West Houston Association

Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Committee

Meeting Notes November 28, 2018

2:00 to 3:30 pm WHA Offices

Auggie Campbell Robert Whittemore
Chris Patterson Carmen Kumpula Imani Forrest
Adam McGovern Aaron Tuley

Attendees on November 28, 2018

a. 2060 Video

- i. Forrest reported that WHA is hoping to continue making the 2060 Plan relevant. Each committee will be asked to volunteer for video interviews for Forrest to create a variety of 3 minutes clips. The videos will be used for social media, presentations and on the WHA website. The committee thought this was a great idea and that this group should film in park areas or areas with the purple grass in the spring.
- ii. Forrest asked for volunteers to be in the videos and for the members to send any aerial footage.
- iii. Campbell reported that WHA recently submitted the 2060 Plan for the Our Great Region Award. WHA will find out the results in early February.
- b. 2019 Meeting Schedule
 - i. Kumpula reported that this committee has been meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of the odd months. The committee decided to keep the same schedule for 2019. Kumpula will send out the calendar invites.
 - ii. The committee's next scheduled meeting will be January 9^{th} , 2019.
- c. 2019 Goals & Partnerships
 - i. The committee discussed the following goals for 2019:
 - 1. Look for opportunities
 - 2. Identify the opportunities
 - 3. Prioritize the opportunities
 - ii. The group discussed doing a gap analysis to find the areas devoid of parks and or connections that make sense. Possibly creating a

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- subcommittee to focus on the gap analysis and include HOA and MUDs parks. Focusing on a trail system will also be a main priority for this committee.
- iii. The committee discussed how to prioritize which partnerships to coordinate first. The group discussed identifying common goals with other organizations and having committee volunteers meet with them.
- iv. Campbell reported the Fort Bend Green, MUDs and Landmark have expressed interest in working with this committee. Campbell suggested working with Jessica Holoubek (ABHR), Jon Polley (RBAP) and Howard Cohen (SPH) to represent the MUDs. The group also discussed presenting to AWBD at one of their monthly luncheons. The committee discussed meeting with CenterPoint, City of Houston and representatives from the county.
- v. The committee decided to follow up with the following groups first and then prioritize the rest of the partnerships.
 - ı. Parks Board
 - 2. Scenic Houston
- vi. Campbell reported that he will set up a meeting with a representative from the Parks Board in December. Patterson, Weiershausen and Harrison volunteered to go.
- d. 2019 Legislation/Policy Discussion
 - Houston Stronger is going to be requesting \$3B from the Rainy Day fund for buyouts, recovery and resiliency funds. After buyouts the land cannot be used for much else. Parks would be a good option. The flood bonds are also a good opportunity for trails. The bond money cannot be spend on trails but joint projects or outside projects can take place. The group will be hosting a Houston Stronger day in February and is likely going to hire Logan Spence as a lobbyist for the 2019 session.
 - ii. Campbell reported that Houston Stronger is steered by Harris Plus Flood Solutions (HPFS) who's members include:
 - + Houston Contractors Association
 - 2. Fort Bend EDC
 - 3. West Houston Association
 - 4. Greater Houston Builders Association
 - 5. American Council of Engineering Companies
 - 6. Houston Association of Realtors
 - 7. North Houston Association
 - 8. Greater Houston Partnership
 - o. Houston Real Estate Council
 - 10. National Association of Minority Contractors
 - 11. Katy Area EDC

WHA is going to be looking to oppose any anti-annexation bills and the revenue cap of 2.5%.

3. Adjourn

2018 PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

All Meetings at WHA Offices, 2:00 pm

Wednesday, January 10 Wednesday, May 9 Wednesday, July 11
Wednesday, September 12
Wednesday, Novemer 28

