

**HOUSTON GENERAL PLAN  
Stakeholder Advisory Group  
Agenda**

**MEETING 1**

**Thursday, October 9, 2014**

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1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Background
3. Vision
4. Planning Coordination Tool
5. Next Steps

**Houston General Plan  
Stakeholder Advisory Committee  
10/09/14 Meeting Notes**

**Activity: Brainstorm goals for the following words: opportunity, diversity, community, home**

**Community**

Create/promote environment for strong families. Strong families = strong communities  
Foster sharing and volunteering  
Create places, spaces, activities, streetscapes, venues for interaction  
Create and enhance educational institutions and opportunities for learning and personal development  
Develop tools and enhance existing ones to sustain and improve character of our neighborhoods  
Develop and enhance tools to improve green space and environmental restoration and conservation  
Eliminate food deserts  
Complete streets  
More intelligent parking requirements  
Vibrant public spaces that engender community and are accessible to all  
Partnership ties that encourage ties between school, business, industries, arts, parks, foundations, etc.  
Infrastructure: creating world class places that have room for growth  
Transportation: better mobility to the entire city  
Superfast WIFI that's available to everyone  
Maintain the 'can do' attitude  
Provide healthy food options across the city  
Safe walkable streets  
Multi-modal forms of transportation to diverse land uses  
Connections between different types of communities  
Alternative to different types of communities  
Access to diverse cultures  
Communities connected by green space  
Communities with colorful art and culture that celebrate diversity  
History is respected  
Civic engagement and voter turnout  
Creative reuse of space and structure  
Cyber connectivity to the city, state, and the world  
Connected neighborhoods and communities  
Each neighborhood should have access to parks, cultural experiences, shopping, healthy food, medical services, good schools industries, safety  
Generous and philanthropic investors in home grown efforts  
Equitable  
Green roads projects  
Address infrastructure issues prior to expanding high density housing

## **Home**

Opportunity to live in a safe environment  
Opportunity to age in place in their own home in a livable community in any age  
Friendly city  
Walkable sidewalks and crossable streets  
Enforcement of deed restrictions as part of the permit process  
Affordable and mixed housing  
Maintain safety and security  
Be proactive in reducing hostile environment/ violence  
Nearby amenities, parks and green space  
Enhance mobility  
Preserve streetscapes and neighborhood character  
Define indicators for neighborhood vitality  
Good public infrastructure- plan for the future  
Connection to education, employment and entertainment  
Your place to feel comfort  
Choice of how you want to live and where you want to live  
Safe, walkable and bikeable streets  
Promote the friendliness, hospitality, and warm spirit of Houstonians  
A beautiful landscape is a choice we make as a city  
Proud to call Houston our home  
Celebrate the unique qualities of our neighborhoods. Big city- small towns  
Return to our roots in a fresh, big, visionary way  
Support low income housing  
Affordable assisted living options  
Connectivity between work, home and play  
Eliminate food deserts  
Transportation

## **Opportunity**

Multimodal transportation solutions city-wide  
Attainment of maximum potential for every individual  
Inform the public of how the process works  
Create ties between large companies and schools  
Houston is a desirable destination for world wide talent  
Diverse transportation options for all]  
Fast, WIFI access to everyone  
Create positive climate for living and working  
Houston encourages entrepreneurship and business development  
Opportunities for educational growth  
Opportunities for environment, outdoor activities  
Sustain free enterprise environment

City where you have opportunities to achieve and do your best; achieving your dreams.  
Opportunities to give back to the community and share and volunteer  
Encourage the entrepreneurial spirit that create Houston – we are pioneers in so many industries  
(energy, technology, space, etc.)  
Incubator for small business and creative efforts  
International access, regional access, national access  
Established around the waterways – embrace the outdoor places and spaces  
Opportunity to focus on rail oriented development  
Coastal access and unique environment  
Support and develop entrepreneurial opportunities  
Education on trades  
Community support for public servants  
Incentivize redevelopment near existing centers both to reduce the cost of delivering city services to  
new residents and to reduce travel burden for new residents  
Craft new public policies that embrace sustainable development and are informed by best practices,  
rather than devolving to common practice or ‘that’s just how we do it here.’  
Ensure all new publicly funding civic/community/municipal/educational facilities are located along high-  
frequency public transit routes, to ensure they’re accessible including minors, seniors, and differently  
abled individuals.

### **Diversity**

Representation from every community  
Trained, qualified workforce  
Provide activities for all ages  
Encourage instruction in multiple languages  
How do we engage individuals in their communities?  
Sustain welcoming, inclusive environment  
Recognize and appreciate Houston’s incredible cultural diversity  
Create a comprehensive participatory framework for community enrichment  
Celebrate and enhance the character and diversity of our natural and built environment  
Create an inclusive and welcoming community that educates about inclusion and sharing and celebrates  
diverse cultures  
Support ‘green’ building programs

### **OTHER**

Deed restrictions or plans? These are important tools that need to be considered  
Work complete tonight does not translate to a geographic area, but the plan will be a geographic  
mapping tool. How do these work together? What part of the plan are we bringing to Council?  
Are you looking at a work-breakdown structure? Perhaps a categorical data analysis perhaps?  
Public Works and Engineering Dept. Needs to set a public hearing on Chapter 9  
Stakeholder Advisory Group should meet more frequently