

**HOUSTON GENERAL PLAN
Stakeholder Advisory Group
Agenda**

MEETING 1

Thursday, October 9, 2014

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

**Houston General Plan
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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