# **Restore Rundberg Community Meeting**

The Settlement Home

1607 Colony Creek Dr

August 27, 2015

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

***Call to order: 7:07pm***

**In Attendance**

Team Members & Designees: Ming Chu, Monica Guzmán, Roberto Perez, Linda Powers, Aida Cerda-Prazak, Jo Kathryn Quinn, Rick Randall, Cary Roberts, Erica Saenz, Ann Teich, Randy Teich

APD: Baker, Ballesteros, Bazzle, Kianes, Leverenz, McClure, Soliz, White

UT: Byrd, Hernandez, Springer

**New Business**

**APD Air Support Discussion**

WuthipongTantaksinanukij, with the APD Air Support Unit, described the role of the air support. He indicated that they handle a variety of calls, including assisting with pursuits, missing adults, and missing children. By deploying a helicopter, APD aims to increase safety by avoiding officer pursuits and avoid officer or community harm. The police department created a twitter account, @Austin\_police, using #whatthehelicopter to provide updates to the community regarding air assists and deployment in the area. Proximity from the airport and designated areas for air traffic may be resulting in the appearance of higher traffic compared to other areas. When air support is flying in the area, they recommend residents stay inside and turn on porch and other outside lights. If it is identified that a perpetrator is being pursued in someone’s backyard, it is requested that residents call 911 to enable officers to be dispatched to the location. To identify what crimes are taking place in the area, residents can also go to the city webpage for APD, to view the crime trends and stats.

**Council on At-Risk Youth (CARY) and Rundberg Educational Advancement District (READ)**

* Cécile Fandos was introduced as the new APD Community Engagement Coordinator for Restore Rundberg. She is French with Latin origins and has lived in Rundberg for the last year. She has experience as a community builder, journalist, and has worked with isolated immigrant populations. She will be working closely with the RRR Team, CARY, and with the APD District Representatives (DRs), with the focus of managing community engagement and social media.
* READ: APD DR Ray Kianes reported that READ will be getting T-shirts for Fall 2015. It is planned that on the front, the shirt print will read, “We are Rundberg”. On the back, the print will read, “Rundberg Educational Advancement District” and will include the logo that the students created. READ is currently trying to identify a way to fund the T-shirts; either GoFundMe or local business support. The headcount includes 4,000 students, at $4-$8 per T-shirt, depending on style.
* CARY: Shana Fox (grant manager/writer), Amber Sarpy (Dobie youth advisor), Melissa Axton (Lanier youth advisor), and Denisse Plotycia (Barrington and Hart youth advisor), reported that the Council on At-Risk Youth would be going into the four different schools and identifying at-risk students, struggling with disciplinary issues and aggression. Students will be placed into groups focused on empathy, social skills, anger management, individual counseling, and case management which includes family referrals. Students are participating in Anger Replacement Training (ART) which is an evidenced-based tool. CARY has found that 85% of students involved after a year are reducing incidents at school, 50% are showing improvement in attendance, 70% are showing improvement in grades. CARY will also be providing after school and summer programs as a result of identifying this high risk period of time for students. Summer camps will be available for eligible students, projecting for the first session to be available during Summer 2016.

**Austin Community Tree Program in Heritage Hills/Windsor Hills**

Ming Chu shared information about the Austin Community Tree (ACT) program. Neighborhood tree planting will be available for eligible properties and complexes. Flyers are available for residents to apply on Sept. 12, from 8am-12pm. Volunteers are still needed for distribution of the trees and assistance with a block walk to put out door hangers at residences. Registration may be completed online. On Saturday, October 17, from 8am-12pm, volunteers will go out and place stakes in the yards, identifying where large and small trees should be placed. Trees are scheduled to be delivered on Friday, October 23 and Saturday, October 24.

**University of Texas/APD Presentation of Hot Spot 4**

Commander Donald Baker, APD, and Dr. David Springer, UT, presented the addition of a fourth hot spot, which is scheduled to be included in the mobile walking beat starting in September 2015. Meetings with key stakeholders, tracking and analysis of crime data (both property and violent crimes), and a team consisting of APD, residents, and the UT research team helped inform the need for the expansion of the mobile walking beat and the creation of Hot Spot 4. The parameters of the hot spot will include back property lines along Powell including the warehouse district, leading out to IH-35. It will also include fro Georgian down toward IH-35 including Wonsley and Gessner. There are plans to inform City Council of the efforts of crime reduction and subsequent data that result from implementation in the four hot spots.

**Community Engagement Enhancement Updates & Announcements**

* Alyssa Byrd was introduced by Aida Cerda-Prazak- Alyssa, a UT pre-med student, will be assisting the Healthcare Work Group.
* Nancy Chan, from Austin Code’s Neighborhood Enhancement Team (NET), identified the 7 working groups (Crime/Nuisance Abatement, Public Safety/Structures-Land, Interdepartmental Working, Code/Austin Resource Recovery, Health/Community Care, Housing the Hardest to Serve, Economic Development) aligned with the Restore Rundberg Priorities are continuing to meet and identify goals to support the resources already identified in the Rundberg area. NET aims to survey the Rundberg area with the use of a Property Condition Index (PCI), to give each property a rating and use the index to resurvey the area following implementation of interventions identified by the working groups. NET outreach and communication with the community is still being planned and updates will be provided regularly at future Restore Rundberg Community Meetings.
* Rundberg Rockstar: Lee (last name not given) was honored as the Rundberg Rockstar. Aida reported he picks up trash along Rutland in the mornings. When approached about his exemplary community volunteer work, he indicated he did not want to be acknowledged at the Community Meeting.

**Public Comments**

* Robert Doggett, attorney from Texas RioGrande Legal Aid discussed his efforts to represent the North Lamar Resident Association, which is composed of 69 lots, with residents within the North Lamar Mobile Home Park in NACA. He identified it was recently purchased by a Colorado-based entity which has been causing problems for tenants. Issues include rent and lease terms being changed prior to leases expiring and unreasonable increases in rent. Texas RioGrande Legal Aid is interested in input from the community to better represent tenants in the area and address the legal issues and affordable housing rights of those tenants. Future interests include addressing other rental conditions where there is neglect of buildings, and poorly maintained properties that pose health and safety issues for the residents.

**Upcoming Events**

* September 12- Dobie Middle School Beautification Project, 8:00am-12pm.
500 volunteers are scheduled to attend and more are welcomed
* September 12- NET Brownie Drive Clean-up Event, 9:00am-12:00pm.

***Adjourn: 8:35pm***

**Next Meeting**

Restore Rundberg Revitalization Team (6:30 – 7:00 p.m.)

and Community (7:00 – 8:30 p.m.) Meetings

September 24, 2015

Guerrero-Thompson Elementary School

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