

RESTORE RUNDBERG COMMUNITY MEETING

OCTOBER 23, 2014 - 7:00PM,

YMCA, 1000 W. RUNDBERG LANE

Attendees Present:

Erica Saenz (Place 6), Chairman

Roberto Perez Jr. (Place 14), Co-Chair

Linda Powers (Place 2)

Julia Foree (Place 3), Designee

Brian Almon (Place 4)

Anne Teich (Place 5)

Eva Marroquin (Place 8) Designee

Rick Randall (Place 9)

Michael Willard (Place 10)

Lt. Allen McClure (Place 11), Designee

Mary Jo Hernandez (Place 13)

Sgt. Keith Bazzle (APD)

Adam Soliz (APD), Officer

Tabor White (APD), Officer

Paul Balsuto, (APD) Walking Beat Officer

Tuwan Kim (APD) Walking Beat Officer

Nelson Andrade (APD), Community Engagement
Coordinator

June Lujan (APD), Recording Secretary

Public Comments:

1. New visitors asked that the board introduce themselves and what group their position represented.
2. Monica Guzmán (Designee – Place 5) distributed Cover Texas Now! postcards for completion and subsequent remittance to the Texas State Legislature in support of expanded Medicaid coverage.

Old Business:

- Approve Minutes – A motion was made by Roberto Perez and seconded by Anne Teich. The minutes were accepted including 1 abstention, without changes.
- Update on Grant Admin Position – Lt. Allen McClure noted the administrative position had received 30+ applicants to date and should receive more before closing on October 31st.
- Follow-up on approved RRRT Covenant – Erica Saenz gave a brief update on the covenant approved at the last meeting. She asked that members and designees who had not yet signed please do so.
- RRRT Policies and Procedures document review, discussion and voting – Discussion over proposed changes to the policy and procedures document received input from several team members. A final version of the document was nominated for acceptance by Rick Randall and seconded by Anne Teich. An additional amendment for the inclusion of designees to meet the same requirements as the Representative that they support was added. A motion to allow for the change was made by Roberto Perez, and seconded by Brian Almon. See Attachment A.

- Priority 1 -Revitalization of 4 Key Properties – The UT Research Team will be making a presentation at the December meeting on this topic.
- Priority 2 – Initiative to Improve Healthcare in the Rundberg Area – Dr. Hernandez met with Capital Metro again about the need for bus stop and route improvements. Cap Metro does not have the funding to make all necessary improvements at this time but will meet with her group again to prioritize both items. They also are working with nonprofits to sell bus passes at a reduced price in order to aid the poor. A plan was distributed on the Rundberg Health Initiative Plan. It includes funding requests for social needs.
- Priority 3 - After School Programs for youth 10 yrs. and Older – Roberto Perez is working with the Freedom school to gain letters of support for funding or grants to raise the \$70,000 needed to open a school in the Rundberg area.
- Priority 4 - Accountability for Housing and Property Code Violations – It was addressed by Linda Powers that the team is still waiting for confirmation that the apartment complex Mira Vista is placed on the Code Compliance’s Frequent Offenders List. City Council is looking at a resolution to speed the process of bringing offenders to court faster. The city is also planning meetings that will allow neighborhood contacts to meet and discuss issues.
- Priority 5 - Homeless Intervention and Prostitution Diversion – Erica announced that there is a presentation on this topic scheduled for November. The National Church Residencies have selected Rundberg area for development of a site for the homeless housing. They will work with organizations to finalize plans.
- Priority 6 - To Define, Maintain, Improve and Expand Affordable Housing in the Rundberg Area – Anne Teich reported the group is working to educate the population of the availability of affordable housing ranging for homes from low income through middle class.
- Priority 7 - Identify Scalable Economic Development and Workforce Opportunities in Coordination with Private and Public Sector Stakeholder - There will be a meeting on November 5th among local business resources to look for opportunities to invest and support economic growth in the Rundberg area.

New Business:

- Nelson will be the contact for those individuals who would like to volunteer to work on any of the Restore Rundberg Workgroups.
- Team and Community meetings are combined for the months November and December. The December meeting will also have pot luck dinner.
- There will be a clean-up at Payton Gin and Galewood on Saturday October 25th beginning at 10 am.

- An announcement was made for a grant funded mural on area diversity possibly could be painted on the side of the Lamar HEB. The mural project will be known as the Revive Rundberg Community Event and include the use of local art students.

Next Meetings:

- Combined Community & Team Meeting; November 13th, 7-8:30p. Dobie Middle School, 1200 E. Rundberg Ln.
- Combined Community & Team Meeting; December 11th, 7-8:30p. Jaime Padron Elementary, 2011 W. Rundberg Ln.