Minutes: Restore Rundberg Community Meeting

Settlement Home

June 25, 2015

7:00pm-8:30pm

Call to Order: 7:00

*Attendance*

Team Members & Designees:

Aida Cerda-Prazak

Ming Chu

Donald Baker

Monica Guzmán

Roberto Perez

Linda Powers

Ann Teich

Jo Kathryn Quinn, designee for Michael Willard

APD: Baker, Bazzle, Soliz

UT: Marshall, Springer, Yuma

I. Priority Updates

*Priority 1 – Revitalization of Key Properties*

No update from the workgroup.

*Priority 2 – Healthcare Access – Aida Cerda-Prazak*

On Monday June 22 the Priority members met with the Latino HealthCare Forum. They are seeking to fund the 2nd phase of their work, a community health improvement plan. They hope to create a Community Innovation Zone in the geographic region from the YMCA to Gus Garcia Rec Center. They have support from Council Member Casar and continue to seek funding.

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

Roberto shared a brief video on the 2015 Texas Environmental Excellence Award Winner, Riley Sanders (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tuu0y5Vogbg>). Riley is an Eagle Scout who worked with Robert Martinez on building a rain garden at Dobie Middle School. Students and faculty from the school assisted with the garden and learned from the process. Another garden was just installed at the Bertha Sadler Means Young Women’s Leadership Academy.

Ann Teich recently became aware of the Police Activities League (PALs) at Kealing Middle School. She inquired about possibly expanding the program into the Rundberg area.

Donald Baker reported that APD recently recruited a coach from the Austin Spurs to help with the youth basketball league. He was recruited by the Phoenix Suns and could not stay in the position. The 10 hours previously assigned to that position may be reassigned to the community engagement coordinator position that is currently open and posted on APD’s website.

*Priority 4 – Code Compliance – Randy Teich*

Priority 4 is looking for new team members. The workgroup will be using the UT Law School report as a working document for guiding their work with Austin Code, who they plan to have a close partnership with.

Priority 5 – Homelessness and Prostitution

No update from the workgroup.

Commander Baker reported that APD has been working with Metro TAC on an enforcement initiative in the grant area. They conducted an enforcement intervention this week and six arrests were made.

Travis County is developing a Prostitution Diversion Court that may become a helpful resource.

*Priority 6 - Housing Affordability, Ann Teich*

Ann Teich reported that Dr. Streeter’s students are working on matrix of properties in the grant area in need of rehabilitation. The workgroup will be reviewing the results to prioritize the properties and discuss rehabilitation with the owners. They are meeting in August with Councilmember Ora Huston to discuss housing affordability and continue to meet with Council Member Casar.

The work on Priority 6 aligns with the Latino Health Care Forum’s work, as housing affordability is a component of their needs assessment and their community health improvement plan.

*Priority 7 – Economic Development*

No update.

II. New Business

*Review of April and May Minutes*

The team reviewed the April and May minutes and Linda Powers motioned to approve them with the changes identified by the group. Monica Guzmán seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Randy Teich has volunteered to take over for Brian Almon as the representative from NACA. Melinda Schiera will serve as his designee.

Commander Baker motioned to approve and Aida Cerda-Prazak seconded the motion. All were in favor.

*UT Research Team Update*

Dr. Yuma showed a portion of the recent news story on KXAN (<http://kxan.com/2015/06/18/10-percent-drop-in-crime-in-rundberg-area/>) and clarified that the 10% reduction in crime reported by the reporter in the story was a short term reduction in Part II crimes, and was only one of many data points shared with the reporter. Dr. Yuma sent the reporter a clarification.

Based on the data shared with the Team in April and subsequent evaluation of the crime data the UT research team recommended a 4th hotspot around the intersection of Georgian and Powell. APD agreed and is beginning planning for the hotspot. APD is meeting next week with Gretta Gardner, Chair of the Austin/Travis County Family Violence Task Force and Laurie Holleran-Steiker with the UT Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence to understand other programs underway in the Austin / Travis County area.

Survey collection through AISD ended with the end of the school year. An additional 256 surveys were collected and will be analyzed with the surveys collected in Fall 2014.

*D4 Pride Social Media Coalition*

Monica reported that the D4 initiative is alive and well on Facebook. The three administrators for the page are Monica Guzmán , Patricia Zavala and Sharon Mays. There is also a Twitter account for the effort. The group last met in April.

The initiative needs more assistance and Monica is requesting a volunteer as a co-leader, or for the team to rotate leadership. There may be an opportunity for the community to engage as well, including members of the community who are not members of the Revitalization Team. There is still a disparity in digital literacy in the Rundberg area and Monica feels it is important to begin to bridge that gap. She asked for volunteers to get in touch with her.

*Asset-based Community Development (ABCD) Workshop*

The ABCD Workshop will be taking place on Saturday and more participants are still welcome.

Hope Fest 2015 will take place at Reagan High School on October 17 – Monica would like the Team to discuss having a table there. Need to be sure we have bilingual volunteers

*Housekeeping*

* Ann Teich brought up that lags in infrastructure are creating problems with agenda development for the meetings. The Team needs to be sure that requests for presentations at the meetings are confirmed so that they can let presenters know in a timely matter.

Bazzle clarified that the cutoff for the meeting is Friday before the meeting and the final agenda is sent out the Monday before the meeting.

Monica is willing to send reminders to the team about getting agenda items in on time.

* The group reopened the discussion of moving to one meeting per month. Roberto will send a poll question on Basecamp to get input from team members.

Ann suggested that if the Team moves to one meeting that the team should meet at 6:30 to get the administrative work completed before the start of the meeting.

* The Team discussed the community engagement coordinator position. The position is posted but has no applicants to date. Ann would like an August agenda item to discuss a full-time, permanent position at the City of Austin for a Community Engagement Coordinator. In the meantime please promote the posting.
* The RFP for Afterschool Programs was awarded to CARY.
* Ann suggested the team continue to recognize successes in the community during the meeting. She thanked Cal Streeter’s students for their work on the housing rehabilitation matrix.

***Adjourn 8:15 pm***

**Next Meeting:**

Restore Rundberg Revitalization Team Meeting

CommUnityCare

1210 West Braker Lane

July 9, 2015

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.