

Minutes: Restore Rundberg Revitalization Community Meeting
Guerrero-Thompson Elementary School
April 23, 2015
7:00pm-8:30pm

Call to Order: 7:00

In Attendance:

Team Members & Designees:

Brian Almon
Aida Cerda-Prazak
David Contreras
Abel Lopez
Roberto Perez
Aida Cerda-Prazak
Danny Ramos (designee for Monica Guzmán)
Erica Saenz
Ann Teich
Margaret Valenti
Michael Willard

APD: Baker, Bazzle, Kianes, Leverenz, Soliz, White,
UT: Pitzer, Springer, Yuma

Rundberg Rock Stars:

Marcela Andres, Mica Alex and Nancy Varughese were recognized and thanked for their leadership in the Sam Rayburn Block Party.

Note: Michael Willard submitted new Designee Information for Place 10:

Designee 1: Jo Kathryn Quinn, Executive Director, Caritas of Austin

Designee 2: Becca Cohn, Housing Stability Specialist, Caritas of Austin

Public Comment

Maria Allen with Health and Human Services Neighborhood Services Unit presented information on the Neighborhood Centers, which are funded through the Federal Community Services Block Grant. As part of their funding requirements they do a needs assessment every three years. She provided surveys at the meeting, and it can also be taken online in English or Spanish here:
<http://www.austintexas.gov/article/take-survey-community-needs>

David Contreras reported on the R.E.A.D. Logo competition. The winning designer is a Dobie Middle School student. Prizes are still needed for the winners of the competition if anyone would like to donate.

Also upcoming is the Hombre a Hombre Festival, on May 16, 1-4:30 at Dobie Middle School. The goal is to bring the importance of education and positive male role models to the forefront in the community.

Ming Chu provided a survey from the City of Austin Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office. They are conducting the survey to help prioritize local and federal investments in programs and services for low- to moderate-income residents.

Paula Yuma reported that the UT Research Team has community surveys out to Kindergarten – 2nd graders at all the elementary schools in the RR Grant Area. Surveys will be collected through the end of the school year. Paula is working on a Process/Impact report for the period from the start of the project through the end of 2014.

The Latino Health Care Forum will provide an update at the next meeting to share results from the First Phase of the Health Care Needs Assessment.

The North by Northwest Garden Tour will take place on May 2 and will include the Gus Garcia and YMCA Gardens. Tickets are a \$10 donation and can be purchased on lovenorthaustin.com. Proceeds will benefit a McBee Elementary School Mural and projects at Walnut Creek Metropolitan Park.

Aida Cerda-Prazak reminded the group about the D4 Pride social media effort and voiced a concern that it might fall through without Nelson. Aida invited volunteers and Roberto Perez volunteered to speak with Sharon Mays about the effort.

George Miller at CommUnity Care reported on health care forums they have recently hosted, with a focus on African American Health, Latino Health and Asian American Health. They will be holding more forums on other topics (e.g. HIV, infant & toddler health). Dates are forthcoming.

Meeting minutes will be reviewed at the Team Meetings as discussed on Basecamp.

New Business:

Ian Peterson and Maritza Sanchez, both UT Law students, shared a presentation on the Frequent Offender (2-5-2) program currently in place with Austin Code Enforcement. They have identified a number of issues, both positive and concerning, about the new program and formulated a list of recommendations that could potentially improve the policy. There is a list of repeat offenders on the Austin Code website.

Ian and Maritza's presentation will be made available on the Restore Rundberg website.

Kirby Aull and Shara Chamberlain from the City of Austin provided a presentation on the Digital Inclusion Assessment and the Austin Connects program. Kirby presented the results of the Austin Digital Assessment specific to the Rundberg area. Sharla shared information about the Austin Connects program, a program to enhance the digital inclusion efforts and inventory. The presentation shared by Kirby and Sharla will be available on the Restore Rundberg website. They can be reached at digital.inclusion@austintexas.gov.

Meeting concluded at 8:35 pm.

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