

HOUSTON-GALVESTON CLEAN CITIES COALITION STAKEHOLDERS

MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday, January 23, 2019 – 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)

MEMBER PRESENT

CenterPoint Energy – TJ Noland
Clean Planet Manufacturing – John Pope
City of Houston – Kristian Harper
Electric Interstate Highway Standards Assoc.– Norm Whitton
Ensida Energy – Kyle House
Freedom CNG – Eddie Murray
Green’s Blue Flame Gas – Brian Green
Propane Education and Research Council – Tony Dale
Texas Natural Gas Vehicle Alliance – Susan Shifflett

STAFF PRESENT

Houston-Galveston Area Council – Laurie Chandler
Houston-Galveston Area Council – Andrew DeCandis
Houston-Galveston Area Council – Sandra Holliday
Houston-Galveston Area Council – Cassandra Marshall
Houston-Galveston Area Council – Pat O’Reilly

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 1C. 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 motion was passed with correction to meeting date.

ITEM 2. Election of Officers (Andrew DeCandis)

Members nominated and voted for officers for 2019. The results are:

- a. Chair – Susan Shifflett
- b. Vice Chair – Norm Whitton

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ITEM 3. Advisory Boards for 2019 (Andrew DeCandis)

Staff sought volunteers from various stakeholders for Advisory Board appointments. Members will participate in monthly or bi-monthly conference calls to give coalition leadership feedback on how the coalition can best serve various alternative fuel/fleet interest groups. There were two volunteers. Vacancies remain for representatives from Private Fleets and Biofuel.

Staff led a discussion regarding the value of sub-group quarterly conference calls. Andrew DeCandis suggested an email newsletter may better serve research needs of members.

INFORMATION

ITEM 4. 2019 Clean Cities (Andrew DeCandis)

Staff addressed activities planned for 2019. This year, Clean Cities will host smaller, focused events and forgo the larger Clean Cities Technology Conference. Many of the events will focus on the VW Settlement and helping members obtain funding through the settlement. Staff is committed to growing the coalition and outreach. Members were encouraged to complete the 2019 Membership Agreement and participate in the Annual Survey.

ITEM 5. Presentation: 2018 Annual Survey (Andrew DeCandis)

Andrew DeCandis presented on the Clean Cities Annual Report. This is based on an annual survey (now open) of public and private stakeholders of nearly 100 Clean Cities Coalition. The report is submitted annually includes major activities and accomplishments from previous calendar year. It provides planning data for the Coalition and H-GAC to understand what is going on in the region. The data collected is analyzed by Department of Energy (DOE) and translated into petroleum-use and greenhouse gas reduction for individual coalitions and the program. The data also characterizes membership, funding, projects and coalition activities. Due date for responses is February 15, 2019.

ITEM 6. Presentation: Volkswagen Mitigation Funding (Andrew DeCandis)

Andrew presented on the Final Beneficiary Mitigation Plan. It is staff's goal to make sure stakeholders know that there is funding available, what the funding is, and how to apply. The funding that is available is broken down into three main categories: 1) \$10 Billion for vehicle buyback and modification, 2) \$2 Billion for Zero Emission Vehicle investment (Electrify America), and 3) \$2.7 Billion for environmental mitigation trust (distributed to States). Texas' share is \$209 Million, which will be administered through TCEQ. For more information on the funding—including TCEQ goals, priority areas, eligible projects and proposed funding levels—visit <http://www.houston-cleancities.org/stakeholder-meetings/>

It is anticipated that TCEQ will begin call for projects within the next couple of months. H-GCCC will work to facilitate Settlement activities within the region. Coalition members discussed ways to reach out to organizations/agencies that could benefit from these funds. If the funds aren't spent by the State within the first eight years, it may be moved to other States that will.

ITEM 7. Announcements (Andrew DeCandis)

- TCEQ will announce the availability of funding under TERP Rebates Grant Program. The date has not yet been set.
- H-GAC is working on a submission for the 2019 DERA Grant Request for Proposals and is looking for fleets interested in replacing existing diesel vehicles with newer diesel vehicles or ones with lower emission fuels to participate. The deadline is March 6, 2019.
- Texas Clean Fleet – TERP Program - is open. The deadline is February 18, 2019.
- February 20th is Texas Energy Day at the Capitol.

Meeting adjourned at 10:42 A.M.