

HOUSTON-GALVESTON CLEAN CITIES COALITION STAKEHOLDERS

MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday, January 22, 2020 – 9:30-11:00 AM Houston-
Galveston Area Council of Government Offices
3555 Timmons Lane, Suite 120, Houston, Texas 77027
(Meeting Held – Second Floor, Conference Room 2-A)

STAKEHOLDERS PRESENT

Center Point Energy – Laura Irvine
U of H TxCEF – Greg Bugosh
Center Point Energy – David Owen
Electric Interstate – Norm Whitton
Harris County – Garth Gwynn
TXNGVA-Susan Shifflett
Harris County-Matt Van Veda
Freedom CNG – Eddie Murray

STAFF PRESENT

Houston-Galveston Area Council – Andrew DeCandis
Houston-Galveston Area Council – Cassandra Marshall
Houston-Galveston Area Council – Gilbert Washington

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)

Susan Shifflett, Chair, called the meeting to order, and H-GCCC Stakeholders introduced themselves.

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM 3A. Approval of Meeting Summary

The Coalition Chair entertained a motion to approve the H-GCCC Stakeholders meeting summary for Wednesday, October 23, 2019 as presented. The motion was passed with no corrections.

ITEM 4. Election of Officers

Next, Chair Susan Shifflett placed the slate of candidates as presented into nomination for approval for the Officer positions on Houston -Galveston Clean Cities Coalition Stakeholders for 2020. The members unanimously elected the following individuals for 2020:

Office	Member Name
Chair	Laura Irvine
Vice Chair	Norm Whitton

ITEM 5. Advisory Committee Appointments (Andrew DeCandis)

Andrew DeCandis informed the Stakeholders of the initiative to bring back the Advisory Committee. This Advisory board will consist of (6) individuals, who can assist with periodic conference calls, discuss coalition business, and assist with general direction of the coalition. This could be, giving guidance for meetings, workshop topics, as well as help find speakers and locations for upcoming events. Additionally, at the end of the year to assist with future direction of Houston-Galveston Clean Cities Coalition.

The Advisory Board Committee would allow Stakeholders to engage more through weekly check in emails and monthly conference calls. After discussions, members were asked to volunteer to be apart of the H-GCCC Advisory Board Committee.

ITEM 7. 2019 Clean Cities

- a. What HGCCC offers- The Stakeholders were updated on Houston-Galveston Clean Cities Coalition opportunities for networking, marketing through newsletters, and funding alternatives. Discussions continued with Stakeholders being asked to sign the annual membership agreement, which is no cost. This will reaffirm each individual commitment to be a Stakeholder. Another recommendation was for fleets to fill out the survey, which will provide input for the annual operating plan and other upcoming activities.
- b. Activities Planned for 2020-Stakeholders were informed of the plans for a fleet technology conference. A date will be set in the fall. Additionally, to offer smaller site visits and educational tours with fleet operation infrastructure. As well as reach out to San Jacinto and Houston Community College to look at their maintenance facilities. Also, there is potential for workplace charging, and C and G infrastructure. Currently, we are working with NCTCOG in Dallas and their coalition to help plan for a zero-emission corridor in Dallas and Houston. The first meeting was last week. We will continue to offer support with applying for VW funds.

ITEM 8. 2019 Annual Survey

The Stakeholders were updated on the yearly partnership with the Department of Energy to develop an Annual Report about alternative fuel usage within the Houston Region. The goal is to have a National Survey of all the fuel usage worldwide in 100 regions.

The discussion continued surrounding the annual survey which includes major activities and accomplishments from the Stakeholders as a coalition and summarizes the use and impacts of alternative fuel within our region. As well as, the usage perspective and infrastructure perspective. In addition, the report provides planning data for the coalition and the post agency H-GAC.

Recommendations were made to the Stakeholders to provide feedback through the survey that was sent to them in January. The link to the survey is Houstoncleancities.org. A deadline has been set for February 15 to receive all survey results. After the data is input and compiled, the goal is to have this submitted to Department of Energy by March. The Department of Energy and NREN, they analyze the data and translate into petroleum and greenhouse gas reduction. This is specifically for our region and Clean Cities nationwide. After submittal, a presentation is done in June or July, which will detail how we did.

ITEM 9. Current Funding Announcements and Updates- (HGCCC Staff)

1. Gilbert Washington gave an overview of local, state, and federal funding available within the region for air quality improvement through vehicle replacement and alternative fuels.

ITEM 10. Announcements of Current & Upcoming Activities

1. Texas Natural Gas Vehicle Alliance first meeting in Dallas, Tx on Thursday, February 13. from 11am to 1pm. Houston meeting will be Thursday, April 9 at CenterPoint Energy.
2. Alternative fuel tax credit was passed. 50 cents per gallon on Propane and Natural gas.
3. TCEQ refueling grant deadline is March 18, 2020.

ITEM 11. Adjourn meeting

Next meeting will be April 22, 2020

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 A.M.