

Armand Bayou

Coordination Committee Meeting Summary

April 4, 2013

H-GAC: Aubin Phillips

TCEQ: Jason Leifester, Lauren Oertel

Meeting Attendees: Linda Broach (TCEQ), Linda Sheed (ABWP), Diane Humes (ABWP), Grace Martinez (Sierra Club), Carl Lawrence (City of Houston, District E), Tyson Vodochodsky (Pinky's Kayak), Tim Tietjens (City of La Porte), Bianca Locke (City of Pasadena), Alan Amor (NASA), Stacy Holcomb, Maria Modelska (UH), Tom Beck (TXDOT), Jon Powell (Taylor Lake Village), Wesley Brandon (City of Deer Park), C.A. Shields (BAHEP), Rose Sobel (University of Houston), Brian Koch (TSSWCB), Eloy Mendoza (CLCWA), Robert Snoza (HCFCD), Diana Foss (TPWD), Katie McCann (GBF), Dennis Paul (City of Houston)

This meeting was held at the Armand Bayou Nature Center Meeting Room. The meeting started with a roll call of Coordination Committee members and their alternates to determine if there was a quorum, there was. There were approximately 25 people in attendance.

The group discussed the ground rules for the Coordination Committee. A revised copy of the ground rules was sent out to the Coordination Committee. Basic changes included:

1. A quorum of 10 people is needed to make decisions
2. 75% of those present to agree to make a decision
3. Alternates will be able to vote (each CC member can designate up to 2 alternates)
4. People can participate by phone call
5. Three minute public comment periods are allowed

The group also discussed a goal statement for the I-Plan project. After a few suggestions and iterations, the DRAFT goal statement is: Develop a plan to improve water quality in Armand Bayou by identifying and limiting bacteria sources and preventing further deterioration of water quality in the watershed.

The group followed up with more discussion about possibly joining the BIG, some pros and cons were discussed. The BIG I-Plan will at least serve as a good menu of options to consider for the Armand Bayou I-Plan whether the group decides to join or use it as an example. It was suggested that the group be provided with the checklists from the BIG workgroup meetings as examples of what is being implemented. These will help to summarize the plan without people having to read the entire document. To view this document go to www.h-gac.com/BIG and click on "At a Glance" under "Final Work Group Meeting" for Coordination & Policy and I-Plan. It

was also suggested that if people have questions about Watershed Protection that they may be interested in attending a Texas Watershed Steward Workshop. One is being held on April 30 in La Marque. There are also online training modules. Go to tws.tamu.edu for more information.

Next the group discussed work group meeting times, dates and attendance.

1. Wildlife/Habitat/Agriculture/Feral Hogs – May 2 (1-2:30 pm)
2. Education/Outreach/Recreation/Domestic Pets/Litter, Residential – May 9 (3-4:30 pm)
3. Wastewater Infrastructure/OSSF – May 2 (3-4:30 pm)
4. Storm water/Industry/Land Development/MS4s – May 9 (1-2:30 pm)

The next Coordination Committee meeting will be discussed at the upcoming work group meetings and will occur after all of the work groups have met.

List of Coordination Committee Members:

Interest	Representative
City of Houston	Dennis Paul, District E
City of Pasadena	Daya Dayananda, Asst. Dir of Public Works
City of La Porte	Tim Tietjens, Director of Planning
City of Deer Park	Wesley Brandon, Storm Water Specialist
Taylor Lake Village	Einar Goerland, City Council
Harris County	Catherine Elliott, HCFCD
Environmental	Grace Martinez, Sierra Club
	Steve Hupp, Bayou Preservation Assoc
	Mark Kramer, ABNC
Education	George Guillen, UH/EIH
Business/Industry	CA Shields, BAHEP/marketing
Recreation/Parks	Roni Skirvin, CLC Green Plan - Hike/Bike
	Claire Mules, Golf Course Committee
	Tyson Vodochodsky, Pinky's Kayak
Water Authority	Bob Savely, CLCWA

State Agency	Brian Koch, TSSWCB
ABWP	Diane Humes
Transportation	Tom Beck, TXDOT