

Restore Rundberg Team Meeting

Location: Community Care Health Centers, 1210 W. Braker Lane

Date: September 11, 2014

Time: 11:00am - 12:30pm

Attendees Present:

Erica Saenz (Place 6), Chairman

Margaret Valenti (Place 1)

Linda Powers (Place 2)

Kenny Mitchell (Place 3), Designee

Don Shephard (Place 3)

Brian Almon (Place 4)

Ann Teich (Place 5)

Patricia Zavala (Place 8)

Rick Randall (Place 9)

Cmdr. Donald Baker (Place 11)

Cary Roberts (Place 12)

Mary Jo Hernandez (Place 13)

Allen McClure (APD), Lieutenant

Keith Bazzle (APD), Sergeant

Adam Soliz (APD), Officer

Tabor White (APD), Officer

Rafael Kianes (APD), Officer

Nelson Andrade (APD), Community Engagement
Coordinator

April Gutierrez (APD), Community Engagement
Administrative Support, Recording Secretary

Meeting called to order at 11:09am

Public Comments: Monica Guzman wanted to address the lack of translators available for immigrant communities. Information packets are available in English and Spanish but no other languages. Board member Rick Randall offered assistance in locating additional translators

Old Business:

1. Approval of Minutes

- Hard copies of the minutes from August 28 community meeting were unavailable. They will be reviewed in next community meeting.

2. RRRT retreat follow-up

- Copy of Values and Covenant was reviewed for comment. Drafts will be posted on Basecamp for review and comment. Subcommittee members Erica Saenz, Margaret Valenti, Linda Powers, Ann Teich, and Patricia Zavala will meet on Wednesday September 17, to make edits to the document. They will not be changing or removing any of the content.

3. RRRT Policies and Procedures document review and discuss

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4. **Priority 1-7 Updates**

a. *Priority 1 - Revitalization of 4 Key Properties*

No new information

b. *Priority 2 - Development of Hybrid Community Center and Healthcare Clinic*

Presented by Mary Jo Hernandez. Needs assessments will be completely funded, and are being initiated now.

With the continued issues with Capital Metro, a meeting has been set to discuss the availability for getting Rundberg patients to the clinics. An update will be available by next meeting date.

The Central Health Board of Managers was queried about their \$49,000,000 excess. A note was made to provide monthly updates about the health and wellness of the area to the Board from the team to ensure they are kept in the loop regarding what is happening in the city and with the grant. Central health board had agreed to increasing Specialty care, yet turned down by Seton.

c. *Priority 3 - After School Programs for Those 10 yrs. and Older*

Presented by Erica Saenz. The recently funded reading fundamentals program at Guerro Thompson Elementary will be having a book distribution this October. Meetings with Freedom School have begun to discuss funding opportunities for the upcoming summer programs and possibly a second location in the Rundberg area. Applications for the Freedom School are due in December.

d. *Priority 4 - Accountability for Housing and Property Code Violations*

Presented by Dazzie McKelvy. A detailed analysis was completed on the Public Information Request that identified the top 3 code compliance offenders in the Rundberg Area. On August 20, the Priority 4 Team met with Code Compliance to identify Mara Vista, Spanish Palms, and Shadow Creek as top repeat offenders. Spanish Palms and Shadow Creek both have enough complaints to be listed on the Repeat Offenders list; Mara Vista does not yet meet this requirement.

The next updated list will be posted in September. The remaining properties will continue under observation.

e. *Priority 5 - Homeless Intervention and Prostitution Diversion*

Michael Willard advised that on August 5, the Restore Rundberg Team was informed that the property owner of 606 Barwood Park asked Code Compliance and APD to remove the homeless individuals living on the property within 24 hours. APD, working with Code Compliance, was able to negotiate an extension on the eviction.

The Care Team pulled together and scheduled an outreach for the following day. Representatives from Caritas, Austin Travis County Integral Care (ATCIC), Front Steps, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Ending Community Homelessness Coalition

(ECHO), LifeWorks and Goodwill met to assess the situation and offer assistance with relocation. The team provided some service alternatives to the residents. It was noted that affordable housing, especially for ex-offenders, active drug users, and persons with mental illness, is clearly lacking in the community.

f. *Priority 6 - To Define, Maintain, Improve and Expand Affordable Housing in the Rundberg Area*

Ann Teich gave an update on the lack of affordable housing for individuals in all brackets of income in the Rundberg Area. The next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, September 3 with experts in the field of affordable housing: Liz Mueller (University of Texas) and Mandy De Mayo (Housing Works). The Team - Dr. Mary Jo Hernandez, Michael Willard, Don Shephard, and Ann Teich - is examining future steps for the priority's progression. Anyone interested in joining this new priority is welcome.

g. *Priority 7 - Identify Scalable Economic Development and Workforce Opportunities in Coordination with Private and Public Sector Stakeholders*

Cary Roberts outlined a priority to create an economic workforce development team to identify economic opportunities with private and public sector stakeholders. These opportunities can link individuals with local employers and optimize unique skill sets. The idea is to communicate positive achievements in the Rundberg Area. Individuals interested can join this newly formed priority.

New Business:

5. Future meetings

- a. The November 13 Community and Team meetings will be held jointly. Evening time and location will be posted when confirmed.
- b. The December 11 Community and Team meetings will be held jointly as a celebration meeting, acknowledging our successes thus far. Evening time and location will be posted when confirmed.

Next Meetings- All are welcome to join.

a. Community Meeting

Thursday, September 25
7:00pm – 8:30pm
Settlement Home
1607-B Colony Creek Drive

b. Revitalization Team Meeting

Thursday, October 9
7:00pm – 8:30pm
Community Care Health Centers
1210 W. Braker Ln

Meeting adjourned: 12:32pm