Houston-Galveston Area Council Peer Exchange



Missing Middle Housing: A Regional Conversation

January 19 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Learning and Development Center

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AGENDA

8:30 a.m.	Sign in and Breakfast
9 a.m.	Welcome
	Onyinye Akujuo Chief Operating Officer, Houston-Galveston Area Council
9 a.m.	Expert Panel
	Luis Nunez Director, Economics and Advisory, AECOM.
	Jeffrey B. Goodman, AICP Planning Policy Consultant, Granicus, New Orleans, Louisiana
	Jennifer Ostlind, AICP Deputy Director, Planning and Development Department, City of Houston
	Curtis M. Davis, R.A. Development Consultant, Houston Housing Collaborative
10:30 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m.	Facilitated Discussion
	Facilitator – Ronnie Barnes Director of Public Services, Houston-Galveston Area Council
	Luis Nunez, Jeffrey B. Goodman, Jennifer Ostlind, Curtis M. Davis, and Peer Exchange participants
12:30 p.m.	Adjourn



TODAY'S PRESENTERS



Onyinye Akujuo

As chief operating officer at the Houston-Galveston Area Council, Onyinye Akujuo leads agency operations and champions innovative solutions on critical regional issues. Through strategic leadership and collaboration, she oversees H-GAC's transportation planning programs, public safety, human services, community planning, procurement and contracts, and data analytics and research initiatives. For nearly 20 years, Onyinye has served in key leadership roles at organizations like the New York City Department of Transportation, New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority. Her leadership expertise spans operational, compliance, grant development, transportation planning and management, new project funding and support, and community development. She has led policy development, transit infrastructure development, systems reconstructions, multibillion-dollar emergency relief efforts and served on metropolitan planning committees, where she helped oversee matters concerning unified planning work programs, transportation improvement, air quality conformity, and long-range regional transportation planning. Onvinye a holds Master of Business Administration from the Cornell University Johnson School of Business, a master's degree in Corporate Communications and Integrated Marketing from the New York Institute of Technology, and a Bachelor of Science from State University of New York at Old Westbury. She is an inaugural fellow of the New York University Transportation Emerging Fellowship. In 2018, Onyinye was placed on Mass Transit Magazine's and on the Atlanta Young Government Leaders' 40 under 40 lists. She was also named on the Fort Worth Inc. 400 Most Influential People list.



Ronnie Barnes

Ronnie Barnes is the director of public services, leading teams responsible for enterprise, business services, and economic development programs. Ronnie directs teams with Small Business Administration and Economic Development Administration loans, the Economic Development Administration loans, the Economic Development Program, the Energy Purchasing Program, and the HGACBuy Cooperative Purchasing Program. Ronnie serves as chair for the National Cooperative Purchasing Partners Board of Directors and in leadership roles with several youth sports and faith-based organizations. He is a native Houstonian and studied at the University of Houston.





Luis Nunez

Luis Nunez is a Director in Economics and Advisory at AECOM with 19 years of experience in economic development, real estate advisory, urban planning, and public policy. As an advisor, he has extensive expertise and involvement with municipal planning and economic development work in both the public and private sectors. Since 2002 his career has spanned a broad spectrum of work in diverse communities across the country. As a consultant, his practice includes an emphasis on the facilitation and implementation of actionable economic development strategic plans and comprehensive plans, land use regulation strategies, and market-based redevelopment plans for special areas, such as corridors and downtowns. He is adept at fiscal and economic impact analysis, public finance, affordable housing strategies, business attraction and retention, workforce development solutions, and market analysis. His real estate advisory experience focuses on creating implementable plans through the execution of market-based strategies, master planning, and public-private partnership (P3) formation.



Jeffrey B. Goodman

Jeffrey B. Goodman, AICP, is a Planning Policy Consultant at Granicus, New Orleans, La. He is an urban planner and designer whose work focuses on the regulation, enforcement, and impacts of short-term rentals. Jeffrey has spoken about short-term rentals across the country, including at the American Planning Association's National Planning Conference, and written extensively on best practices for cities, including as the author of featured articles in Planning Magazine and in the New York Times. He has led short-term rental ordinance drafting and public participation in communities across North America. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in History from Yale University with an Urban Studies concentration and a Master of Urban Planning from Harvard University Graduate School of Design with a Housing and Urban Design concentration.



Jennifer Ostlind

Jennifer Ostlind, AICP, is Deputy Director of the City of Houston's Planning and Development Department. Her 25 years of experience includes community engagement, neighborhood planning, transportation planning, demographic analysis, and administering the City's platting, off street parking and site plan regulations. She serves as Secretary for the Houston Archeological and Historic Commission. Most recently, Jennifer was instrumental in developing Mayor Turner's Complete Communities program that prioritizes investments in 10 underserved neighborhoods and the Walkable Places and Transit Oriented Development ordinances that encourage walkable, transit-oriented development throughout Houston. She is overseeing the Department's efforts to allow development of a wider range of housing types for people of all incomes and the City's program to help neighborhoods become more resilient to climate hazards and other stressors. Jennifer earned bachelor's and master's degrees in Public Administration from Indiana University and the University of Pittsburgh respectively. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.





Curtis M. Davis

Curtis M. Davis, R.A., is a Development Consultant for Houston Housing Collaborative. He is an architect and urban planner specializing in regional planning, urban design, real estate development, community development, and facility capital program management. He is the founding principal of ReBuildit Collaborative, a city building advisory service, and served as project manager for the Emancipation Community Development Partnership, a strategic collaboration in Houston's Third Ward between Project Row Houses, the Kinder Foundation, Houston Endowment, and the Emancipation Economic Development Council. He is an adjunct professor at the University of Houston's Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture, and a lecturer at the Rice University School of Architecture. He oversaw the planning, facility programming, and designer selection phases for the Smithsonian Institution's new National Museum of African American History and Culture. He started his career as Community Planner and Real Estate Development Manager at the Greater Roxbury Development Corp., a former Title-7 Community Development Corporation in Boston, Mass. Curtis earned a master's degree in Architecture from the Harvard Graduate School of Design and a Bachelor of Arts in Architecture from Rice University.

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