

Rundberg Revitalization Team Meeting Minutes

Location: Asian American Resource Center, 8401 Cameron Rd

Date: 11-14-13

Start: 1820 (6:20pm)

End: 2040 (8:40pm)

- A. Heritage Hills/Winsor Hills panel discussion facilitated by Linda Krueger, Place 2 Representative
 - a. Al Morgan - Norwood shopping center is part of neighborhood plan that was adopted in 2011
 - i. Clock tower park is not maintained which leads to an increase in crime when sun sets (broken window theory)
 - ii. Suggest revitalization of existing structures
 1. WalMart –
 - a. repair/replace hole in fence near bus stop on Rutherford with walk-through gate
 - b. remove storage trailers to improve appearance
 2. New low income housing apartment complex
 - a. Sidewalks are needed for “safe routes to school” to Hart Elementary
 3. Goodwill
 - a. Make this an anchor business
 - iii. Suggested dedicating Tower to Missing Vietnam War Veterans
 - iv. Increase Police presence
 - b. Chris Hallock – Sidewalks for safe passage
 - i. I-35 Frontage Road
 1. Road is adjacent to 3 lane highway with no barrier – lanes are level with “sidewalk”
 2. Controlled through DRT
 - ii. Middle Fiskville Road
 1. Path is warn
 2. Is this part of master plan for COA
 - c. Dazzy McKelvy (not present) – Code enforcement requested for properties not in compliance abutted to well-maintained properties
 - i. Spanish Palms v. Sunchase townhomes & condos
 1. Sunchase is 95% homeowner occupied
 2. Spanish Palms is primarily renters and has an abundance of:
 - a. Front yard parking – DR issue
 - b. Trash and litter – Code Compliance
 - c. Yard sales on public property – Code Compliance

- d. Kim Foster (not present) – Heritage Hills bike/pedestrian bridge
 - i. Concerned with crime that potentially will cross the river via the bridge and cause an increase in crime for Heritage Hills.
 - e. Timothy Bailey – Gus Garcia Recreation Center
 - i. Phase II completion - Garden committee started a community garden center. On 11/9 three (3) beds were planted. As we move to Phase III we would like to incorporate a Senior Garden Center (Senior Club). Volunteers are needed, please contact Linda or Timothy.
 - f. Gina Gregory (not present) – Mentoring opportunities
 - i. Volunteers needed at Harmony Science Academy
 - ii. Suggested public sessions on various topics - classes could be held at Gus Garcia or YMCA. Topics: tutoring, sex education, parenting, computers, finances, resources, health insurance, college forms, and job applications.
 - g. Cameras - Per Commander Baker this will be discussed as a separate agenda item
 - i. Success in reducing crime rate?
 - ii. Increase or decrease in crimes?
 - iii. Change in types of crime
 - h. Linda Krueger – (Re)install a sense of security
 - i. Concern of “no” police in neighborhood
 - ii. Visible drug/prostitution activity
 - iii. Eliminate sleepers and loiters at bridges/overpasses
 - iv. Clear out homeless camps and panhandlers
 - v. Lack of “walkability”
 - vi. Need for safer bicycle traffic
 - vii. **Speaking** on “walkability” **Ms. Carol Waller** a Windsor Hills resident since 1983 states, “We need more places desired to walk to, such as HEB”. Ms. Waller requests the below recommendations written in as part of Rundberg revitalization:
 - 1. Wants major grocery chain north of Rundberg
 - 2. Wants library other than Walnut Creek Branch on west:
 - i. Commander Baker thanks Heritage Hills/Windsor Hills speakers for their presentation. “One of the benefits of Restore Rundberg was being invited to participate in Imagine Austin. A key complaint of Imagine Austin had to do with the last slide your presentation. There is a movement taking place - walkability, livability, and security. Why not have stores within ¼ mile of Heritage Hills/Windsor Hills neighborhoods? The City is moving in this direction”.
- B. RTCC/HALO discussion facilitated by Cmdr. Darryl Jamail and Lt. Edmund Hughes
- a. RTCC – Real Time Crime Center opened in 2011. It is located at the Main on the 4th floor with major crime units – Homicide, Robbery, and Missing Persons. RTCC is focused within APD where Austin Regional Intelligence Center (ARIC) serves all Law Enforcement agencies in the region.

- i. Camera locations –
 1. 35 cameras in our downtown area command(DTAC)
 2. 6 cameras in the Rundberg area (EDWD): 600 block E. Rundberg, 9300 N IH-35 Service Rd southbound, 600 Middle Ln, 9400 Middle Fiskville Rd, E. Rundberg Ln/East Frontage, and 8200 Sam Rayburn.
 3. Two (2) new cameras implemented
- ii. Staffing –
 1. 9 officers search multiple databases. RTCC is a designated HALO camera monitoring location.
 2. The Watch Lieutenant is housed with the RTCC Officers and supervises all functions. There are 5 total Lieutenants supervising what is being searched and relayed directly to Officers responding to calls for service – 2 day LTs, 1 evening LT, and 2 night LTs.
- b. HALO – High Activity Low Observation
 - i. HALO is APD’s public safety camera system
 - ii. HALO serves as :
 1. Deterrent (overt camera system)
 2. Crime Locator (operators talk directly to Officers)
 3. Evidence collector (all cameras record 24/7) for example, bank robbery individual responsible for robbery of Wells Fargo at Braker/35. The license plate was captured off the car going through the intersection. The relay tower has to have a plain view of site.
- c. Camera placement decision based on:
 - i. How much evidence is captured each month
 - ii. Twice a year meeting with advisory board – analyst look at movement captured and if cameras make a difference
- d. Questions
 - i. How much money to partner and how many crimes led to arrests from cameras getting info to you?
 - ii. Are there plans to publicize cameras at locations or reinforce actual cameras with more cameras?
 - iii. Is there something built in to say you don’t know where cameras are?
- e. Response
 - i. Lt. Hughes – three to four months ago a description of a black vehicle used by a serial robber BOLO’d. Our evening HALO Officer running plates located the vehicle. BOLO helps as information is passed. Hard to put a number on number of arrest. So we rely on quarterly reports. Just about every camera captures elements of crime to help detectives. The question is complicated. A hard number is available but it will take time. We can prepare numbers for next Restore Rundberg meeting.
 - ii. Commander Jamail – the cost of hardware is \$5000. We maintain a service agreement – video is kept for 7 days. At any given time we are staffed with 1-2

