

Restore Rundberg Community Meeting-September 25th

Location: Settlement Home for Children, 1607 B Colony Creek Drive

Date: September 25th, 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 Powers (Place 2)

Kenny Mitchell (Place 3), Designee

Julia Foree (Place 3), Designee

Brian Almon (Place 4)

Monica Guzman (Place 5)

Roberto Martinez (Place 7)

Patricia Zavala (Place 8)

Michael Willard (Place 10)

Lt. Allen McClure (Place 11), Designee

Virginia Almond (Place 12), Designee

Mary Jo Hernandez (Place 13)

Laura Pressley (Place 13), Designee

Tabor White (APD), Officer

Rafael Kianes (APD), Officer

Nelson Andrade (APD), Community Engagement
Coordinator

June Lujan (APD), Administrative Supervisor

Michelle Menchaca (APD), Recording Secretary

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

Public Comments:

- a. *Community Member 1* (Monica Guzman, Designee Place 5)-Would like for the team to invite and make the community more aware of the meetings.
- b. *Community Member 2*-(Mary Rudig, NACA) A clean-up was held at Wooldridge Elementary. The money used to fund the clean-up came from the North by North Austin (NXNA) Garden Tour in 2013. The tour raised \$4,900. Next year the NXNA wants to raise the money for Parks and seek grants to assist in clean-ups and renovations.

Old Business:

1. Approve Minutes

- a. *Approval for the minutes* from the Community Meeting from August 28th with the correction of the word *corrected* to *updated* in Priority Title Additions. Section B.
-Motion: *Michael Willard*, Second: *Brian Almon*

2. **RRT Retreat Follow-Up, Values and Covenant-Presented by Erica Saenz , Place 6 Chairman**
 - a. *A retreat was held August 2nd to develop a covenant and team building.*
 - b. *The covenant has been received with shared with the team for approval and review.*
 - c. *A revised draft will be presented at the next Team Meeting*

3. **RRT Policies and Procedures: Document Review and Discuss Need for Additional Meeting/Review-Presented by Erica Saenz, Place 6 Chairman**
 - a. *There have been proposed revisions to the Restore Rundberg Team Policy and Procedures document which was uploaded to Base Camp.*
 - b. *A meeting will be put in place to discuss and phase in the recommended changes.*
 - c. *Those outside the team interested in the revision of the document can use the thread link on Base Camp or contact Erica Saenz at ericasaenz@austin.utexas.edu or Roberto Perez at robertoperez_jr@yahoo.com*

4. **Update on Proposed Draft Resolution Presented to City Council on September 25th 2014- Presented by Erica Saenz, Place 6 Chairman**
 - a. *It was decided at the last Team Meeting more information is needed before presentation to City Council. At this time it cannot be supported or rejected.*

5. **Priority 1- Revitalization of 4 Key Properties- No new updates were given. The time was re-allotted to the neighborhood surveys and The Voice Project. Presented by Dr. Paula Yuma, and UT Grad Students Annie Baucom and Shubhada Saxena**
 - a. *Dr. Paula Yuma presented: A team of UT students went door to door in the Sam Rayburn Hotspot Area. The community was responsive and 32 surveys were completed; the goal is 500. The door to door interaction will be continued but help is needed from the Revitalization Team and the community. The AISD schools are reviewing the surveys to possibly aide in dissemination by sending them home with students for the parents to fill out. The survey has launched online: www.survey.utexas.edu/rundberg There is a push for a data analysis in December of the results on hand. The UT graduation students will begin a process survey and will contact the Revitalization Team for interviews.*
 - b. *UT Grad Students Annie Baucom and Shubhada Saxena presented: A 9 week project titled the Voice Project that was held at Dobie Middle School with Launchpad. It involved providing the participating youth with a camera and allowing them to show their point of view of the area they live in through pictures. The students showed pictures of their community issues including pollution, high uncut grass, gang activity, tagging and criminal mischief. The Voice Project was featured on FOX News.*

