Restore Rundberg Revitalization Team Meeting

CommUnityCare North Central Health Center

1210 W Braker Ln

July 9, 2015

11am-12:30pm

Call to order 11:10

*Attendance*

Team Members & Designees:

Monica Guzmán

Roberto Perez

Rick Randall

Erica Saenz

Melinda Schiera – designee Place 4

In Attendance:

Jeffrey Travillion, City of Austin

Observers:

Nancy Chan

Myrtle Carter

Sherwynn Patton, Life Anew

Don Arntz

APD: Baker, Wilson, Bazzle, Kianes

UT: Marshall, Yuma by phone

I. Public Comment

Don Arntz volunteered to give a presentation in a community meeting in the future.

Sherwynn Patton and Myrtle Carter reported their presence to represent restorative justice efforts in the area. S. Patton works with Life Anew and restorative justice which he described as using a relational approach to addressing harm. Myrtle Carter works in Restorative Justice in Austin Independent School District (AISD). S. Patton and M. Carter were in attendance to learn more about Restore Rundberg in hopes of future participation and collaboration.

II. Priority Updates

*Priority 1 – Revitalization of Key Properties*

The Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) workshop for the Restore Rundberg area took place on June 27. M. Guzmán reported that no interpreter was at the event, even though one was scheduled to be there. Fortunately no interpreter was needed. Overall, M. Guzmán reported that the workshop was successful and well attended. A report on the ABCD workshop will be an agenda item for the next community meeting.

J. Travillion reported that CAN would like to pursue future trainings, and expressed interest in the City funding more educational opportunities to strengthen the community.

E. Saenz reported that the University of Texas would likely be willing to participate in support of these efforts.

*Priority 2 – Healthcare Access – M. Guzmán on behalf of Aida Cerda-Prazak*

The Latino HealthCare Forum was seeking a letter of support from the Asian American Quality of Life Commission. Latino HealthCare Forum is meeting with Council Member Casar on August 3, and going before Health and Human Services on August 5.

*Priority 3 – Afterschool Programs / Youth Services – Roberto Perez*

No update from the workgroup.

*Priority 4 – Code Compliance*

No update from the workgroup.

*Priority 5* – *Homelessness and Prostitution Intervention*

Dr. Yuma reported that before the next community meeting on July 23 at 5:30pm there will be a meeting with residents from the Georgian and Powell area and APD & UT representatives to discuss potential neighborhood approaches to discourage prostitution activity.

The following morning, July 24 at 9:30 am, neighborhood officers, city officials, the UT team and interested community members will do a built environment assessment in Hotspot 4.

Last week UT and APD held a meeting with Gretta Gardner and Lori Cook-Heffron to understand other efforts to address prostitution in the Central Texas area. Jennifer Hernandez is researching other agencies in the area addressing prostitution to provide APD officers with resources in the community.

*Priority 6 - Housing Affordability*

Service Learning project with UT:

J. Travillion reported that Code officers took 6 students out on a ride along for code enforcement and that the students learned a lot. The students are in Dr. Cal Streeter’s social work class and are working on a matrix for rehab able housing (incl: property address, owner, and history of code violations) which will be made available to the workgroup at the end of the summer term.

III. New Business

*Review of June Minutes*

The team reviewed the June minutes and M. Guzmán noted that healthcare should be one word in Latino HealthCare Forum, and R. Randall should be added to attendance. Commander Baker motioned to approve them with the changes identified by the group, Rick Randall seconded the motion. Place 4 abstained, all others in favor.

*Team and Community Meeting Schedule*

Chair Saenz asked if it is necessary to wait longer to consider this issue. The team decided a quorum with who has already voted on Basecamp and in person today. Commander Baker stated that if the separate team business needs to be addressed then the Team can meet 30 minutes prior to the standard meeting time. If possible the business will be addressed during the community meeting. If there is sufficient need for additional meeting time then special meeting can be called. The meeting schedule moving forward will be held on the 4th Thursday of every month.

D. Baker motioned to approve and Rick Randall seconded the motion.

*HopeFest*

HopeFest is held by Austin Voices for Education. M. Guzmán stated that although Reagan is not in the grant area, several of the schools that feed into Reagan are in the grant area. There is a suggested donation of 25$ to table. This is the 10th anniversary of HopeFest. HopeFest is held October 17 and registration for exhibitors is ongoing.

E. Saenz suggested providing a one-page document in Spanish and English. M. Guzmán seeks to include neighborhood associations in the document. M. Guzmán reported that the majority of people at the event are Spanish-speakers and so emphasized the need for bilingual volunteers.

M. Guzmán identified two reasons to be present at the event: educate the community on what Restore Rundberg is doing, as well as connecting community members to ongoing efforts in which they can get involved.

E. Saenz volunteered to register for the event, UT will pay registration.

J. Travillion suggested that working together with all departments for representation in-person or in literature will be a good way to show the collaboration across disciplines present in Restore Rundberg efforts.

IV. Other Business

E. Saenz asked for some discussion of the new position posted on APD for community outreach. D. Baker reported that the post has had little response so it has been reposted to allow for 20-40 hours per week. D. Baker reported that only 2 applicants had been processed but that Kyran Fitzgerald would be able to provide more detailed information.

R. Randall reported that The Art of Neighboring is an initiative to get church members to connect to their neighbors. Currently 400 churches are participating. The sermon series begins in September.

V. Final Comments

M. Guzmán updated on social media efforts and invited participation from the team to support social media efforts.

J. Travillion reported that there will be coordination efforts among working clusters across departments which align well with Restore Rundberg Revitalization priorities. J. Travillion reported that he will make efforts to connect working clusters to priority workgroups.

N. Chan asked how to get on basecamp. E. Saenz reported that an email should be sent to Cary to get access to basecamp.

***Meeting adjourned by chair at 12:12pm.***

**Next Meeting:**

Restore Rundberg Community Meeting

Little Walnut Creek Branch

835 W Rundberg Ln

July 23, 2015

7pm-8:30pm

Anm:MG:kb