officers 24/7. We are ten cameras away from putting jumper or jump off signal. \$20,000 for another relay after we get another 10 cameras. New cameras are very expensive.

- iii. Lt. Hughes – let's table this for the next advisory board meeting. Get with Commander to discuss signs and side for now.

Commander Baker – get with Tabor White

Community guests thank Commander Jamail for putting cameras in the Rundberg area.

C. University of Texas research panel discussion facilitated by Dr. David Springer, University of Texas, Austin School of Social Work and Heather Cole, Project Manager

- a. Overview of progress, ideas shared, and recommendations
 - i. Restore Rundberg is a Burns Criminal Justice \$1,000,000 grant funded by DOJ. Funds are allocated for crime prevention strategies, provisional social services, and research.
 - ii. The goal is to utilize evidence-based practices to improve public safety, address social impacts, and build long-term capacity for the revitalization of the Rundberg neighborhood.
 - iii. DOJ partnered us with San Antonio, TX; San Bernardino, CA; Portland, OR; and Seattle, WA.
- b. Process
 - i. Data driven recommendations that are not static. Continuous data collection and analysis.
 - 1. We looked at neighborhood plans
 - 2. Conducted key interviews
 - a. Comprehensive literary review
 - b. Close to getting final draft
 - 3. Logged over 30 hours between Dr. Springer, Dr. Streeter, and Heather
- c. Going forward
 - i. Survey data with individual living in the area
 - ii. Hot spot policing using:
 - 1. Location
 - 2. Time
 - 3. Proactive prevention strategies
 - 4. Social services
- d. 3 Hotspot areas for our starting point:
 - i. IH 35/Rundberg
 - ii. Sam Rayburn
 - iii. Northgate
- e. What kind of crimes?
 - i. Part 1 – violent more severe: murder, rape, aggravated assault

- ii. Part 2 – lesser than above
 - f. Hotspots based on Part 1 crime but excluded family violence and property crime. Remember these hotspots are recommended starting points.
 - g. Triple-T implemented based on research:
 - i. Target resources (increased police presence) on predictable concentrations of harm from crime and disorder.
 - ii. Test police methods (best practices) and choose what works best to reduce harm.
 - iii. Track (continuous analysis) daily delivery and effects of targeted and tested practices.
 - h. Crime Prevention and Community Engagement
 - i. Two important components of BCJI grant. The overarching goal of the BCJI grant is to improve community safety by comprehensive approaches to crime within a targeted neighborhood as part of a broader strategy of neighborhood revitalization. In order to be effective and sustainable we need the following:
 1. Collective Efficacy (CE) – degree to which you trust your neighbors to provide a sense of safety and intervene if something problematic happens.
 2. Social Cohesion (SC) – sense of community shared by individuals in a neighborhood.
 3. Community Policing IMPROVES both of the above. Increased CE and SC together compound the effectiveness of crime prevention. High rates of CE lower crime rate.
 - i. IMPROVE
 - i. Investigate the problem
 - ii. Micro-target the intervention
 - iii. Provide space (target hotspots)
 - iv. Restore anchor points (revitalization)
 - v. Organize the community (capacity building in hotspots builds neighborhood empowerment)
 - vi. Encourage volunteerism (increase capacity of complementary social services)
 - vii. Evaluate (ongoing data collection)
 - j. Capacity is the ability to move beyond and further a goal. For example, we may see programs that increase capacity if the relationship between Police and Community improves.
- D. Action items:
- a. Selection of team members for Places 3 & 7
 - i. Place 3 nominee – N. Lamar/Georgian Acre area
 1. Don Shepherd
 - a. 8 ayes
 - b. 1 opposition
 - ii. Place 7 nominees – Hispanic community representative

1. Roberto Martinez
 - a. 9 ayes for the first Place 7 nominee
 - b. No opposition
2. Roberto Perez
 - a. 8 ayes for the second Place 7 nominee
 - b. No opposition
 - c. 1 abstention

Ann – because both nominees have deep community ties co-shared position suggested, motion to increase number of places on Team.

DISCUSSION

Zavala - in order to have true representation of Hispanic community on Team we need to expand Hispanic amendment narrowly. Zavala motioned to add another position to team - Hispanic Workforce Development.

DISCUSSION

Zavala withdrew motion for adding another position to the TEAM.

Team agreed to co-share Place 7 and motioned to place two Hispanic Representatives in Place 7. Two (2) Nays to this motion

- b. Select Chair, Co-Chair, and Parliamentarian
 - i. Chair – Erica (not present) but agreed to accept Chair if nominated
 1. No opposition or abstention
 - ii. Co-Chair – Ann declined, Linda Krueger declined, Roberto Perez accepted
 1. No opposition or abstention

DISCUSSION about concerns of parliamentarian and Robert's Rules of Order

- iii. Parliamentarian – Carey Roberts
 1. No opposition or abstention
- c. Acceptance of several Team documents (MOU, policies & procedures, and designee form)
 - i. Motion to table MOU and documents until 12/12/13 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2040