

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

Attendees on January 8, 2019

Auggie Campbell
Jim Russ
Mark Gehringer
Natalie Weiershausen

Imani Forrest
Carmen Kumpula
Scott Saenger
Peter Huinker

Aaron Evans
Michael Bloom
Travis Sellers
Brian Stidham

Edwin Friedrich

1. Welcome/Introductions Jim Russ

2. 2019 Technical Forum Jim Russ

a. Speakers

i. Campbell reported that he had confirmed Scott Slaney, Terrain Studio, for February 28th to speak on the "sponge city" ideas being implemented in China. Slaney has also done work in Houston (Galleria) and would like to discuss pitfalls and opportunities of implementing the sponge city ideas into our region. Dept of landscape, architecture & urban planning. The committee discussed adding another speaker including the following:

- 1- Shannon Van Zandt - Head of the Department of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning at Texas A&M. Adding Van Zandt would open the discussion for pre-disaster planning in existing environments.
2- Harry Adams, McCombs Properties. Adams presented at a ULI event recently on McCombs Properties response to their residents after Harvey using private funds.
3- A representative from Mustang Cat to discuss their response to Harvey.
4- Scott Davis, Meyers Research, to discuss his report on the MUD's performance after Harvey.
5- A civil engineer from a local Master Planned Community to discuss the sustainable practices.
6- A 3 developer panel to react to Slaney's sponge city ideas and talk about implementation in our area.

ii. The committee decided to keep Slaney as the only speaker for the technical forum which will open up more time for Q&A. Campbell reported that WHA will schedule a call with Slaney to go over the topic. Saenger agreed to be on the call as well as introduce Slaney and field

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questions at the event. The committee decided to prepare 6 questions before the February meeting in preparation for the event. The committee also decided to title the event: “Sponge City Space City”

b. Venue

i. Kumpula reported that the event will take place at the Houston Marriott at Westchase (2900 Briarpark) from 7:30am to 9:00am. The event will also have a breakfast buffet.

c. Sponsors

i. Kumpula reported that the event currently has two sponsors: EHRA and Jones Carter. Marketing for event sponsorship will be sent out soon.

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

a. Marketing Update (Imani)

i. Forrest reported that the marketing kit is going well. The next step is creating videos for the committee. Forrest reported that if anyone on the committee has any ideas for the videos highlighting the 2060 Plan. The committee should expect to see the marketing kit documents at the February meeting.

b. Harris County & Envision (Michael Bloom)

i. Bloom reported that John Blunt is on the Commissioner Court Agenda today to ask for \$20k to complete Envision training for his staff.

c. Legislative Update (Auggie Campbell)

i. Campbell reported that Harris Plus Flood Solutions is working with GHP on legislation for the upcoming session. The non-profit also hired a lobbyist, Logan Spence, to push the Houston Stronger agenda in Austin. Houston Stronger is hoping for \$3B to split. There will be \$1.5B in a disaster contingency fund and \$1.5B for repairing existing infrastructure damaged by disaster. The fund will be similar to SWIFT and be authorized by TWDB and TDEM. Campbell reported that the goal is to have \$20B of projects completed with these funds.

ii. Campbell reported that Houston Stronger will no longer be having an Austin Day and will use those funds for PR purposes.

iii. Russ reported that the committee still aims to develop talking points on sustainability for the legislators. Campbell reported that he will send around WHA’s Legislative Priorities voted on by the board at the December Board of Directors meeting.

4. **Adjourn**

2019 WHA SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

All Meetings at EHRA Offices, 7:30 am

Tuesday, January 8	Tuesday, July 9
Tuesday, February 12	Tuesday, August 13
Tuesday, March 12	Tuesday, September 10
Tuesday, April 9	Tuesday, October 8
Tuesday, May 14	Tuesday, November 12
Tuesday, June 11	Tuesday, December 10