

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE GALVESTON BAY COUNCIL

**Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 10, 2019
10:00PM – 12:00PM
Held at the office of Galveston Bay Estuary Program (GBEP)**

Subcommittee Chair: Kathy Janhsen, Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC)

Subcommittee Vice Chair: T'Noya Thompson, Galveston Bay Foundation (GBF)

GBEP Representative: Cynthia Clevenger

CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS

Attendees: Kathy Janhsen (H-GAC); T'Noya Thompson (GBF); Sally Wall, University of Texas Medical Branch Office of Education Outreach (UTMB OEO); Marguerite Sognier (UTMB OEO); Sarah Robinson, (GBF); Ted Driscoll, (GBF); Anni Ranck, Bayou Preservation Association; Cindy Wilems (GBF); Rose Esteves, City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department (HPARD); Kelli Ondracek (HPARD); Todd Running (H-GAC); Amanda Rinehart (Artist Boat); Kendall Guidroz (H-GAC); Erin Kinney, Houston Advanced Research Center (HARC); Theresa Morris, Turtle Island Restoration Network; Amanda Brown, Children's Environmental Literacy Foundation (CELF); Lisa Gianukos (CELF); Lindsey Lippert (GBEP); Patricia Thompson (GBEP); Kristen McGovern (GBEP); Lisa Marshall (GBEP); Christian Rines (GBEP); Mary Stiles (GBEP);

Via phone: Kari Howard, Audubon Texas Coastal Program

GBEP, Council, Subcommittee updates

The next Council meeting will be on October 16, 2020. GBEP will be seeking the Council's approval of the program's fiscal year 21 Work Plan. All the subcommittees will be having their project proposal meetings this month. PPE members are welcome to attend any of those meetings.

The 11th State of the Bay Symposium update: GBEP will be seeking help moderating some of the sessions. If anyone is interested in helping and taking a leadership role in

the symposium, let Cynthia Clevenger know. The symposium work group is in the process of reviewing the proposals and developing a draft agenda.

HARC presented an update to the Regional Monitoring Database (RDM). This is a programmatic deliverable and part of the Galveston Bay Plan, 2nd Edition. The RDM is a centralized data portal that supports work of stakeholders in management of the Galveston Bay ecosystem. The RDM will be integrates with the plan, State of the Bay report, Status and Trends, and the Coastal Atlas. Contact Ryan Bare at HARC if you have questions: Rbare@harcresearch.org

FY2021 PPE Project Proposals

Conflict of Interest – A conflict of interest statement was distributed and signed by subcommittee members stating that any connection to proposals would be announced.

Members were reminded of the project proposal process. After PPE ranks the projects, that information is submitted to the Budget and Priorities (B&P) subcommittee. B&P puts together a complete budget and project list with consideration of the preferences of each of the subcommittees. This budget is submitted to the Council for approval at the October 16, 2020 meeting.

Each person with a proposal had 3 minutes to present their project. Once the presentations were made, the subcommittee continued an in-depth discussion of the proposals.

All projects are submitted for one year of funding. Projects that request multiple years of funding are taken into consideration. However, the project will have to go before the PPE subcommittee each year for continued support.

Announcements/Path Forward Items

Next Meeting: December 12, 2019 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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