

Minutes: Restore Rundberg Revitalization Team Meeting
Community Care Center
1210 W. Braker Lane
February 12, 2015
7:00pm-8:30pm

Call to Order: 7:09 pm

Attendance:

Team Members & Designees:

Brian Almon
Monica Guzmán
Linda Krueger
Roberto Perez
Aida Cerda-Prazak
Cary Roberts
Erica Saenz
Ann Teich
Margaret Valenti
Michael Willard

APD: Bazzle, Soliz, McClure
UT: Yuma, Marshall

Old Business:

Priority 1 Update – Erica Saenz

The Longhorn Center for Community Engagement began attending meetings on January 22 in preparation for their annual service project, set to begin in Feb 2016.

Priority 2 Update – Aida Cerda-Prazak

A. Cerda-Prazak has begun meeting with the team and is communicating with the Health Assessment team from Latino Healthcare Forum to identify needs. She is interested in developing a job description for her position on the Revitalization Team. Cerda-Prazak has been in contact with Jim Conditt, Director at Texas Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) East Capital Region for grant writing.

Priority 3 Update – Roberto Perez

Team is looking for funding for summer programming. There will be a meeting about next steps next week. They are looking for ways to support youth service outreach in apartment complexes, area schools, to promote opportunities for youth programs and services for summer months. Previous efforts include binder resources of compiled activity opportunities provided to apartment complexes to share with parents.

Priority 4 Update – Linda Krueger

Another PIR has been submitted to the Code Compliance Department.

Priority 5 Update – Michael Willard

On Jan 24 ECHO performed a Point-in-Time (PIT) count of the homeless population and is awaiting results. Team hopes to compare PIT results to the pulse count.

M. Valenti asked if Pulse count and PIT count used same locations. M. Willard stated that ECHO did both counts so the same methodology is likely.

Priority 6 Update – Ann Teich

The City has denied the National Church Residences grant application. A. Teich indicated support for National Church Residences. Current plans are to continue education around affordable housing, and to possibly select and work with property owners to make renovations.

Priority 7 Update – Economic and Workforce Development

Team is working on a date to meet with city staff again. E. Saenz expressed interest in new mayoral cabinet, including Mark Yznaga who supports housing first. District 4 Councilmember Greg Casar is chair of the Workforce and Housing Affordability Committee.

New Business:

1. Approval of Minutes

M. Valenti moved approve the meeting minutes from January 22, 2015. A. Cerda-Prazak seconded. C. Roberts abstained, the motion carried all other votes.

M. Guzman suggested an addition to a comment from the January 22 meeting. The recent study by Housing Works suggested a need of 48,000 units. M. Guzman clarified these units are for those earning under a \$25,000 annual income.

2. UT Research Update - P. Yuma

UT requested a standing item on agenda to provide research team updates. The Spring research agenda includes ongoing process evaluation. Dr. Yuma is currently interviewing members of the revitalization team for each of the priority areas. The Community Survey is still available online; surveys in schools are delayed in the AISD IRB. The Community Indicators Project with Jim Walker will allow oversampling and extra questions about the grant area, and will be administered in late Spring. Crime data analysis from December is ongoing. There will be research for more evidence-informed strategies for addressing persistent homelessness as requested by L. Pressley in interview. Other requests for information are invited.

3. Update from Nelson Andrade, APD Community Organizer

N. Andrade is continuing to do outreach at schools and community events and pursuing cross-sector relationships with nonprofits and other potential partners for the initiative. N. Andrade is working with the Rundberg Educational Advancement District (READ) initiative to facilitate collaboration among area schools and address projects identified by the student panel at the READ meeting on January 28.

N. Andrade is working on outreach to local business to build awareness and will be emailing work groups to connect potential volunteers and partners.

4. Presentation: Zonta Austin – Bonnie DeWolfe and Susan Greenberg

Zonta is installing a billboard promoting awareness and hotline information for human trafficking in the Rundberg corridor. The hotline number allows for text messaging. Reagan Advertising will be placing the billboard around Rundberg and I35, later around Austin. The domestic violence hotline will be tracking data with regards to dates and positions of billboard.

5. New liaison from Code Compliance – Jeff Travillion

Mr. Travillion is part of an interdepartmental problem properties team with representatives from 15 different departments and will serve as the new interdepartmental liaison with Code. Mr. Travillion intends to help connect resources.

6. Community Asset Development Workshop

Dan Duncan has offered to do a Community Asset Development workshop in the Restore Rundberg area and is seeking interest. Locations, dates, times are to be decided. The team discussed multiple options, with a focus on weekend options so that community members can easily attend.

E. Saenz wants to schedule another teambuilding event for the Revitalization Team and the timing of the event requires further discussion.

Public Comment

P. Yuma stated Councilmember Casar will be having community office hours at Walnut Creek library 1pm-3pm 2/13, then at Corona Café 2/27 9am-12pm.

Community member stated importance of the meeting and helping people but wants to know how the initiative is reaching the community. She speaks Spanish and was not able to understand the meeting. She identified the need for translators so that the meetings are truly open to all community members. N. Andrade was available to translate and apologized for not recognizing the community member's need for translation.

A. Teich suggests that at team meetings all in attendance should be asked if there is a need for a translator at the beginning of meetings.

Meeting adjourned by the Chair at 8:41pm.

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