

Armand Bayou

Coordination Committee Meeting Summary

June 19, 2013

H-GAC: Aubin Phillips, Will Merrell

TCEQ: Jason Leifester, Lauren Oertel

Meeting Attendees: Linda Broach (TCEQ), Diane Humes (ABWP), Grace Martinez (Sierra Club – by phone), Carl Lawrence (City of Houston, District E), Alan Amor (NASA), Wesley Brandon (City of Deer Park – by phone), C.A. Shields (BAHEP), Rose Sobel (University of Houston), Eloy Mendoza (CLCWA), Robert Snoza (HCFCD), Russell Clark (BPA), Kyle Denny (BPA), Jacqueline Buskop (BPA), Steve Hupp (BPA), Gary Johnson, Latrice Babin (HCPCS), Carol LaBreche (COH), Daya Dayananda (City of Pasadena – by phone), Einar Goerland (Taylor Lake Village), George Guillen (EIH-UHCL), Jason Iken (COH), Braxton Coles (COH)

This meeting was held at the EIH Room. The meeting started with a roll call of Coordination Committee members and their alternates to determine if there was a quorum, there were only 7 members present and 3 were attempting to call in by phone. Due to the phone system at EIH, we were not able to have participants call in when they were available and we were trying to reach them, all three had made prior arrangements to call in. There were approximately 25 people in attendance.

The meeting started with a quick report of what happened at the work group meetings last week. All four meeting were held at Armand Bayou Nature Center on July 11 & 12.

1. Wildlife/Habitat/Agriculture/Feral Hogs: Brian Koch gave a presentation about the programs offered by the TSSWCB and Water Conservation Board, TPWD has a working list of landowners and could help cross-educate with their wildlife field days, there are opportunities to hold feral hog workshops in the watershed, and there may be a need for an implementation activity having to do with riparian repair and/or constructed wetlands.

2. Education/Outreach/Recreation/Domestic Pets/Litter, Residential: This group discussed the need for a cohesive message about things that affect water quality in Armand Bayou. A lot of people do things because they are unaware of the correct way to do them. There was an interest in having more educational workshops in the watershed and getting businesses involved.

3. Wastewater Infrastructure/OSSF: There were some questions about how all of these implementation activities would be funded under a separate plan. Clear Lake City Water Authority is already doing a lot of these, and so is the Metro Houston Plant.

4. Storm water/Industry/Land Development/MS4s: Some of the local jurisdictions are already trying to do these things, but they lack the money and manpower. There were some questions about how many MS4 and Phase IIs there are in the watershed that could potentially be impacted alter. A lot of these activities are already occurring since some of these jurisdictions are already in the BIG and since they are part of the Joint Task Force.

Will Merrell from H-GAC gave a presentation about the OSSF mapping project he has been working on as part of an implementation activity for the BIG. Will showed some maps specific to the Armand Bayou Watershed. His presentation has been posted to the Armand Bayou website.

Next the group discussed the possibility of the Armand Bayou I-Plan group joining the BIG I-Plan once their TMDL is complete. The group discussed the following pros and cons of joining the BIG:

- Permit renewals will happen for the WWTF regardless
- Costs and funding of doing implementation activities
- Sharing of information
- Formalizing existing regulations
- Piggy backing on other programs
- Access to monitoring and evaluation
- Uniformity
- Tracking of projects and process
- Increasing eligibility for grants
- This will not increase budgets
- Impacts to Phase IIs and MS4s
- Prioritization
- Admin – who keeps track of all of this

The group then took an informal vote by show of hand to see which of the 7 committee members in the room were in favor of joining the BIG. Five of the seven raised their hands. One person was still unsure and one person was against. After more discussion and explanation from BIG committee members, the two that has previously been undecided or against, then said yes to joining the BIG. One person on the phone had already voted yes. The group agreed that if the two other people who had asked to phone in could be reached by 5pm that day that they could submit their votes too. The group was not opposed to this process and there was not anybody opposed to the group joining the BIG. Both other committee members were reached by phone by 5pm and both voted yes. The vote was unanimous for joining the BIG.

The next Coordination Committee meeting is scheduled for August 13 and the next series of work group meeting will be held the afternoons of July 30 & 31. Time and locations TBA.

List of Coordination Committee Members, those highlighted voted *indicates their designated alternate attended and voted ** indicates they voted by phone

Interest	Representative
City of Houston	Dennis Paul, District E*
City of Pasadena	Daya Dayananda, Asst. Dir of Public Works**
City of La Porte	Tim Tietjens, Director of Planning
City of Deer Park	Wesley Brandon, Storm Water Specialist**
Taylor Lake Village	Einar Goerland, City Council
Harris County*	Catherine Elliott, HCFCD*
Environmental	Grace Martinez, Sierra Club**
	Steve Hupp, Bayou Preservation Assoc
	Mark Kramer, ABNC
Education	George Guillen, UH/EIH
Business/Industry	CA Shields, BAHEP/marketing
Recreation/Parks	Roni Skirvin, CLC Green Plan - Hike/Bike
	Claire Mules, Golf Course Committee
	Tyson Vodochodsky, Pinky's Kayak
Water Authority	Bob Savely, CLCWA
State Agency	Brian Koch, TSSWCB
ABWP	Diane Humes
Transportation	Tom Beck, TXDOT