

HOUSTON-GALVESTON CLEAN CITIES COALITION STAKEHOLDERS

MEETING SUMMARY

Tuesday, June 18, 2024 – 12:00-2:00PM
Cypress – Fairbanks Independent School District
13330 Woods-Spilane
Cypress, Texas 77429
Hybrid Meeting

Overview

- a) The following Houston-Galveston Clean Cities Coalition (H-GCCC) Stakeholders were present:

Chairs

METRO – Vincent Sanders (Chair) *
Freedom CNG – Eddie Murray (Vice Chair)

Advisory Board Members

GTI Energy – Brian Weeks
Texas Electric School Bus Project - Jessica
Keithan*
Texas Natural Gas Foundation – Heather Ball

Partners and Stakeholders

Alliance Port Region - Chad Burke
Brazos Transit - Jo Marlow
Celly H2 – Andrew Mahon *
Chargepoint – Gary D.Headrick
Chargepoint – Michael Thigpen
Chemtec New Energies – Shawn Laughlin *
Chevron Renewable CNG – Steve Synko *
Cougarnet – Abhishek Sambaraj
Cypress Fairbanks ISD – Bobby Williams *
Cypress Fairbanks ISD – Kayne Smith *
Evolve Houston – Venkat Abhishek *
Fort Bend – Thomas Kuczynski
Houston Electric Vehicle Association Collin
Loewen *
Houston Electric Vehicle Association – Robert

Sanchez *

Onegas – Dayna Bolger
Opal Fuel – Williams Adams Sr. *
Paradigm Controls of Texas – Raymond Burns
Pasadena ISD – Jim Jacobs *
Pasadena ISD – Robert Stock *
Port Of Galveston – Laura Camcioglu
Sysco – Robert Veazie
Texas Natural Gas Foundation – Jackie Mason

Coalition and H-GAC Staff

H-GAC – J. Ben Finley *
H-GAC – Cassandra Marshall
H-GAC – Maggie Isied
H-GAC – Carlos Lugo
H-GAC – Pharr Andrews
H-GAC – Vinny Polignano

Others Present

GSA - John Stobie
Tulipe Consultants - Drew Blake
Brazos Transit - Jo Marlow

* In Person

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- b) There were no action items on the agenda.
- c) There was a series of information items:
 - i. Item 1: Introductions
 - ii. Item 2: Annual Report Results
 - iii. Item 3: Updates on Advisory Board and Subcommittees
 - iv. Item 4: Current Grant Funding Announcements and Updates
 - v. Item 5: Presentation: Cypress – Fairbanks ISD Success Stories with Multi-Fuel Fleet
 - vi. Item 6: Announcements
 - vii. Item 7: Adjourn Meeting
 - viii. Item 8: Ride and Drive Event
- d) Visit <http://www.houston-cleancities.org/stakeholder-meetings/> to view the meeting information

ITEM 1: Introductions

- a) J. Ben Finley called the meeting to order
- b) H-GCCC Stakeholders introduced themselves

ITEM 2: Annual Report Results – Ben Finley, H-GAC

- a) J. Ben Finley gave a presentation on the annual report results, highlighting:
 - a. Positive trends, including an increase in project count and reductions in gasoline equivalent and greenhouse gas emissions
 - b. A decrease in electric and alternative fuel vehicles reported in the survey
 - i. Attributing it to the loss of obtained surveys, and
 - ii. Rules governing data retention
- b) Finley’s presentation provided valuable insights into the regional trends and challenges, shedding light on the complexities of survey data interpretation and its implication for future planning and funding opportunities.

ITEM 3: Updates on Advisory Board and Subcommittees J Ben Finley, HGCCC

- a) J. Ben Finley presented a comprehensive set of suggestions for the annual survey subcommittee, highlighting:
 - a. The importance of maintaining connections with the CNG sector
 - b. Increasing survey responses, particularly from the EV sector and organizations affected by the 20% rule
 - c. Emphasizing the need to acquire information on teleworking and idle reductions, acknowledging these areas as a safety net for the committee's efforts

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- b) He expressed the challenges associated with engaging with Amazon and obtaining responses from larger stakeholders

ITEM 4. Current Grant Funding Announcements & Updates. J. Ben Finley, HGCCC

- a) J. Ben Finley provided an update on the following grant opportunities:
 - a. Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles Program
 - b. Clean Ports Program
 - c. Texas Emission Reduction Program (TERP): Rebate Grant
 - d. TERP: Texas Clean School Bus Program
 - e. TERP: Seaport and Rail Yard Areas Emission Reduction Program
 - f. Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant
 - g. Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program
 - h. Accelerated Innovation Deployment
 - i. Texas Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Program
 - j. Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

ITEM 5. Presentation: Success Story: Cypress Fairbanks ISD Bobby Williams, Fleet Manager

- a) Bobby Williams gave an overview on the Cypress Fairbanks ISD (Cy-Fair) multi-fuel fleet
 - a. Cy-Fair focused on diesel and propane for some time
 - b. Cy-Fair recently included electric:
 - i. Administrators were a little apprehensive.
 - ii. Administration is now in favor of EV buses
 - c. Cy-Fair reached out to Reliant to ensure they had proper infrastructure.
 - i. Cy-Fair learned that the EV Bus and EV charger infrastructure should be considered as 1 combine issued, not two separate issues
 - d. They quiet nature of Electric buses has made a huge impact on the disciplinary actions from the students
 - e. The electric buses are being tracked by GPS on a regular basis

ITEM 6. Announcements:

- a) TAPC Convention June 23
- b) Hydrogen Technology Expo June 26-27
- c) Texas Clean Cities Coalition Webinar Grants for ISDS July 17
- d) FleetCon 2024 Over the Horizon (September 16-18)

ITEM 7. Adjourn Meeting

- a) The next meeting: TBD (September 16/20)
- b) Meeting adjourned at 1:06 P.M.