

HOUSTON-GALVESTON CLEAN CITIES COALITION STAKEHOLDERS

MEETING SUMMARY

Tuesday, August 11, 2020 – 9:30-11:00 AM
Houston-Galveston Area Council of Government Offices
3555 Timmons Lane, Suite 120, Houston, Texas 77027
Virtual Meeting

STAKEHOLDERS PRESENT

Apple Towing – Michael Scully
CC ISD – Robert Frieda
Center Point Energy – David Owen
Center Point Energy – Laura Irvine
CenterPoint Energy – David Allen
CNG4 America – Bob Baldwin
Dual Green Consulting – Dan Martin
Freedom CNG – Eddie Murray
Houston ISD – Emma Lockett
Humble ISD – Ariel Rodriguez
ICF – Blake Woodward
ICF Consulting – Bridgette Willendorf
ICom North America – Dudley Westlake
KC Southern – Carl Atkins
Metro – Vincent Sanders
NAT=G – Dennis Foose
Port Houston – Bruce Mann
Texas Brine – Keith Schumann
Tomball ISD – James Carlton
TX NGVA – Susan Shifflett
TXDOT – Lee Christensen
Almeda Fuels – Dorian Benn
Almeda Fuels – Luke Noons

STAFF PRESENT

H-GCCC – Andrew DeCandis
H-GCCC – Ben Finley
H-GCCC – Sandra Holliday
H-GCCC – Cassandra Marshall
H-GCCC – Gilbert Washington

OTHERS PRESENT

H-GAC – Brandy George
H-GAC – Cameron Stawicki
H-GAC – Carrie Evans
H-GAC – Stephan Gage
H-GAC – Veronica Green
H-GAC – Veronica Waller
H-GAC – Christopher Whaley
H-GAC – Susan Jaworski
Public - Lorie Hempen
Public - Trae Gamble

BRIEFING

Overview

1. The Houston-Galveston Clean Cities Coalition (H-GCCC) Stakeholders were presented with action items, and a series of information items.
 - a. Meeting materials may be viewed at: <http://www.houston-cleancities.org/stakeholder-meetings/>.
2. Minutes from meeting 01/22/2020 were approved.
3. Election of officers was tabled.
4. The following presentations were delivered:
 - a. Overview of Recent Coalition Activities.

- b. Providing Electricification Service to Utilities.
 - c. Results of Clean Cities Annual Survey.
 - d. New Volunteer Opportunities for Stakeholders.
 - e. Current Funding Announcements and Updates.
5. The meeting concluded with member announcements of current and upcoming activities.

Action Items

Item 1 - Introductions (H-GCCC Vice – Chair, Norm Whitton)

1. Norm Whitton, Vice- Chair, called the meeting to order.
2. H-GCCC Stakeholders introduced themselves.

Item 2 – Approval of Meeting Summary (01-22-2020)

1. Meeting minutes were approved.

Item 3 - Election of Officers

1. Stakeholders were unable to fill the position of Chair.
2. No nomination nor self-nomination were made.
3. Election of Officers was tabled until next meeting.

Discussion Items

Item 4 - Overview of Recent Coalition Activities (Andrew DeCandis)

Andrew gave an update to the Stakeholders on the recent and completed coalition activities, including:

1. Completed work on annual clean cities survey finalized in March.
2. The first of a series of webinars held in May, which focused on funding alternatives fuel transitions.
3. Internal planning and work on a podcast focusing on all fuels in the Houston region.
 - a. Please contact Staff if you are interested in participating.
4. Work on developing virtual site tours.
5. Work on developing virtual ride and drive events.

Item 5 – Providing Electricification Service to Utilities (Bridgette Wellendorf, ICF Consulting)

Bridgette Willendorf of ICF Consulting presented an overview to the Stakeholders on how ICF provides electrification service to utilities.

1. The electric power offers several key benefits to end user over their internal combustion counter parts.
2. Some of the key benefits focus on:
 - a. Reduced maintenance,
 - b. Increase in safe and efficient workplace,
 - c. Decrease in noise, and
 - d. Creating a clean and healthy environment.
3. Any information required on different grants, customers can get assistance with the application process.

