

MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday, March 26, 2008

H-GAC, Conference Room B

3555 Timmons Lane, 2nd Floor, Houston, Texas 77027

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Christine Smith called the meeting to order with a brief introduction and welcome.

ATTENDANCE

John Sides (Houston ISD), David Coffee (International), Sam Davila (Conroe ISD), Edna Dickey (Conroe ISD), Robin Hancock (Conroe ISD), Andrea Williams (Conroe ISD), John Stobie (GSA Fleet), Matthew Tejada (GHASP), Allan Griffin (Humble ISD), Charles Chapa (Rosh Energy), Christine Smith (H-GAC), Graciela Lubertino (H-GAC), Jess Hewitt (Gulf Hydrocarbon), Shelley Whitworth (H-GAC), Andrew DeCandis (H-GAC), Kelli Angelone (H-GAC)

INFORMATION

UPDATES

- **Clean Vehicles/Clean School Bus Update – *Hans Ingversen***
Mr. Hans Ingversen began his update by announcing that within the past 3 months H-GAC has contracted CMAQ funds in the amount of 14.7 million dollars to reduce NOx by 157 tons per year. The past 3 months represents a 46% greater NOx reduction than all of 2007.
- **Clean Cities Annual Survey Results – *Christine Smith***
Ms. Christine Smith began her update by giving a summary of the results from the annual survey that was sent out in February. H-GAC has received 14 respondents with 10 being from public organizations. The Clean Cities Annual Survey information was incorporated from the respondents, anti-idling school policies, and Commute Solutions data. Ms. Smith is currently working on an updated census of alternate fueling stations and truck stop electrification facilities available within 100 miles of the region.
- **I-10 Clean Cities Corridor Project – *Christine Smith***
Ms. Christine Smith began her update by stating that the Clean Cities Coalitions from Texas, New Mexico, Louisiana and several other states are in the preliminary stages of the I-10 Corridor Project. The ultimate goal is to make the entire length of the I-10 Corridor alternative fuel and truck stop electrification friendly. Ideally, stations will be placed at least every 200-300 miles along the I-10 Corridor. Ms. Smith welcomes all information, ideas, concerns, and services to contribute to the I-10 Corridor Project.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

BRAINSTORMING SESSION

- **Organizational Goals & Project Ideas**
Ms. Christine Smith began the brainstorming session by asking the stakeholders for input on the organization's direction, goals and projects. Suggestions and discussion included:
 - Educational information explaining the current bio-diesel policy within the 110 counties of East Texas.
 - Develop a strong public education outreach component regarding what infrastructure exists in the Houston area, what could be done, and success stories elsewhere.
 - October 03, 2008 is the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Day and maybe the Clean Cities could participate or sponsor something locally.
 - All are invited to register with "Colorado Governors Office" and you will receive weekly announcements, notices, and public outreach.
 - Invite HEB or a Natural Gas Fleet Company to give a presentation on "Operating a Natural Gas Fleet".

- Invite a Propane Bus Manufacturer to give a presentation.
- The prioritization for the needs of this region in terms of promoting all fuel advanced technologies are:
 1. Infrastructure
 2. Education
 3. Grants
 4. Calculations
- There should be more funding for diesel engines.
- Discuss how to quantify emissions for hybrid vehicles.
- How can we become the center of the 21st century energy industry? It would be neat to have Houston as the capital for alternative fuels.

ACTION ITEMS

ADVANCING THE CHOICE

- **Recommend Changes and Approve Topics for the Annual Advancing the Choice Event – Christine Smith**

The Annual Advancing the Choice event will be held in Stafford, Texas on June 18, 2008. We are in the preliminary stages of creating a draft agenda and getting speakers.

1. Recommended additions are:

- Include more energy information
- Watch the Farm Bill
- Invite a Speaker to Present on Anti-Idling Technology – Battery Systems, APUs, and GPS Units
- Commercial Sides of School Buses
- Hybrid Drive Train
- Discuss Bio-Fuel fleet management rather than feed stocks or sustainability
- Ethanol – Focus on E10 & E85
- CO₂ Pollution
- SCR retrofit technology
- Presentation to have Infrastructure here in Houston (8-County Region) – Current Plans & Future Plans

OTHER BUSINESS

- Texas General Land Office has had a Natural Gas grant program since October 2007; looking for applicants

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ms. Smith will be attending the Clean Cities Regional Meeting in Santa Fe, NM from April 7-10, 2008
- Fresh Air Friday is Friday, April 11, 2008 at Jones Plaza in Downtown Houston.
- Earth Day is Saturday, April 19, 2008; there will be an event at Woodlands College Park.
- Ms. Smith will be attending the AFVI conference in Las Vegas, NV from May 11-15, 2008
- The next Houston Clean Cities Stakeholders meeting is Wednesday, June 25, 2008 at H-GAC.

ADJOURNMENT

- If you have an item you wish to be added to the agenda for a future meeting, please e-mail cleancities@h-gac.com.