

## Restore Rundberg Combined Team and Community Meeting

Location: 1200 E. Rundberg Lane, Dobie Middle School

Date: November 13, 2014

Start: 1900 (7:00 pm)

End: 2030 (8:30pm)

### Attendees Present:

Erica Saenz (Place 6)-Chairman  
Roberto Perez Jr. (Place 14) – Co Chair  
Laura Pressley (Place 2)-Designee  
Brian Almon( Place 4)  
Ann Teich (Place 5)  
Roberto Martinez (Place 7)  
Patricia Zavala (Place 8)  
Michael Willard (Place 10)  
Cmdr. Donald Baker (Place 11)

Cary Roberts (Place 12)  
Mary Jo Hernandez (Place 13)  
Frank Wilson (APD)-Officer  
Keith Bazzle (APD)-Sgt  
Allen McClure (APD)-LT  
Nelson Andrade (APD)- Community  
Engagement Coordinator  
Michelle Menchaca (APD) – Recording Secretary

### Meeting called to order at 7:12pm

**Public Comments** - None stated.

### Old Business:

1. **Approval of Minutes** – *The minutes* will be reviewed at the next meeting.
2. **Update on Grant Admin Position- Presented by Lt. McClure, Designee Place 11-**
  - a. 51 applicants applied for the Community Engagement Administrative Support Position.
  - b. Kryan Fitzgerald is working with Human Resources on candidate selection for the interview process. Those selected will be interviewed by a panel starting November 24<sup>th</sup>.
3. **Priority 1-Revitalization of 4 Key Properties- Presented by Erica Saenz, Chairman Place 6-**  
*This topic* will be discussed in December by a presentation from Dr. Springer.
4. **Priority 2-Initiative to Improve Healthcare in the Rundberg Area- Presented by Dr. Mary Jo Hernandez, Place 13-**

- a. The Rundberg Health Initiative is being conducted by the Latino Healthcare Forum. It is underway with the mapping of community assets, capacity; community needs assessment, and community leader interviews, that will lead to focus groups.
  - b. A letter asking Central Health for support will be signed by the Restore Rundberg Revitalization Team in requesting participation in the health initiative.
  - c. Oct 24<sup>th</sup> a workgroup was held with Capital Metro in discussion of the transportation problems to reach the Community Care Clinic. Numerous problems were noted: location of bus stops, route frequency, intersections, and pedestrian safety.
  - d. Dr. Hernandez is interested in creating a transportation workgroup to continue to assess and work on the transportation needs. She can be contacted by email: [mjlocker@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mjlocker@sbcglobal.net)
  - e. Erica Saenz will post Dr. Hernandez's notes on Base Camp for further review.
- 5. Priority 3-After School Programs for Youth 10 yrs. and Older- Presented by Erica Saenz, Chairman Place 6 and Roberto Perez Jr., Co-Chair Place 14 –**
- a. There is not an official update at this time but there will be a presentation in December.
  - b. There has been a pause placed on the coordination of programs with the Freedom Schools. That program might take place next summer.
- 6. Priority 4-Accountability for Housing and Property Code Violations-Presented by Laura Presley, Designee Place 2-**
- a. A thank you to the workgroup for all their hard work.
  - b. A public information request was sent to Code Compliance in March and in the summer to obtain records to review complaints in the Rundberg area. Upon review of the records it was found the code compliance department is in need of better software and supportive technology for their documentation.
  - c. Review of the records lead to the Mira Vista properties being placed on the Repeat Offender Program. The offender will be registered for 2 years and display a sign for every 50 units that provides information to contact Code Compliance with issues, there are periodic inspections of the properties, a possible suspension from allowing renters to rent if the incidents aren't corrected, and a failure to follow the rules \$2,000 fine per incident.
  - d. The team will continue to monitor and continue the community policing of the properties.
- 7. Priority 5-Homeless and Prostitution Diversion -Presented by Michael Willard, Place 10-**  
*To get a better* understanding of the homeless in the community guest speakers Dr. Calvin Streeter from the University of Texas Social Work Program and Tracey Fine from the National Church Residences were invited to give insight and solutions to aide in the issue.
- a. Guest Speaker- Dr. Calvin Streeter from the University of Texas Social Work Program presented a snapshot of the homeless population in Austin.
    - Chronically homeless was defined as an individual that has been homeless for year or more or experienced 4 episodes of homelessness in the past 3

years and has a disability. This population is the most expensive to assist due to disabilities, mental health and substance abuse issues.

- The pulse counts in January and July of 2014 reflected a difference of numbers of the homeless population in the Rundberg area. It was believed to be due to the change of cold to warm weather that made shelters numbers higher in January.
  - The lack of subsidized housing in the Austin Area makes it difficult to place individuals in affordable homes. Property owners often do not place their properties for these designations due to the documentation and paperwork necessary to add them to these housing lists.
  - Other programs necessary are: rapid rehousing to assist placing working people in the cusp of homelessness back into housing, permanent supportive housing that centers with supportive services, and housing first that provides housing then helps implements a treatment regimen for success.
- b. Guest Speaker-Tracey Fine from the National Church Residence presented a permanent housing model that is in consideration to establish a development in Austin. Email: [tfine@nationalchurchresidences.org](mailto:tfine@nationalchurchresidences.org)
- The National Church Residence is the largest nonprofit development of senior affordable housing that also has a niche in permanent supportive housing. The model follows housing first priorities, support and blended services.
  - Why is National Church Residences looking at Austin? The city of Austin made a request for proposal for affordable housing and the National Church Residences have submitted an application for their consideration.
  - Proposed- A 90 single bedroom unit building with a single point of entry to monitor, a large first floor community space, social service mgmt., on site case mgmt., employment coordinator, nurse practitioner, and technology training. 12-14 permanent full time employees and to establish community partnerships.

**8. Priority 6-To Define, Maintain, Improve, and Expand Affordable Housing in the Rundberg Area-Presented by Ann Teich, Place 5**

- a. Thank you to Code Compliance for all your hard work.
- b. A presentation of a program at the upcoming January team meeting will focus on an effort that One Voice Central Texas called A Tale of 2 Austins. It is to provide a snapshot of affordable housing needs in Austin.
- c. Priority 6 has a focus to explore affordable housing in the Rundberg area and encourage rental registration for the local landlords and work with Austin realtors.
- d. HUD would prefer to explore other areas of Austin to add affordable housing.

**9. Priority 7-Identify Scalable Economic Development and Workforce Opportunities in Coordination with Private and Public Sector Stakeholder-Presented by Cary Roberts, Place 12-and Anne Teich Place 5**

- a. An economic roundtable was held at the Asian American Cultural Center. There was a diverse and dynamic discussion from team members, City, Capital Planning and Development Office, Cap Metro, members of the Greater Austin Crime Commission, developers, and representatives from engineering companies.
- b. It was concluded that the area has potential for further economic development. There is room for cooperation from all groups to build a better community for the entire the Rundberg Area.
- c. The group would like to meet again to discuss ways of working together for growth.

**New Business:**

**10. Discussions of the Election of Vacant Team Positions- Presented by Erica Saenz, Chairman Place 6-** This topic will be tabled until the December meeting do to time constraints.

**Next Meetings** - All welcomed to join.

- Combined Community & Team Meeting  
December 11<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:30pm, Jamie Padron Elementary, 2011 W Rundberg Ln.

**Meeting adjourned: 8:35PM**