- a. CenterPoint Energy details their clean air technologies program based on the customer's needs as well.
- 4. Funding is typically \$1,000 per trailer based on how many plugs are used, and how many trailers are in the fleet.
- 5. The incentive applies to forklifts, digital billboards, man lifts, and golf carts.
- 6. The incentives apply to both commercial and residential use.

Item 6 - Results of the Clean Cities Annual Survey (Andrew DeCandis)

Andrew updated the Stakeholders on the status of the Clean Cities annual survey that began in January.

- 1. All fleets are contacted for information about their alternate fuel usage over the past year.
 - a. The list of information is compiled to for 2019 results.
 - b. The analyses will determine the use of petroleum and greenhouse gas reduction impacts for our individual region and for the entire clean cities nationally.
- 2. The 2019 report has been submitted and accepted by the Department of Energy.
 - a. The deadline was March 15.

Item 7 - New Volunteer Opportunities for Stakeholders (Ben Finley)

Ben solicited volunteers to help with work outside of the Stakeholder's meetings.

- 1. This partnership will allow Stakeholders to become more active within the coalition and help minimize the workload for the co-coordinators.
 - a. If interested, email your name, phone number, and your company's affiliation.
 - i. Be sure that the title states "CCC Volunteer Subcommittee".
- 2. Upcoming opportunities include:
 - a. Collecting alternative fuel pricing, and
 - b. Collecting links to "infomercials".

Item 8 – Current Funding Announcements and Updates (Gilbert Washington)

Gilbert updated the Stakeholders on the currently available grant opportunities.

- 1. A list of available grant opportunities may be viewed at:
http://aq.hgac.net/_layouts/15/DocIdRedir.aspx?ID=ARRAEUAATR24-503547211-8461

Item 9 – Announcements of Current and Upcoming Activities

- 1. Norm Whitton discussed with Stakeholders that Tesla is moving to Austin to construct battery vehicles.
 - a. Tesla expects groundbreaking to occur in the next 12 months.
 - b. Tesla could possibly go through Corpus Christi or Houston to export their trucks.
 - i. A question was raised if anyone has had a conversation with Tesla regarding supply chain or exporting.
 - ii. Discussion continued as to how Tesla could combine opportunities with current funding efforts.
 - iii. The coalition can help Tesla identify planning issues such as what happens when Tesla needs to charge trucks that may be delivering trucks for export.
 - c. The Port of Houston Authority was mentioned as a possible Stakeholder to plan for possible Tesla exporting issues.
- 2. The Stakeholders were made aware that the City of Houston is currently offering an RFP for potential parties to assist the city in identifying how to charge their 5000-vehicle electric fleet and develop a process for locating other public charges within the city limits.
 - a. A question was asked if anyone has made a response to the request for proposal.

3. David Owens responded to a question about plans for a docket in POC for wire companies such as CenterPoint.
 - a. Such companies would have the opportunity to invest in electric charging stations.
 - b. A question was asked if there was an update on the status of the docket.
 - i. Feedback was given that the Commission issued four additional questions to be answered.
 - ii. Responses are due August 28, 2020.
4. Susan Shifflett informed the Stakeholders that TXNGVA will host a webinar on Thursday, August 13, 2020. at 10:45-11:45 A.M.
 - a. Peter Barber from Ingevity will give an update on low pressure absorbed CNG products.
 - b. Tyler Farmer will give an update on the natural gas vehicle platform.
 - c. Pre-registration is required.
 - i. Contact Susan or visit www.texasngvalliance.com.
5. Susan Shifflett informed the Stakeholders that there will be a webinar to promote the Highland natural gas hybrids trucks on September 24, 2020.
6. Eddie Murray informed the Stakeholders that Waste Management will soon open a natural gas truck facility in Conroe.
7. Bob Baldwin informed the Stakeholders that Fort Bend ISD will soon receive 30 new CNG busses, taking their CNG fleet to 60 total CNG busses.

Item - Adjournment

1. The next meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2020.
2. The meeting adjourned at 10:42 A.M.