

HOUSTON-GALVESTON CLEAN CITIES COALITION STAKEHOLDERS

MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday, January 27, 2021 – 9:30-11:00 AM
Houston-Galveston Area Council of Government Offices
3555 Timmons Lane, Suite 120, Houston, Texas 77027
Virtual Meeting

Overview

- a) The following Houston-Galveston Clean Cities Coalition (H-GCCC) Stakeholders were presented:

STAKEHOLDERS PRESENT

Comcast – Patrick Shevlin
Alameda Fuels – Luke Noons
Evolve Houston – Christopher George
Center Point Energy – Michael Conklin
CFISD – William Powell
Rush Enterprises – Heather Mims
NAT-G – Dennis Foote
ICF Consulting – Bridgette Wellendorf
TX Propane – Jackie Mason
Freedom CNG – Eddie Murray
Rice – Lisa Lin
TXNG – Heather Ball
METRO – Vincent Sanders
METRO – Kimberly Williams
Alliance Port Region – Chad Burke
Center Point Energy – David Owen
SELF – Chip Sheely
Houston ISD – Emma Lockett
NAT-G – Gary Lawrence
POHA – Kenneth Gathright
City of Houston Fleet Program – Kristian Harper
METRO – Andrew Skabowski
Kirby Corporation – Morgan Johnson

STAFF PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Keith Schurmann
Bridget Elmore
Trae Camble
Mike Thigpen
Christopher Shigley
Houston-Galveston Area Council –
Carlene Mullins
Houston-Galveston Area Council –
Justin Kuzila

- b) There were no action items on the agenda.
- c) Election of officers were held.
- d) There were a series of information items:
- Summary of 202 accomplishments
 - Discussion on sub-tasks of the next contract with the Department of Energy (DOE)
- e) The meeting concluded with no member announcements of current and upcoming activities.
- f) Visit <http://www.houston-cleancities.org/stakeholder-meetings/> to view the meeting

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ITEM 2A. Introductions (H-GCCC Staff – Andrew DeCandis)

- a) Andrew DeCandis, Staff, called the meeting to order.
- b) H-GCCC Stakeholders introduced themselves.

ITEM 3. Approval of Meeting Summary (11-9-2020)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ITEM 4. Election of Officers

- a) Members nominated and voted for officers. The results are:
 - Chair- Chris George
 - Vice Chair-Vincent Sander

ITEM 5. Advisory Committee Appointments:

- a) The following Stakeholders will serve as Advisory Committee Members:
 - Vincent Sanders
 - Dennis Foose
 - Trae Camble
 - Kristian Harper
 - David Owen
 - Eddie Murray

ITEM 6. 2020 Clean Cities

- a) Gilbert Washington updated the stakeholders on the initiatives that was completed in 2020, as well as the ongoing efforts. The Coalition:
 - Welcomed 13 new members.
 - Submitted fuel price tracker reports to the DOE;
 - Completed and submitted the annual report to the DOE

Discussion continued with the Peer to Peer information sharing which will give the stakeholders an opportunity to collaborate in establishing a plan for a zero emission corridor to the Dallas region. along I-45.

Discussion moved towards outreach efforts including podcasts (2 interviews have been completed) and webinars. There are two upcoming webinars:

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- The first will focus on how you convert to alternative fuel technology doing these difficult economic times.
- The second will discuss propane basic and functionality.

It was also mentioned that more partnership is expected as the coalition reaches out to other leaders of different alternative fuels.

Virtual site visits will allow for local businesses to compile all their content and showcase what the region does.

Finally, a regional bus survey will be conducted to examine the need for funding opportunities specific to our region.

- b) Ben Finley discussed with the Stakeholders the future contract with DOE, which identifies six sub-tasks that the Coalition needs to choose from as tasks in the year 2021. Currently, Staff is performing two of the tasks: Sub-task 3.2 - ushering alternative fuel projects through a grant funding program.; 3.4 – General Stakeholders Outreach.

Discussion continued surrounding needs for input of additional tasks the Stakeholders would like to accomplish. The other sub-tasks include:

- 3.1 – Stake holder Listening sessions
- 3.3 – Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Corridor planning
- 3.5 - Technical Assistance and Fleet Coaching
- 3.6 – Technical Training and Education (with hopes of resulting in job placements via internships)

Staff encourage stakeholders to volunteer for any and all subtasks.

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ITEM 7. 2020 Annual Survey

- a) The Stakeholders were informed that the Annual Survey will request information for major activities and accomplishments of both public and private sectors for 2020.

Staff has streamlined the survey to be more user friendly. Staff mentioned that a focus has been geared toward learning about new alternative fuel stations. Discussion continued with vehicle fueling inventory for all alternative fuel vehicles, with emphasis on electrical hybrid and plug in vehicles, and a need to understand what manufactures are doing to improve fuel economy. Discussion continued to truck stop electrification, idle reduction, and decreasing the need of foreign petroleum. It was mentioned that alternative fuels helps to improve American made options.

Staff discussed that the Annual Survey will begin to collect the information.in January. Normally, the due date is in February, but due to the pandemic, it is extended to March 15, 2021.

It is still important to report on 2020 activity, despite low activity due to the pandemic. Staff notified the stakeholders that they can utilize their last year information as a basis for this year's annual survey. Thus far, there has been 11 responses, mainly the entities that were have assisted in previous years.

Staff will host a webinar on the Annual Survey to explain the importance, and provide instructions on how to fill out the survey.

ITEM 8. Current Funding Announcements and Updates (HGCCC Staff)

- a) Staff gave an update on the status of available grant funding programs.

ITEM 9. Announcements of Current & Upcoming Activities

- a) No Announcements.

ITEM 10. Adjourn Meeting

- a) The next meeting will be April 28, 2021
- b) Meeting adjourned at 10:39 A.M.