

7:30am to 9:00am at EHRA's offices

Attendees on November 13, 2018

Auggie Campbell
Jim Russ
Mark Gehringer

Natalie Weiershausen
Travis Sellers
Imani Forrest

Maurice Mullaly
Jon Polley
Carmen Kumpula

Scott Saenger
Peter Huinker
Aaron Evans

1. Welcome/Introductions Jim Russ

a. Russ welcomed the group.

2. Awards & Marketing Carmen Kumpula & Imani Forrest

a. Awards & December 4th: Awards Presentation, Etc.

i. Russ asked Forrest to report on the progress of the awards boards. Forrest reported that the template for the awards boards was sent out the previous week and the staff is still currently waiting on the returned print-ready boards from two of the three recipients. Campbell added that the order forms for the print certificates were still needed and that the coming Friday would be the final deadline to receive those. The boards will be placed throughout the room on the night of the awards ceremony but there wouldn't be a need for anyone to 'man' them unless they desired to do so.

b. Marketing

i. Press Release

1. Campbell reported that WHA puts out a year-end press release announcing the winners of the Sustainability Stars and Quality Planned Development awards. This year, WHA would like to include the announcement of our new Chairman Heath Melton. Campbell stated that WHA intends to send the release to the Chronicle along with Houston Business Journal and other relevant publications.

ii. "Brag Book"

1. Mullaly reported that the "Brag Book" is still in its early stages but would be organized similar to the way many project lists are presented (by project overview and then awards earned by each). Mullaly also stated he was using past winners PDF files as a reference to assemble the information about the projects. Campbell stated the staff will provide the 2018 award winners boards to help aid in the process further. The committee

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discussed a timeline for the “Brag Book” project, anticipating completion in early 2019.

iii. 2060 Video

1. *Forrest reported that the latest discussions with the Chairmen and the Executive Committee resulted in the idea of each committee making multiple videos about their section of the 2060 plan. The reasoning for this was to create longevity in the 2060 document and keep it alive through the entire year. Forrest asked for committee volunteers and participation in the coming meetings and Russ suggested taping a committee meeting in the new year. The committee discussed Gehringer being a subject of an interview along with Bridgeland’s Purple Pipe project.*

3. **Committee Business**.....Jim Russ

a. **2019 Meetings**

b. **2019 Goals**

- i. *Russ opened the 2019 goals discussion to the group. Jone Polley stated that tackling a white paper would be difficult because the topic of sustainability covers all committees and to be thorough would require all committees feedback. Campbell reponded that having the Executive Committee review the document would mitigate the need for each committee to review the white paper.*
- ii. *Polley suggested that the committee come up with principals for the current session of commissioners court to explain what the main goals and ideas behind the committee are. Russ added this sounds like the committee may want to write a resolution. Campbell responded with the idea that the committee come up with a list of items to support. Polley says the best plan of action would be for the committee to make a numbered list of what issues will be relevant in session and what our position is on each item.*
- iii. *Russ raised the question of who would be interested in the future leadership of the committee. Sellers motioned he would like to renew Russ’s contract for chairman.*
- iv. *Saenger said that the biggest issues the committee will face in the new year will be funding and financing for projects, and attracting builders with all of the changes to flood plain maps and various codes. Polley added that a lot of permit approvals run through the city and county and that it’ll be difficult in the new year with all the changes in the county legislature.*
- v. *The committee agreed that a lot of education will need to take place in the new year to help the legislature understand the needs of the region.*

c. **2019 Legislation/Policy Considerations**

- i. *Mullaly mentioned the idea of reintroducing ourselves as a group to the legislature and letting people meet the new WHA representatives and board. Campbell reponded by saying that WHA’s executive committee decided on a more focused approach on the legislative session. The*

group discussed the upcoming session, the Texas Water Development Board, and likely legislative issues.

- ii. Bloom suggested having a WHA committee member testify at the legislature. Campbell asked that any who are interested to contact him about it.
- iii. Campbell says WHA will have 3 main issues and 2-3 trigger issues that if bad enough WHA will take a stance on. Bloom asked that the committee work on a testimony and/or leave behind white paper for the legislature. Polley asks what priorities are in focus, and if one is the approval process of permits. Campbell responds that this may be the opportunity to have a more streamlined process once certain standards are achieved in order to get faster permitting.
- iv. Bloom reported that in a study he is doing for Steve Costello and the City of Houston, time wasn't a very big factor when polling about the permitting process—the issue is predictability. Bloom said that procurement needed to focus more on life cycle costs. Polley raised the question of what the roll of the water districts will be and how to get them to improve procurement to consider life cycle costs—traditional procurement had serious limits. Campbell suggested that the water districts may be able to improve life-cycle cost considerations through alternative procurement methods, like CSP's (Competitive Sealed Proposals). Polley said the staff of the water districts may not have the expertise to score them appropriately. Sellers water districts could appoint selection committees with diverse backgrounds to facilitate this process. Polley replied that MUDs don't have the staff for that so maybe the focus needs to be on the life-cycle costs for future residents and if there is an incentive to have developers consider cost. Campbell suggested design, build, operate, maintain and financing may appeal to some builders but for most the risk may be too much. Polley stated that if we can't effect the MUD model we can't effect larger scale change.
- v. Campbell asked the group if the topic of life-cycle costs interests them as potential workshop. Saenger asks for clarification if Polley is talking about the front end cost being on the MUDs and reimbursement being the incentive.
- vi. Edwin asked what the committees heard about walkable places. Campbell responds that no one is really involved in that topic but that we should be. Campbell mentioned floating the idea of the life-cycle workshop in the next meeting and for the group to think of who they'd like to attend in the meantime.
- vii. Campbell asks group if they'd like the Kinder Institute Report, which considered some of these issues, and stated he'd send it out to the committee.

4. Adjourn

Mission Statement

Sustainable infrastructure enhances the long term economic, social, and environmental outcomes of development and infrastructure within the greater West Houston Association region. The committee's mission is to advocate for the use of sustainable infrastructure concepts through the education of members and stakeholders and recognition of projects and practices.

2018 WHA SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE
All Meetings at EHRA Offices, 7:30 am

Tuesday, January 9
Tuesday, February 13
Tuesday, March 13
Tuesday, April 10
Tuesday, May 8
Tuesday, June 12

Tuesday, July 10
Tuesday, August 14
Tuesday, September 11
Tuesday, October 9
Tuesday, November 13
Tuesday, December 11

