

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

## **MEETING SUMMARY**

Tuesday, May 10, 2022 – 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**

CenterPoint Energy – David Owen  
METRO – Bryan Carroll  
EDF – Shannon Thomas  
TXNG – Heather Ball  
METRO – Vincent Sanders  
TXNG – Heather Ball  
EDF – Tammy Thompson  
Harris County – Lisa Lin  
Port Houston – Kenneth Gathright  
Port Houston – Henry Tennebaum  
Port Houston – Ellu Nasser  
Port Houston – Stephanie Coates

#### **STAFF PRESENT**

H-GAC – Andrew DeCandis  
H-GAC – Ben Finley  
H-GAC – Cassandra Marshall  
H-GAC – Gilbert Washington  
H-GAC – Patrick Mandapaka  
H-GAC – Craig Raborn  
H-GAC – Carrie Evans  
H-GAC – Carlos Lugo  
H-GAC – Susan Jaworski

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

SPEER – Shaun Auckland

- b) There were no action items on the agenda.  
c) There were three discussion items:  
    a. Green Jobs Training Program (Shannon Thomas, EDF)  
    b. Local Government Energy Reporting (Shaun Auckland, SPEER)  
    c. METRO’S Climate Action Plan (Bryan Carroll, Houston METRO)  
d) There was one information item:  
    a. Current Funding Announcements & Updates  
e) The meeting concluded with no member announcements.  
f) Visit <http://www.houston-cleancities.org/stakeholder-meetings/> to view the meeting information.

### **ITEM 1. Introductions (Andrew DeCandis)**

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

### **ITEM 2. Approval of Officers & Advisory Committee Members**

Chair-Vincent Sanders

Vice Chair-TBD

#### **Advisory Committee Members**

Center Point Energy-David Owen

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

## **MEETING SUMMARY**

Tuesday, May 10, 2022 – 9:30-11:00 AM  
Houston-Galveston Area Council of Government Offices  
3555 Timmons Lane, Suite 120, Houston, Texas 77027  
Virtual Meeting

---

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **ITEM 3. Green Jobs Training Program (Shannon Thomas, EDF)**

Shannon Thomas gave an overview on the Houston EDF team regarding the work they do with community-based organizations Sunnyside, Fifth Ward, and Kashmere Garden. Conversations begin with understanding the actions and goals of the organizations, and continued with how the organizations train individuals in the community, with emphasis on the impact to climate change, which includes air pollution, and air quality issues.

It was pointed out the organizations train individuals for jobs in the future in hopes that they can:

- Rebuild their own communities after natural disasters happen;
- Help continue with identifying and preparing for jobs of the future;
- Help to bring jobs back to their community; and,
- Qualify for jobs which can bring knowledge back to their communities.

Overall, the mission for the green job program is to develop a program that will prepare residents in Houston's underserved neighborhoods for innovative jobs that will contribute to the resiliency of their community. The technological needs of the future will benefit employers, and residents of underrepresented communities, and the communities themselves.

#### **ITEM 4. Local Government Energy Reporting (Shaun Auckland, SPEER)**

Shaun Auckland gave an overview to the members regarding SPEER, a small nonprofit organization that focuses on acceleration of adoption of advanced building systems and energy. The major contributor is the Department of Energy (DOE), and the membership ranges from advocacy organization, cities, energy service companies and manufacturers, trade association, and utilities. SPEER's work is broad, including state advocacy with the legislature, establishing high-performance buildings, analyzing local governments regulations, and training.

Discussion continued with 388S, the health and safety code that is a requirement of political subdivisions including cities, counties, water districts, other local governments, and the 41 non-attainment and near non-attainment areas in Texas. 388S requires these entities to report their energy consumption to the state of Texas.

SPEER is primarily focused on energy consumption of air emission point of sources, and drafts legislation that:

- Establishes energy efficiency goals for local government agencies;
- Collecting and evaluating energy assumption data; and
- Developing peer to peer benchmark performances to help public entities identify money saving opportunities.

Shuan Auckland invited the membership to attend a regional round table interview. Additionally, Ms. Auckland provided her contact information should a city or local government wish to get involved with SPEER.

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

## **MEETING SUMMARY**

Tuesday, May 10, 2022 – 9:30-11:00 AM

Houston-Galveston Area Council of Government Offices

3555 Timmons Lane, Suite 120, Houston, Texas 77027

Virtual Meeting

---

### **ITEM 5. METRO’S Climate Action Plan (Bryan Carroll, Houston METRO)**

Bryan Carroll gave an overview on METRO’s climate action plan, a 2-year road map to reduce greenhouse gas. The plan aligns with FTA’s climate change guidance, as well as aligns with City of Houston’s climate action and resilient plans. METRO’s climate action plan:

- Identifies current efforts with inventory improvements;
- Identifies new opportunities to track progress; and
- Applies persistent approach to pursue goals.

METRO’s vision to shift to procuring only zero emission buses by fiscal year 2030, and manage its’ operations to avoid or minimize environmental impacts on the health and safety for our customers and employees.

METRO will apply green principles to the design and management of its facilities, fostering sustainable use of natural resources by promoting energy management, generation recycling, re-use, and repurposing of materials and waste reduction management opportunities.

METRO’s next step to deliver the initiatives in their climate action plan is to communicate externally, with the Clean Cities Coalition, Transportation Air Quality subcommittee, and to update external marketing material through promotional items and their website.

### **ITEM 6. Current Funding Announcements & Updates (Gilbert Washington)**

Staff gave an update on the status of available Texas and nationwide grant funding programs.

### **ITEM 7. Announcements of Current & Upcoming Activities**

None

### **ITEM 8. Adjourn Meeting**

- a) The next meeting will be August 09, 2022
- b) Meeting adjourned at 11:02 A.M.