



ReBuild Houston Oversight Committee

Minutes of Regular Meeting: February 28, 2012

ATTENDANCE AT MEETING:

Theldon R. Branch, III, Chair - **Present**
Ann Lents, Vice Chair - **Present**
Frances Castaneda Dyess, Working Group Chair - **Absent**, with notice
Dwight Boykins, Working Group Chair - **Present**
Edward Taravella - **Present**
C.P. "Chip" Bryan - **Absent**, with notice
Honorable Bert Keller, Working Group Chair - **Present**
Gilbert Herrera, Working Group Chair - **Absent**
Jeff Ross, Working Group Chair - **Present**
Council Member Oliver Pennington - **Present**

1. Call to Order / Welcome

Chairman Theldon Branch called the Meeting of the ReBuild Houston Oversight Committee to order at 10:25 a.m. The meeting commenced late due to the previous meeting in the Mayor's Conference Room running over.

2. Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Jeff Ross made a motion to accept the February 7, 2012 minutes with an amendment on page 2 related to the Planning and Programming working group's recommendation to the committee. Mr. Keller seconded the motion. The amended minutes were approved unanimously.

3. District CIP Town Hall Meeting Update

Chairman Branch opened the discussion stating that the CIP Town Hall meetings presentation on ReBuild Houston continues to get better. The public is engaged and they have been receptive to the ReBuild Houston update. The Chairman has attended all three district meetings to date. Mr. Boykins has attended two. Other committee members having attended include Ms. Ann Lents, Mr. Gilbert Herrera and Mr. Jeff Ross. The fourth meeting is tonight in District A. Chairman Branch encouraged Oversight Committee members to attend the meetings if they are able.

Mr. Rudick pointed out that the CIP District Town Hall meeting schedule is located in the minutes of February 7, 2012. The "Draft 10-year Plan Map Viewer" just went live prior to the meeting and encouraged all to explore it. Everyone was reminded that we are currently in the public review period and PWE encourages public input on the draft plan. Council Member Pennington encouraged people to report to 311 as it relates to streets and drainage.

4. 10-year Plan Process

Chairman Branch introduced the topic of the Oversight Committee's role in the 10-year plan process as written in the ordinance which is to present a proposed 10-year plan to City Council by June 30, 2012. Mr. Rudick stated that PWE is moving forward with the draft 10-year plan for streets and drainage as a component of the annual C.I.P. process. PWE's draft C.I.P. is typically submitted to the Mayor and Finance Department by the end of April.

As everyone is aware, the draft 10-year plan for streets and drainage is being introduced to the public via the individual District C.I.P. Town Hall meetings and is also available online. PWE is receiving public input on the draft plan in February and March. The final district CIP Town Hall meeting is March 22. Mr. Rudick commented that once the public comment period is closed, PWE will re-run the SWEET model to incorporate the new information received during the public input process. The new run of the SWEET will help generate PWE's final draft 10-year plan. This revised draft 10-year plan will be provided to the Oversight Committee by April 18, 2012.

Three options are available to the Committee with respect to a 10-year plan as follows:

- a) Endorse PWE's final draft 10 year plan as the Oversight Committee's recommended 10-year plan
- b) Modify PWE's draft plan with specific Oversight Committee input and recommendations
- c) Oversight Committee to generate their own 10-year plan independent of PWE

Mr. Ross stated he would prefer not to look at a separate plan. Mr. Boykins said that as we have progressed, he is comfortable with moving forward with the CIP process and the 10-year plan. Chairman Branch commented that the draft 10-year plan is a process based on what PWE has performed to date. Ms. Lents said the Committee should be able to support PWE's plan with input from the Oversight Committee but raised concern about the time constraints in having to wait until the public input process is over in March and then PWE's submittal of the 5-year CIP and 10-year ReBuild Houston plan submittal by the end of April. Further discussion resulted in the request for PWE to provide the Oversight Committee with the changes in the final draft plan from the previous edition.

Mr. Ross made a motion and seconded by Mr. Boykins for "a recommendation for PWE to place a Performance Description of each CIP project vs. just a boundary limit for the 5-year CIP". Motion passed.

Ms. Lents raised the subject of an annual report which needs to be a lay-friendly version of how Rebuild Houston is being performed. Chairman Branch responded that he is utilizing the draft document provided by Ms. Lents to help define a scope of services. We are moving forward but we do not have a specific timeframe for the final product at this time. We will work to have something more definitive after the completion of the CIP meetings. The final document will be completed by June 2012.

5. Working Group Reports: No reports

6. ReBuild Houston Executive Report: Mr. Rudick presented the following points of interest:

- a. Planning and Programming Working Group meeting has been scheduled for Monday, March 12, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the 20th floor conference room of 611 Walker. Those anticipated to attend are Chairman Ross, Ms. Lents and Mr. Keller.
- b. CIP Milestones Schedule topic was briefly discussed with a request for a calendar of milestones to be generated taking the Committee through the end of April.
- c. Verification & Correction information as of January 29, 2012:
 - i. Total accounts 460,000+/-
 - ii. Verification & Corrections received: 28,000+
 - iii. Verification & Corrections approved: 15,500+/-
 - iv. Verification & Corrections denied: 7,400+/-
 - v. Verification & Corrections withdrawn/rejected: 5,100+
- d. Financial Reports
 - i. DDSRF Fund; Drainage Utility Quarterly Collections & Projections are in the February 7, 2012 minutes.
 - ii. Drainage Utility Fees Revenue & Expenditures Exhibit was distributed (attached). Mr. Taravella requested a supplemental report that shows collections/expenditures detailing the projects or uses that the drainage utility fees are being used to fund.
 - iii. Question was raised regarding Drainage Utility Fee and meeting the \$125 million annual amount. Note: Section 22 of the Charter Amendment states that “with drainage charges initially set at levels designed to generate at least \$125 million for fiscal year 2012”.

7. Old/New Business: None**8. Public Comments:** None**9. Adjourn** – Motion made by Mr. Boykins and seconded by Mr. Taravella to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved at 11:41 a.m.

Attachment

- Drainage Utility Fees Revenue & Expenditures Exhibit (as of February 15, 2012)