# Parks and Natural Areas Roundtable

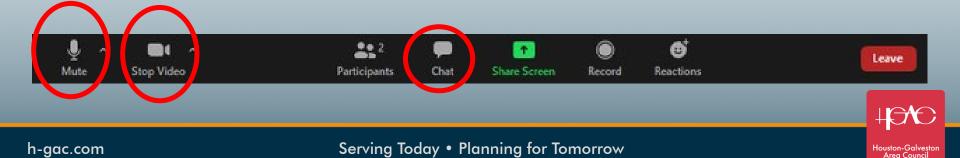
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- Mute yourself when not speaking
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## Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Presentation Augustus "Auggie" Campbell and Deborah January-Bevers
- Presentation Justin Bower
- PNA Awards Discussion Glenn Laird
- Round Robin Discussion
- Next Meeting September 13, 2021



| Activity  | Timeline                     |
|---|------------------------------|
| Review Application and Select Judges            | July and via e-mail          |
| Advertise Awards/Solicit Applications           | August                       |
| Accept Applications                             | Whole month of September     |
| Judging   | Early October                |
| PNA Roundtable Reviews Award<br>Recommendations | Late October<br>(via e-mail) |
| NRAC Acceptance of Awards                       | Early November               |
| Notify Winners                                  | Mid December/January         |
| Advertise Recognition Event                     | January/early February       |



- Streamline Categories and Questions Combine categories and some questions
  - Combine Planning and Policy Tools
    categories
  - Some questions are redundant
  - Streamlining will make the process easier for the applicants and the judges
  - Propose going from 14 scorable questions to 10



- Adjust weights to 1-5 instead of 1 to 20
  - Some questions should be worth more, but not so much more that a bad project with a good resiliency component could score significantly higher than a good project with a mediocre resiliency component



| Question  | Weight |
|---|--------|
| What are the project objectives?  | 1      |
| How did the project meet these objectives?  | 2      |
| Describe cost-benefit and funding solutions for the project.  | 2      |
| Describe how the project created/will create, preserved/ will preserve, restored/ will restore and/or expanded/ will expand natural areas and ecosystems OR how the project improved/will improve quality of nearby water bodies.*  | 5      |
| Describe how the project created/will create, expanded/will expand and/or improved/will improve park areas.   | 5      |
| Describe how the project improves/will improve the resiliency and sustainability for the area.  | 4      |
| Describe how the project involves/will involve a collaborative effort between public, political jurisdictions and/or private businesses.  | 1      |
| Describe public involvement and/or input related to the project.  | 1      |
| Describe how the project meets the needs of the community, including public health benefits, plans for the community's future needs, or new or renewed connections to parks and natural areas, particularly in underserved areas.** | 4      |
| Describe how the project can be a model for similar initiatives in the region?  | 3      |

\*replaces Describe how the project created/will create, preserved/ will preserve, restored/ will restore and/or expanded/will expand natural areas and ecosystems AND Describe how the project preserves/will preserve, restores/will restore and/or improves/will improve quality of nearby water bodies.

\*\* replaces Does the project include the reclamation, reuse or repurposing of land? If so, please explain AND Does the project include land acquisition, particularly in underserved areas or in areas with future needs? If so, please explain AND Describe how the project meets the needs of the community. AND Does the project address specific public health benefits? If so, please explain.



- Add Programming Category
  - Provide opportunity for communities that don't have budgets for building or planning projects
  - Must have an environmental focus, not concerts and fireworks, but rather handson or awareness building programs.



#### PNA Awards and Recognition Proposed Programming Category

| Question   | Weight |
|--|--------|
| What are the project objectives?   | 1      |
| How did the project meet these objectives?   | 2      |
| Describe cost-benefit and funding solutions for the project.   | 2      |
| Describe how the project raises awareness on the importance of creating, preserving, or restoring natural areas or ecosystems<br>and improving or protecting the quality of local waterbodies OR describe how the project protects, restores, or improves quality<br>of nearby water bodies and/or creates, preserves or restores natural areas or ecosystems. | 5      |
| Describe how the project raises awareness on the importance of improving the resiliency and sustainability for the area OR describe how the project improves/will improve the resiliency and sustainability for the area.  | 4      |
| Describe how the project involves/will involve a collaborative effort between public, political jurisdictions and/or private businesses.   | 1      |
| Describe public involvement and/or input related to the project.   | 1      |
| Describe how the project meets the needs of the community, including public health benefits, plans for the community's future needs, or new or renewed connections to parks and natural areas, particularly in underserved areas.  | 4      |
| Describe how the project can be a model for similar initiatives in the region?   | 3      |

These questions would be in place of the following questions in the Planning/Policy/or On-the-Ground Categories:

Describe how the project created/will create, preserved/ will preserve, restored/ will restore and/or expanded/will expand natural areas and ecosystems or how the project improved/will improve quality of nearby water bodies.

Describe how the project improves/will improve the resiliency and sustainability for the area.



- Recommendations for Judges
  - Academic
  - Consultant
  - Past Winner
  - Water Quality Expert
  - Wild Card



## **Next Meeting**

#### September 13 – On Zoom



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## **Thank You!**

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