

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

Attendees on December 11, 2018

Auggie Campbell
Jim Russ
Mark Gehringer
Travis Sellers

Imani Forrest
Maurice Mullaly
Jon Polley
Carmen Kumpula

Greg Turner
Scott Saenger
Peter Huinker
Aaron Evans

Brian Stidham

1. **Welcome/Introductions** Jim Russ
 - a. *The committee discussed the awards reception and congratulated Mullaly on his outstanding committee member award.*
 - b. *Looking forward the group discussed focusing on educating, advocating and promoting the sustainability techniques.*

2. **2019 Technical Forum** Jim Russ
 - a. Proposed date: 2-28
 - i. *The committee discussed a topic and speakers for their 2019 technical forum tentatively scheduled for February 28th. The committee discussed the following topic ideas:*
 1. *Other area in the state developing sustainable philosophy*
 - a. *In the past this committee had the Tarrant Water Authority in Dallas to discuss their Envision Award.*
 2. *Scott Slaney, Terrain Studio, to discuss "Sponge City" and building sustainable cities*
 3. *Demographer to discuss population & demographic changes. The group discussed Steve Spillette, CDS, as a possible speaker on this topic.*
 4. *Sam Brody from the Kinder Institute*
 5. *Jace Houston from San Jacinto River Authority*
 6. *Ed Emmett who will be teaching at Rice University. The committee discussed asking him to be a moderator but thought that it may be too soon after the election.*
 7. *Sarah Martin, Katy ISD, regarding the education component and how this relates to the growth of the region.*
 8. *Chris Salles who is with Dannenbaum Engineering and formerly worked with USACE to discuss the coastal spine.*

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- a. *Evans reported that the coastal spine refers to a project along the Louisiana state line all the way to Mexico. USACE only gets a certain amount of funding so this will affect the inland funding. The committee discussed that not many people have heard a specific description of the coastal spine project.*
 - 9. *Maureen Crocker with the City of Houston to discuss the Smart City Initiative.*
 - 10. *Murry Starkel former USACE commander and now in a private practice working toward sustainability.*
 - 11. *Craig Rhodes with CenterPoint Energy to discuss power in the region.*
 - 12. *Brett Perlman, Center for Houston’s Future, to discuss sustainable energy.*
 - 13. *Technology component of infrastructure and artificial intelligence construction.*
 - ii. *The committee discussed not wanting to cast too wide a net and not spend enough time on any topic. The group discussed having a panel discussion with Steve Spillette, Sarah Martin, Craig Rhodes and Scott Slaney to focus on Power, People and Protection.*
 - iii. *The committee decided that Scott Saenger will reach out to Slaney about the forum to see if he is interested. The committee decided to reach out to Slaney first because he will likely be a great speaker without a panel discussion.*
- 3. **Committee Business**.....Jim Russ
 - a. Sustainability Stars Marketing (Imani Forrest)
 - i. *Forrest reported that she is working on a marketing kit that includes a trifold of information on the sustainability stars program. The current & past winners will also be highlighted and a booklet of the recipient boards from the reception.*
 - ii. *Forrest also reported that she is working on a collaboration with HAR to send our award information to the realtors in the area.*
 - iii. *The website has also been updated to include the 2018 winners.*
 - b. “Brag Book” (Maurice Mullaly)
 - i. *Mullaly reported that he created a draft version of the book to show the key elements of the projects and how they achieved the goals. The draft will be sent around to the committee for review.*
 - c. “Road Show” (Discussion)
 - i. *The committee discussed creating an informative handout for the upcoming legislative session. The committee discussed attending the February 27th Texas Stronger Day in Austin.*

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

