

2pm at Texas Children's-West Campus

Attendees on August 1, 2018

Carolyn Dorros
Dick Phillips
Auggie Campbell

Karla DeCuir
Carmen Kumpula
Sara Montenegro

Imani Forrest
John Vasselli
Susan Thompson

Jay Neal

1. **Welcome & Introductions.....Carolyn Dorros**
 - a. *Campbell informed the group about the upcoming bond election on August 25th and the Houston Stronger event on August 2nd.*

2. **West Houston 2060 Plan Update.....Imani Forrest**
 - a. *Forrest reports that the progress on the website version is going well. The homepage is complete and WHA is just waiting on imagery to fill the committee pages. Forrest reported that the map layers will be the last step.*
 - b. *The committee discussed what imagery would represent them the best. The current idea is the U of H Katy Campus imagery. The committee discussed if it is a good idea for only one school to be represented and asked if this might upset anyone. The committee discussed wanting to focus on higher goals without focusing on one school. The committee discussed that with U of H and HCC's possible collaboration the image might be a good idea. Montenegro suggested using a map with all the school districts outlined with the U of H Katy Campus as a highlight. DeCuir suggested adding more of the workforce element into the imagery. Neal reported that he has a logo for the U of H Katy Campus that could be used. Forrest asked the committee to send her any other ideas they have. Forrest will send out a mock-up for the committee to review.*

3. **WHA Executive Committee Action: Letter of Support for HCC Colocation at U of H—Katy.....Zach Hodges, Dick Phillips, and Auggie Campbell**
 - a. *Campbell reported that WHA's Executive Committee supported the resolution for U of H Katy Campus and HCC to collaborate. Phillips clarified that the collaboration will be in the same area not sharing the same building. This will work best because if HCC builds on the U of H property they would be obligated to build to U of H's standards. Phillips and*

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Neal reported that the language of the resolution will need to be updated to reflect the correct collaboration.

- b. Neal reported that the classrooms will quickly fill up but U of H does not have the resources to build the facilities needed. HCC building near their Katy Campus will provide a new facility for students and provide freshman and sophomore classes.
- c. Vasselli reported that the schools will need to start work on how to get the students into the pipeline now. Marketing of the program will be very important. The Nursing and Engineering programs are already starting work on this. DeCuir reported that the UHV is already working with Katy ISD to start pathways in middle school. DeCuir reported that marketing will also be important to reach the parents so they know what is being offered.
- d. Vasselli reported that as the baby boomers are retiring a new workforce will need to take their place. The workforce has a need for 8,000 engineers each with and only graduating 2,000. Once the industry realizes that there are not enough engineers being trained in our region to need our workforce needs they will want to partner. The partnerships will likely lead to providing facilities which is one of the biggest challenges. The committee discussed that there are still many in the Katy community who are being underserved. Providing dual credit programs for high school students receive free credits and getting more schools to join the Houston GPS Program will help reach more students. Phillips reported that U of H now accepts all of HCC's engineering classes.
- e. The committee discussed the need for data science programs. Neal reported that U of H Katy Campus will offer this program. Forrest reported that Shelly deZevallos, West Houston Airport, reported that there is a big need for pilots and mechanics right now. Campbell reported that Inframark is also looking to fill positions at their industry at various levels.

4. **Policy & Legislative Issues.....Carolyn Dorros**

- a. Campbell reported that Education needs a champion for legislative issues. The closest was Representative Zerwas. The committee discussed that education needs to be viewed from a broader standpoint.
- b. Phillips reported that U of H plans to go to Austin to look at possible funding for the Katy Campus and will need support. The primary, k-12, education finance piece needs to be a focus for legislation. The committee reported that the education industry will need to stand together and show that there is a demand for new programs. Any further ideas from this group are very appreciated.

5. **WHA Announcements.....Carmen Kumpula**

- a. Montenegro reported that Texas Children's Urgent Care will be opening soon for the West Campus. Montenegro reported that she will be sending out official invitations to the ribbon cutting.

- b. *Kumpula reported the following WHA events coming up:*
 - i. *August 22nd – Building Forward: Sustainable Growth*
 - 1. *This event is hosted by WHA’s Sustainable Infrastructure committee and will focus on how to sustainably accommodate the expected growth in this area.*
 - ii. *September 11th – 2060 Plan Roll-Out Reception*
 - 1. *WHA will be combining our public officials reception with the publication of the 2060 Plan.*
 - iii. *25th Annual Golf Tournament*
 - 1. *WHA is celebrating 25 years of our golf tournament and hope that this committee will join us.*

6. Adjourn

Mission Statement

Advocate policies and partnerships that provide high-quality educational infrastructure and educational opportunities to achieve a prosperous and sustainable business community and workforce in Greater West Houston.

**2018 WHA Education & Workforce Development
COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE (PROPOSED)
All Meetings at**

~~WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 7~~
~~WEDNESDAY APRIL 4~~
~~WEDNESDAY JUNE 6~~

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 1
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 3
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 5

