 25 at Settlement Home, 1607 B Colony Creek Drive

**Meeting adjourned: 8:38PM**