

# Notes from team meeting January 9, 2014

## Attendees Present:

Don Baker (Place 11)	Patricia Zavala (Place 8)
Roberto Martinez (Place 7)	Virginia Almon-Brian (Place 4)
Cary Roberts (Place 12)	Margaret Valenti (Place 1)
Linda Krueger (Place 2)	Randy Teich
Blake Smith	Ann Teich (Place 5)
Dazee McKelvey	Michael Willard (Place 10)
Mary Jo Hernandez (Place 13)	Roberto Perez Jr. (Place 14)
Katie Falgoust (designee for Michael Willard)	Jackie Shooter
Lisa and Don Shepard (Place 11)	Julia Foree
Gabriel Hass	Sgt. Bazzle
Erica Saenz (Place 6)	Laura Pressley/Designee
Lt. McClure	Sandra Brown

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Potluck Dinner 6p

Erica Saenz called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

Cary Roberts introduced communication tool Basecamp.

Team decided on having public meetings the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month. (Jan was already set) and executive sessions the 2nd Thursday of the month beginning in February.

Changes to the agenda-due by COB Monday prior to meeting.

Most people had no preference for time of meetings. Patricia Zavala requested that the executive sessions be held during the day. It was decided that the Team would attempt to meet alternately over lunch and in the evening on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Public meetings would remain at 6 pm.

Discussion on who runs public meetings. Updates and reports about the leadership team activities, working group activities, UT, and APD

Jackie neighborhood plans- parks action items to be uploaded into Basecamp.  
Parks Department is starting a financial aid program  
Next meeting Margaret agreed to bring name plates, badges for leadership team.

Mary Jo Hernandez presented recommendations from multiple neighborhood leaders. Concerns about all the properties cited are west of 35.

NACA Brian Almon passed out handouts explaining-Properties with crime issues, code and housing violations accountability, etc....handouts on Basecamp

Lamar and Georgian Acres Don Sheppard- focus on 2 or 3 hot spots in area, get to know neighbors, when filing a report make sure to use an address.

Referring to new owner of land behind Showplace Lanes, be patient focus on positive development. Explained what nuisance abatement is to the group and how it works.

Mary Jo Hernandez suggested that address numbers could be painted on the curbs of undeveloped property, as filing a report in the "600 block" does not create a trail of accountability for the lot responsible for the violation.

Don: There is a new owner of land behind Showplace Lanes. In our dealing with landowners, be patient and focus on positive developments. He went on to explain what nuisance abatement is to the group and how it works.

Julia- Doesn't want contact team to duplicate efforts. Lots of kids in need and need additional resources. Her goal is to maintain affordable housing.

Heritage Hills/Windsor Hills-Linda Kruger –sent out priority list to all

Work Group suggestion 1- Patricia Zavala spoke on picking top groups **Health, Employment, Education, transportation, and Housing**

Crime is included in all categories

APD discussed hiring a resource person for the group.

Group discussion on what items to put on the agenda

Work Group Suggestion 2-Top 4 priorities down from top 8.

Mary Jo makes motion on top 5 priorities

- Patricia Zavala asked for discussion

- Patricia stated that we need to know how the workgroups work

Don Sheppard tried to 2<sup>nd</sup> motion

Cary-proceed with caution on priorities- City may not recognize these priorities. The city has adopted neighborhood plans and some of these priorities are not included in the city approved neighborhood plans.

Julie- identify solutions first

Robert Martinez-amendment to do the hybrid put 4 things under bigger umbrella (Patricia's suggestion)

Start with the top 5

Mary Jo "called the question"

Dazzie suggested #4 instead of # 5

Motion that we adopt the first 5-second-discussion what the work group structure-public forum will help decide. What are the steps if we adopt first 5?

Motion to amend-adopt top 4 priorities tonight to begin work until next month's meeting.

Question was asked as to whom can vote-only board can vote

The two above motions and amendment were found to be out of order as a motion by MJ Hernandez had been made, seconded, was on the table and the question had been called.

A vote was taken on the motion to adopt the first four as the initial priorities for the Team to explore and work on.

8 yes-passes

-Ann, Don, Roberto, Erica, Brian, Donald, Mary Jo, Linda

Areas of concern that the group is addressing:

1. Revitalization of 4 key Properties in the Rundberg area
  - a) Sam Rayburn/John Gardner
  - b) Brownie Dr./Behind Bowling alley
  - c) Northgate/Gaylewood
  - d) Lamar/Behind Thomas Buffet
2. Development of a joint Senior Citizen's Center and Health Clinic at Lola (Mary Jo so far)
3. Afterschool Programs (Sports, Arts, Vocational, etc.) for those 10 years and older
4. Accountability for Housing and Property Code Violations (Linda Krueger so far)

Talked about putting Speak Up Austin on RR site.

Roberto Perez Jr.- For the next meeting-please suggests agenda items on Basecamp; discuss work group operating plans-public input

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 by Erica Saenz