

2:00 to 3:30 pm WHA Offices

Attendees on January 9, 2019

Auggie Campbell	Robert Whittemore
Chris Patterson	Casey Collins
Carmen Kumpula	Imani Forrest
Adam McGovern	Greg Turner

1. **Welcome/Introductions** Chris Patterson

2. **Committee Business** Chris Patterson
 - a. 2060 Video
 - i. *Forrest asked the committee to share any ideas on locations for the parks section of the 2060 Plan video. WHA is looking for a visually appealing location that also shows why connections are important. Forrest reported that WHA will need volunteers from this committee to speak in the video.*
 - ii. *WHA is also working on updates to this committee’s page on the website. If anyone on the committee and information or articles that would be valuable to add to the website they can send them to Forrest.*
 - b. 2019 Goals & Partnerships
 - i. *WHA is still working to schedule a meeting with the Houston Parks Board. They are very interested in working with us and talking to this committee. One of the goals will be to conduct a gap analysis and see which MUD’s can be partnered with for connection opportunities. The Parks Board has already had many conversations and this committee will not want to duplicate their efforts.*
 - ii. *The committee decided to ask Beth White, Chip Place and Merry Leonard to attend the next meeting on March 13th. In preparation, a few committee members will plan to meet with this group before the March meeting. The committee discussed being willing to change the meeting date if needed to accommodate our guest speakers.*
 - iii. *WHA will send a Dropbox link to the committee containing the Houston Parks Board Presentation and the study from Scott Davis, Meyers Research, regarding MUD’s performance during Harvey.*
 - iv. *The committee discussed other opportunities as well including roadside ditches and partnering with local school districts.*
 - c. 2019 Legislation/Policy Discussion

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- i. *Campbell reported that the Houston Stronger group is advocating for \$3B from the state. The funds would be split between \$1.5B used for a match to rebuild existing infrastructure and \$1.5B into a fund similar to SWIFT. The Harris Plus Flood Solutions (steering committee for Houston Stronger) hired Logan Spence to lobby in Austin.*

3. **Adjourn**

2019 PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

All Meetings at WHA Offices, 2:00 pm

Wednesday, January 9

Wednesday, March 13

Wednesday, May 8

Wednesday, July 10

Wednesday, September 11

Wednesday, November 13

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