# **­­­­­­­­­Restore Rundberg Revitalization Team Meeting**

The Settlement Home

1607 Colony Creek Drive

October 22, 2015

6:30 – 7:00 p.m.

***Call to order: 6:45pm***

**Attendees:**

Restore Rundberg Revitalization Team and Designees: Aida Cerda-Prazak, Abel Soto-Lopez, Cary Roberts, Monica Guzmán, Donald Baker, Erica Saenz, Melinda Schiera (filling in for Randy Teich), Sarah Wagner (filling in for Jo Kathryn Quinn)

CARY: Deputy Executive Director Shana Fox, Dobie MS youth advisor Amber Sarpy, Barrington and Hart ES youth advisor Denisse Pinzon

APD: Grants Manager Kyran Fitzgerald, Region 2 District Representatives Sergeant Keith Bazzle, Region 2 District Representatives Adam Soliz, Ray Kianes, and Frank Wilson, Police Officers Tuhwan Kim, Jacob Ballesteros, and Cecil Jones,

UT: Restore Rundberg PI Dr. David Springer, Jennifer Hernandez

**Public Comment:**

Catholic Charities of Central Texas Director of Social Services Teresa Cox introduced her agency serving anyone in need by “strengthening families and promoting respect for human dignity and life” in 25 counties.

**Old Business:**

August and September team meeting minutes were approved.

Team Priority Updates

* Priority 1 – Revitalization of Key Properties
* Priority 2 – Healthcare

Restore Rundberg Revitalization Team & Healthcare workgroup member Aida Cerda-Prazak summed up the “fantastic” hackathon organized by Restore Rundberg partner Latino Healthcare Forum she attended as a judge the previous weekend by informing the Revitalization Team that “7 very creative teams came up with most creative apps”. Restore Rundberg Revitalization Team member & Healthcare workgroup co-leader Monica Guzmán gave the example of a tablet app that could be used in a doctor’s office. She said she would introduce this project to a person that could help this pilot become a reality.

* Priority 3 – After School/Youth Services
* Priority 4 – Code Compliance
* Priority 5 – Homelessness Intervention
* Priority 6 – Housing Affordability
* Priority 7 – Economic and Workforce Development

Restore Rundberg Revitalization Team member and Economic and Workforce Development workgroup co-leader Cary Roberts said he had been planning for a second developers forum but had a lot going on, so he was mainly trying to connect initiatives. He also informed the group that Restore Rundberg Revitalization Team co-chair Roberto Perez had expressed interest in joining the workgroup.

Restore Rundberg Revitalization Team chair Erica Saenz indicated priorities for the Eastside of town (including the Rundberg area, but also Colony Park, Dove Springs and other neighborhoods) were about to be announced, by end of year.

* Priority 8 – Prostitution Prevention and Intervention

Telling the group about a major resource fair Restore Rundberg Revitalization Team attended in order to provide healthy snacks and inform about the project, Erica Saenz also said “HopeFest was lovely”. For the 10th year, “families lined up before the festival started at 9:30. The community received the event very well and really benefits from it”.

**New Business**

* Community Engagement
  + Coordinator activity update

Community Engagement Coordinator Cécile Fandos explained that, beyond administrative work, her activity consisted in supporting to creation of communication supports (like the READ T-shirt fundraiser flyer, the Restore Rundberg presentation at Frost Bank, or the Restore Rundberg table drape). But that the bulk of her work in the months of September (when she started) and October focused on creating content for the new Rundberg Educational Advancement District website. “After installing it through the "What's new in the Rundberg Educational District” series (5 articles on the READ schools) and covering READ news like the creation of a new Family Resource Center at Lanier HS, it had >200 visits this month so far (after 139 visits in September), mostly direct traffic,” she informed.

Cécile Fandos also created a Facebook page for READ that reached 65 likes on Saturday, in conjunction to READ's participation to HopeFest, and reached >1,330 persons with a video of Lanier High School homecoming parade that was liked 31 times, shared 6 times and viewed 450 times. She said those results were possible because the page is regularly updated by other READ Communication committee members like Lanier school improvement facilitator Melissa Chan and Harmony Public Schools Communications manager Victoria Stockstill.

The Community Engagement Coordinator also started updating the Restore Rundberg website, resumed posting on the Revitalize blog and sending newsletters, and requested additional changes to City PIO.

As part her work supporting the Austin Police Region 2 District Representatives, she started collecting feedback and contact information from Sam Rayburn residents in order to help them organize to keep their street safe, in partnership with Georgian Acres neighborhood association.

She identified the need for a central point of information for all resources, volunteering & donations opportunities, as well as news & events in the neighborhood, and started gauging interest from Restore Rundberg stakeholders for such a project.

Her supervisor, ADP Grants Manager Kyran Fitzgerald said Restore Rundberg Revitalization Team needed to have its next operations meeting in November.

* + November/December combined meeting plan

Kyran Fitzgerald informed that Restore Rundberg Revitalization Team member Ann proposed to have a meeting/social at Mr. Tramps on that occasion. Owner doesn’t want police in uniform inside the bar nor police cars on its parking lot, so Restore Rundberg Revitalization Team member Donald Baker (Austin Police Region 2 Commander) asked whether they could get a ride from other Revitalization Team members. Decision was made to discuss on Restore Rundberg’s Basecamp to make sure the date and plan are good.

Restore Rundberg Revitalization Team designee Melinda Schiera informed that the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Culture of Health Prize recognizes communities that are ensuring all residents have an opportunity to make healthy choices in their schools, workplaces and neighborhoods. Shana Fox wondered if Restore Rundberg would need a 501c3 status to apply, suggesting CARY could support such an application.

Restore Rundberg Revitalization Team member Abel Soto-Lopez said he checked the Junior Youth Spiritual Empowerment program that presented at last community meeting in person and found it “very organized”. He said it was helping a number of kids, but keeping updates on each one of them and checking up on them.

***Adjourn at 7:08pm***