6. **Priority 2- Development of Hybrid Community Center and Healthcare Clinic-Presented by Dr. Mary Jo Hernandez, Place 13**
 - a. *The Restore Rundberg Team Health Care Priority received a "Hats OFF Award" from the Latino Healthcare Forum for service and dedication to the community.*

b. *Please see the attached detailed report from Dr. Hernandez for detailed information.*

7. Priority 3 -After School Programs for Those 10 yrs. and Older-Presented by Roberto Perez, Place 14, Co-Chair

- a. *The Freedom School is a 6 week program that emphasizes reading. The goal is to serve 50-60 children. A meal and snacks are provided each day.*
- b. *A meeting was held with the operators of the East Austin Freedom School. A budget of \$67,000 is needed to operate next summer. The books needed are Spanish and English editions resulting in a slight price increase. The fundraising has started along with a search for possible grants.*
- c. *There will be a planning meeting for the summer projects Thursday, October 9th, 8am at Amaya's Taco Village.*

8. Priority 4 -Accountability for Housing and Property Code Violations-Presented by Laura Pressley, Designee Place 13

- a. *Priority 4 has started to work with Code Compliance to increase activity in the Rundberg Area. Laura Pressley, Linda Krueger, Dazzie McKelvy, Ann and Randy Teich submitted a Public Information Request (PIR) for the last 2 years of violation data in the area. There is an issue with being able to accurately track data. Code Compliance does not have an electronic system to enter and process the violations in a timely manner.*
- b. *A "Repeat Offender" ordinance was passed last October for the frequent offenders of code noncompliance. The goal is to analyze and establish if there are any frequent offenders in the area. 8 violations were shown for the Mira Vista Apartments and they will be placed in the program. Once on the list the management will be more proactive to avoid additional fines.*
- c. *Feedback was given to City Council for the need to fund an electronic system to record the data for Code Compliance. Current Excel worksheets and Pdfs are not meeting the standards set forth in the ordinance.*

9. Priority 5 -Homeless Intervention and Prostitution Diversion-Presented by Michael Williard, Place 10

- a. *There were attempts to clear out 606 Barwood Lane, which has had a number of camps. The workgroup is meeting with the IDEA Schools, purchasers the property behind Showplace Lanes. Construction will start at that property after the first of the year. The workgroup will work with the school to clear the camps existing in that vicinity reducing the criminal element.*
- b. *The City of Austin is in process of developing a prostitution court, to provide alternative sentencing. The process is slated for the beginning of next year.*

10. Priority 6 -To Define, Maintain, Improve and Expand Affordable Housing in the Rundberg Area-Presented by Monica Guzman, Designee Place 5

- a. *A meeting was held Friday, September 19th. RRT were represented by Ann and Randy Teich and settled on 2 tentative focuses: Finding housing for the chronically*

homeless in the Restore Rundberg Area and finding a multi-family property that can be rehabilitated.

- b. The group will meet again in the next few weeks to discuss the focuses areas and determine if that is the direction to proceed in.

11. Priority 7 Identify Scalable Economic Development and Workforce Opportunities in Coordination with Private and Public Sector Stakeholder

- a. Due to constraint presentation withheld.

12. Discussion of November and December Community Meeting Updates

- a. Due to the pending holidays in the same weeks as the community meetings. There will be a joint meeting for the Community and Team. Dates and locations will be announced in the near future.

New Business:

13. Grant Admin Position, April Gutierrez Resignation and Reposting Update

- a. April Gutierrez has resigned from the grant administrative position.
- b. Kyran Fitzgerald is in process of reposting the position. The new posting will be more specific in the requirements.
- c. The idea is to have the position filled by the end of October.

Next Meetings- All welcomed to join.

- a. Next Revitalization Team Meeting
7-8:30pm, Thursday, October 9th Community Care Health Centers, 1210 W. Braker Lane
- b. Next Community Meeting
7-8:30pm, Thursday, October 23rd at YMCA, 1000 W. Rundberg Ln

Meeting adjourned: 8:40PM