

Restore Rundberg Community Team Meeting
CommUnity Care Center, 1210 W. Braker Lane
January 8, 2015
11:00 am - 12:30 am

Call to Order: 11:10 am

In Attendance:

Members: Brian Almon, Sandra Brown (designee for Cary Roberts), Monica Guzman, Dr. Mary Jo Hernandez, Roberto Martinez, Roberto Perez, Pastor Rick Randall, Linda Powers, Erica Saenz, Ann Teich, Margaret Valenti, Patricia Zavala

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

Nine public attendees

Public Comment:

Members of the public were invited to comment. There was no public comment.

Old Business:

1. Review of membership documents provided by K. Fitzgerald.
2. The committee addressed the need to elect 4 places on the board and invited all candidates to briefly introduce themselves by sharing their background, interest in Restore Rundberg, and potential contribution to the project.

The following candidates provided a brief introduction (summarized below) for the team:

Place 3: North Lamar Combined Contact Team Area Representative

Monica Guzman

Monica is a Lifelong Austinite, Lanier HS graduate, and long-term advocate for the Rundberg community. She is interested in empowering her neighbors and helping them become engaged in the community. Monica has been involved in Restore Rundberg since its inception and attends nearly all the team meetings.

Rolando Delgado

Roland has lived in the Rundberg area for 2.5 years and wants to help the neighborhood. This is his second Restore Rundberg meeting and is looking forward to becoming more involved. Rolando is willing to help and/or serve as a designee if not elected.

Amanda Lewis was not in attendance. Her application was reviewed by team members on paper and a summary of her application was read by E.Saenz.

Place 7: Hispanic Community Representative

Roberto Martinez (withdrawn, would prefer to serve as a designee)

Would like to serve another year as a member or designee. Interested in continuing on the Schools Committee with R. Perez, and wants to continue working with the programs and contacts they have developed. Mr. Martinez is a retired engineer and business owner. Enjoys helping youth and bettering the community through the schools.

David Contreras

David is the Executive Director of LaunchPad and a frequent partner with APD. He is a lifelong Austinite and has been working within the Restore Rundberg area for 20 years. For the past 7 years, Mr. Contreras has been working with parents and families in the Rundberg area schools. He is interested in inspiring families to engage in the community. He feels he can be helpful to the Revitalization team in terms of having relationships and program traction in place in the community. David is bilingual and has staffing in place that allows him the time to participate.

Rolando Delgado – introduction given previously

Place 8 – Immigrant Community Representative

Abel Lopez-Soto

Abel has been volunteering with David Contreras at Launchpad and with the Ken Street Bible Study, a program for people recently released from prison. Abel is also an immigrant and is involved in a church community that serves many immigrant families. He has been volunteering at the Restore Rundberg clean-ups and using his experience to better the community. Abel has been a resident in the area for 18 years. He feels he can help by engaging the immigrant community in the Restore Rundberg activities.

Place 13- Community Health

Mary Jo Hernandez withdrew her application in support of Aida.

Aida Cerda-Prazak

Aida is a one year resident of the Rundberg community and is active with her neighborhood association (NACA). She is an employee of the UT School of Public Health, working on a project for children who are overweight or obese. She has a background in Sociology. She is very much looking forward to contributing to Restore Rundberg and has made arrangements at work to allow her the time to participate.

3. Voting

B. Almon asked about the voting procedures and it was agreed by the group that a simple majority is required. Dr. Hernandez suggested a paper vote, but the team decided that transparency would be preferred and the vote was taken by a show of hands.

Motion: R. Perez moved to take a vote on the open places. B. Almon, seconded the motion.

Place 3

Monica Guzman – 11 yays

Ms. Guzman carried the vote.

Place 7

David Contreras – 10 yays

Mr. Contreras carried the vote.

Place 8, Abel Lopez-Cerda was the only candidate

Place 13- Aida Cerda-Prazak was the only candidate

Motion: R. Perez moved to approve the vote and M. Valenti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. E. Saenz discussed the need for new members to appoint their designees.

Motion: L.Wells moved to have the designees appointed by the following meeting. B. Almon seconded. Motion carried.

5. The team discussed the need for a parliamentarian. D.Baker nominated Pastor Randall to serve as parliamentarian. Pastor Randall accepted the nomination and was elected unanimously through a show of hands.

6. There was a call for nominations for Chair or Co-Chair. Both E. Saenz and R. Perez expressed their willingness to continue in their roles.

Motion: D. Baker moved to retain the Chair and Co-Chair for another term and R. Martinez seconded the motion. Motion carried.

7. The outgoing members of the team were sincerely thanked from their service and encouraged to continue actively working with the Revitalization Team.

New Business:

One Voice Austin provided an in-depth presentation on “A Tale of Two Austins,” highlighting income inequality, segregation, health and affordable housing in Austin.

Adjourn: 12:30 pm

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