

Restore Rundberg Community Meeting

The Settlement Home
1607 B Colony Creek Drive
January 22, 2015
7-8:30 pm

Call to Order: 7:08 pm

In Attendance:

Team Members & Designees:

Brian Almon
Aida Cerda-Prazak
David Contreras
Monica Guzman
Dr. Mary Jo Hernandez
Roberto Perez
Gabe Rojas (designee for Ann Teich)
Erica Saenz
Margaret Valenti
Dr. Laura Pressley
Rolando Delgado

APD: Baker, McClure, Andrade, Bazzle, Ortiz, White, Wilson, UT (Yuma)

40 public attendees

Next Thursday City Hall Proclamation about Restore Rundberg 6 pm – all invited (Shelby Alexander, Communications Director from Greg Casar's Office)

New Business:

Priority 1 Update –

Revitalization of Key Properties team is working in conjunction with the Longhorn Center for Community Engagement to prepare for The Project, UT's Largest Day of Service, which will be moving into the Rundberg area in 2016 and 2017.

Priority 2 Update –

Dr. Hernandez introduced incoming representative for Place 2, Aida Cerda-Prazak, a community health worker; and a representative from the Latino Healthcare Forum, Frank Rodriguez.

The Latino Health Care Forum is a 501(c)3. The team doing the health initiative study includes health planners, social workers, community health workers, and financial planners; all team members have been trained in cultural competency and most are bilingual. The project is formally approved by the City of Austin following a delay in funding. The budget for the assessment is \$95,000 and is funded by the City of Austin (\$75,000) and the St. David's Foundation (\$20,000). An estimated \$50,000 is being provided in kind by the Latino Health Care Forum. There are no allowances for overhead.

Mr. Rodriguez provided a presentation titled "Rundberg Health and Wellness Initiative Update" on the assessment and introduced two of his colleagues. The presentation will be posted on both the Latino HC

Forum website and the Restore Rundberg site. The project is attempting to take a holistic approach by assessing the social determinants of health, as laid out in 10 domains (e.g., availability of quality medical care, community safety and security, socioeconomic status). The focus is on identifying health needs and resources through a needs assessment and identifying gaps in service. The scope of work includes 7 tasks with identifiable deliverables. Community leaders are interviewed to assess their perceptions of needs to gather qualitative data. The Initiative wants to be inclusive of all members and groups in the community and encourages participation from all. Updates from the Initiative will be provided through social media and a website. Data from clinics and hospitals serving patients in the 78753 and 78758 zip codes is currently being cleaned for further analysis. To date 34 community leaders have been surveyed. A number of focus groups are scheduled for selected consumers of the local health system.

Priority 3 Update – no update

Priority 4 Update – Code Compliance

Dr. Laura Pressley gave a presentation on the Code Compliance Committee's progress. She gave an overview of the code compliance and safety-related issues in the area's multifamily housing units. The team has been focused on Hotspot 1, around the IH-35 and Rundberg intersection. The team has been using the Repeat Offender Program passed by City Council last year to work toward

The team compiled the documents on code compliance issues, putting the information into a spreadsheet so that the repeat offenses could be identified. The Mira Vista apartment complex and the Middle Fiskville Condominiums had several violations, putting them on the repeat offender list. The team is monitoring a few other properties. The Mira Vista apartment complex manager is meeting with Dr. Pressley and Linda Powers next week.

Dr. Pressley invited additional volunteers to join the code compliance team. She is also supportive of the city obtaining an automated way to track these complaints so that the Repeat Offender Process can be enforced.

All other priority updates tabled by the chair until next team meeting in the interest of time.

New Business

1. Approval of Minutes.

Roberto Perez moved approve the December 11, 2014 and January 8, 2015 meeting minutes. Brian Almon seconded the motion. Gabe Rojas abstained from the vote. The motion carried all other votes.

2. Presentation: Digital Inclusion

Presentation by Kirby Aull (kirby.aull@austintexas.gov) with the City of Austin Digital Inclusion Initiative and Mike Bass (michael.bass@austinfreenet.net) with Austin Free-Net. The presentation included an overview of the need for all community members to have digital access and an accounting of computer resources throughout the community.

3. Presentation: A Tale of Two Austins

Julia Spann and Angela Atwood highlighted issues around income inequality, segregation, health and affordable housing in a rapidly growing Austin. One Voice recently worked with the City of Austin to calculate an index for the growing population and poverty that can inform resource allocations.

M. Valenti commented about an upcoming Senior Transportation workshop at the IBC Bank at Pleasant Valley and Cesar Chavez.

J. Foree asked about resources for directing individuals to resources in addition to 211. The presenters agreed that there remains a gap in services.

L. Pressley asked how many affordable units are needed. The presenters did not know off hand. A recent study by Housing Works recommended 48,000 units.

Public Comment

Randy Teich announced that ESL language classes for adults begin Jan 26th at Lanier High School. On Mondays and Wednesdays classes are 11-12:30. Tuesdays and Thursdays, classes are 6-7:15 pm. Childcare will be available. No registration is needed, and please check in at the front office.

Andrea Cenote from the Women's Community Center announced an upcoming Women's Empowerment Conference on March 7th and 8th at ACC Eastview.

January 31, 9am to noon there will be a Makerspace Mania family literacy event at Lanier High School and all members of the community are invited. All children may take home a free book as well as participate in activities to make bookmarks, books, and other literacy tools.

Commander Baker reminded volunteers about the Homeless Point in Time Count on Saturday, which is still recruiting volunteers. There are two trainings tomorrow afternoon and evening at St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 8:35 pm.

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