

2:00 to 3:30 pm WHA Offices

Attendees on March 13, 2019

Auggie Campbell Natalie Weiershausen
Chris Patterson Chip Place
Carmen Kumpula Lisa Graiff
Robert Whittemore

1. **Welcome/Introductions** Chris Patterson

2. **Beyond the Bayou: Where WHA can help** Chip Place

- a. *Place reported that the Houston Parks Board has been around for 40 years and is working on the Bayou Greenway 2020 Plan to connect Houston. The plan provides access to 3,000 acres of greenspace, 150 mile hike-and-bike trails and will put 6 out of 10 Houstonians within 1.5 miles of a Bayou Greenway. Place reported that the plan will provide \$90M in annual benefits including \$50M in physical & mental health, \$10M in environmental health and \$30M in economic health. The capital campaign is for \$220M and \$110.2M has already been raised. This leaves \$9.8M left to raise. Place reported that the goal is to have this wrapped up by this fiscal year. Land acquisition is a huge part of the program. Half of the land acquisition budget is for purchase of new land.*
- b. *Place reported that Beyond the Bayou neighborhood networks work perfectly with the Mayor’s Complete Community Initiative. The goal is to work at a kit of parts by connecting communities in this region.*
- c. *The group discussed other opportunities. It would be beneficial to see the land use plan divided into park sections to make it easier to allocate funds to that area. Decision makers will be able to see what each park section is missing.*
- d. *The Parks Board is applying for TIP grants as well as FEMA applications in the aftermath of Harvey. Place reported that they are also working closely with the HCFCD to see what projects can be multi-use.*
- e. *The group discussed finding a more sustainable funding source for Parks and also create standards to help with recognition and permitting to incentivize an increase in park space.*
- f. *Place reported that the way that WHA can help is keeping people talking about this project and working with public officials to see where there are opportunities.*

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- 3. **Committee Business** Chris Patterson
 - a. 2060 Video
 - i. *The committee discussed thinking of ideas and having them ready for the next committee meeting.*
 - b. 2019 Meeting Schedule
 - i. *The group decided to change the May 8th meeting date to April 30th. The group discussed having public officials at a committee meeting to discuss their priorities. The committee will also want to have a working meeting to go back to the map from the 2060 Plan to prioritize committee ideas and find needed connections. The group decided to contact the officials regarding the April or July meeting date.*

- 4. **Adjourn**

2019 PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE	
<i>All Meetings at WHA Offices, 2:00 pm</i>	
Wednesday, January 9	Wednesday, July 10
<u>Wednesday, March 13</u>	Wednesday, September 11
Wednesday, May 8	Wednesday, November 13
