

# **HOUSTON-GALVESTON CLEAN CITIES COALITION STAKEHOLDERS**

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## **MEETING SUMMARY**

Wednesday, June 11, 2018 – 9:30 A.M.

Houston-Galveston Area Council of Government Offices

3555 Timmons Lane, Suite 120, Houston, Texas 77027

(Meeting Held – Second Floor, Agency Conference Room 2-A)

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### **MEMBER PRESENT**

CenterPoint Energy – TJ Noland

CenterPoint Energy – Laura Irvine

Clean Energy – Eme Torlai

Crosby ISD – Harvey Augustine III

Electric Interstate Highway Standards Assoc.– Charles Nunu

Fort Bend ISD – Bill Conaway

Fort Bend ISD – Chuck Svoboda

Fort Bend ISD – Gus Rodriguez

Freedom CNG – Eddie Murray

GHNVA – Susan Shifflett

Green's Blue Flame – Brian Green

HEB Grocery Co. – Mike Moynahan

Port of Houston – Ken Gathright

Propane Education and Research Council – Tony Dale

Texas Natural Gas Foundation – Heather Ball

U of H TxCEF – Greg Bugosh

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Houston-Galveston Area Council – Laurie Chandler

Houston-Galveston Area Council – Michael Fuller

Houston-Galveston Area Council – Shelley Whitworth

Houston-Galveston Area Council – Robert Veazie

### **BRIEFING**

#### **Overview**

- a. The Houston-Galveston Clean Cities Coalition (H-GCCC) Stakeholders were presented with action items; a series of information items; and the meeting concluded with member announcements of current and upcoming activities.
- b. Visit <http://www.houston-cleancities.org/stakeholder-meetings/> to view the meeting materials.

#### **ITEM 1A. Introductions (H-GCCC Chair, Susan Shifflett)**

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **ITEM 1B. Approval of Meeting Summary**

The Meeting Chair entertained a motion to pass the H-GCCC Stakeholders meeting summary for Wednesday, January 24, 2018 as presented. The action item motion was passed unanimously.

#### **ITEM 2. 2018 – 2019 Annual Operating Plan (Michael Fuller)**

Staff presented 2018-2019 Annual Operating Plan events and a progress report. Accomplishments were listed as well as goals to be achieved. (Fall conference in planning for October – 2 days, 2<sup>nd</sup> day breakout)

### **INFORMATION**

#### **ITEM 3. Timeline on Clean Cities Subtasks to be completed in 2018 (Shelley Whitworth)**

Shelley Whitworth discussed CC Subtask Activities including: Clean Cities Annual Report, quarterly alternative fuel pricing report, station opening/closing updates, activities related to VW Settlement, assisting with Alternative Fuel Highway Corridor Signage.

#### **ITEM 4. Calls for Projects, Announcements and Responses (Shelley Whitworth)**

Shelley Whitworth informed attendees of various grants/funding opportunities currently open including CMAQ, AERCO, TERP, VW Settlement, DERA, Advanced Vehicle Technology Funding Announcement, and Build Grant.

**ITEM 5. Presentation: Status Report on Electrify America Houston Project (Michael Tubman)**

Michael Tubman presented an update on the Electrify America Houston Project. Electrify America is a for profit Volkswagen Group of America subsidiary formed out of the VW Settlement which will be investing \$2 billion over ten years into projects driving ZEV adoption across the United States. The investment is limited to three main categories: education and awareness about ZEVs, infrastructure deployment, and ZEV access initiatives. These investments are broken into four 2 ½ year cycles (\$500 MM invested per cycle). Currently, Electrify America is in investment cycle one and has committed \$45 MM to advertising and awareness. Ads in the Houston market are starting in this business quarter; the ads will focus on the fact that electric vehicles are here now, come in a variety of colors/sizes, and they are fun to drive. Houston is one of seven metro areas identified nationwide as needing additional charging infrastructure. The Spring charging station is under construction. It will consist of three 50KW chargers, and there are plans for three additional sites in the Houston metro area.

**ITEM 6. Announcements of Current and Upcoming Activities (Susan Shifflett, Chair)**

Susan Shifflett announced current and upcoming activities. Robert Veazie shared that H-GAC received CMAQ contract from TxDOT to open second round of clean vehicles funding. There will be approximately \$10-11 MM for projects and funds will be available to spend through May 2020. H-GAC should be ready to start issuing contracts in early August.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:49 A.M.**