Restore Rundberg February 25, 2016 Revitalization Team meeting minutes

The meeting took place at Gethsemane Lutheran Church.

*Call to order: 6:35 pm.*

**Attendees:**

Restore Rundberg Revitalization Team: City of Austin Neighborhood Planning representative Ming Chu, North Lamar/Georgian Acres Neighborhood Planning Area representative Monica Guzmán, North Austin Civic Association Neighborhood Planning Area representative Randy Teich, Higher Education representative Erica Saenz, Immigrant Community representative Abel Soto Lopez, Caritas of Austin Housing Stability Specialist Rebecca Cohn, sitting in for the Affordable Housing/Homelessness Prevention representative Jo-Kathryn Quinn, Austin Police Region 2 District Representatives Lieutenant Kevin Leverenz, sitting in for Public Safety representative Commander Donald Baker, Community Health representative Aida Cerda-Prazak, African/African American; Asian/Asian American; Hispanic/Latino; or Indigenous Leadership representative Roberto Pérez Jr.

Refugee Services of Texas: David Fairchild

Austin Voices for Education and Youth: Chadima Abrego

Council on At-Risk Youth: Amber Sarpy, Denisse Plotycia-Pinzon

Catholic Charities of Central Texas: Teresa Cox

Caritas of Austin: Sarah Wagner

Settlement Home for Children: Jacob Huereca

Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid: Shoshana Krieger

University of Texas: Martin do Nascimento, Amory Baril

Latino Healthcare Forum: Chelsea Brass

Strong Side: Courtney Seals

Austin Police Department: Lieutenant Allen McClure, Officer Frank Wilson, Officer Ray Kianes, Cécile Fandos

Heritage Hills neighborhood association: Rachel Pry

Georgian Acres neighborhood association: Julia Foree

North Austin Civic Association: Emily Ardolino, Jonathan Park

Gethsemane Lutheran Church: Karl Gronberg

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* **January meeting minutes** were approved.
* **Revitalization Team election**

At Restore Rundberg Revitalization Team Chair Erica Saenz's invitation, applicants Rachel Pry, David Fairchild, Randy Teich and Roberto Perez introduce themselves.

The Chair then reminded that anyone who wants to volunteer is welcome on the Revitalization Team.

While Lieutenant Leverenz was tallying the votes for places 2 (Heritage Hills/Windsor Hills Neighborhood Planning Area), 4 (North Austin Civic Association Neighborhood Planning Area), 7, 14, 15 (African/African American; Asian/Asian American; Hispanic/Latino; or Indigenous Leadership), and 9 (Faith based Community), Chair Erica Saenz announced that she was ready to pass on the Chair position and asked which Revitalization Team members had an interest in becoming officers, but the group decided to wait until the next month before proceeding to an officers election, so that all Revitalization Team seat elections are completed first.

Results:

* + Rachel Pry is the new Heritage Hills/Windsor Hills Neighborhood Planning Area representative.
  + Randy Teich is reelected as the North Austin Civic Association Neighborhood Planning Area representative.
  + Roberto Pérez is reelected as an African/African American; Asian/Asian American; Hispanic/Latino; or Indigenous Leadership representative (at place 7), and David Fairchild and Antonio Ramirez are elected at places 14 and 15 (also African/African American; Asian/Asian American; Hispanic/Latino; or Indigenous Leadership representatives).
  + Michelle Fleming is elected as the new Faith-based Community representative.
* **Restore Rundberg brochure**

The Restore Rundberg brochure has been updated and translated to Spanish and French by Community Engagement Coordinator Cécile Fandos.

Discussion about the other languages the brochure should be translated in order to enable reaching out to as many community members as possible. “The demographics have already been done,” said Restore Rundberg Revitalization Team member Monica Guzmán. “Both Spanish and English versions should be made readily available. The next most important language is Vietnamese, and Arabic and Burmese are next.”

David Fairchild volunteered his organization, Refugee Services of Texas, to translate to Arabic and Burmese.

* **Revitalization Team priorities updates**
  + **Healthcare**

Aida Cerda-Prazak informed the group that the Burnet Middle School food pantry officially opened on Tuesday, with donated refrigerators, and after Boys and Girls Scouts painted the portable that hosts it in the fall. It needs volunteers, especially to enable to open from 10 am to 2 pm on Saturdays.

The Healthcare workgroup also just had meeting with the Brighter Bites nonprofit. Jaime Padron Elementary, Dobie Pre-K, and Walnut Creek Elementary already applied to their program and will hopefully get healthy foods to feed their students.

*Adjourn 7:17 pm.*