MINUTES
HARRIS COUNTY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 4

August 20, 2020

The Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Harris County Improvement District No. 4 d/b/a The Energy Corridor District (the “District”) met in special session by videoconference, with access by telephone available to the public, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.125 and Governor Greg Abbott’s emergency disaster declaration dated March 13, 2020, on the 20th day of August, 2020, and the roll was called of the members of the Board being present by telephone:

David W. Hightower President
Robert Halick Vice President
D. Bruce Fincher Secretary
Brandon Kerr Assistant Secretary
Peter Elgohary Director
Vacant Director
Tom Halaska Director
Chase Crawford Director
David L. Lane Director

and all of the above were present except Directors Halick and Elgohary, thus constituting a quorum.

Also attending the videoconference were Elijah Williams, Executive Director for the District; Robert Rayburn, Landscape Architect for the District; Fabiana Demarie Boero, Urban Planner for the District; Rachael Weaver, Community Relations Coordinator for the District; Kenzie Copeland, Communications Coordinator for the District; Scott Saenger, Kristen Hennings and Erin Williford of Jones & Carter, Inc. (“J&C”); Stephen Costello of the City of Houston (“City”); Randall Tuller and John Herbster with DAR Interests; Alan Black of the Harris County Flood Control District (“HCFCFCD”); Richard Long of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (“USACE”); and Nikole Cales of Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP (“ABHR”).

Mr. Williams reviewed certain recommended protocols for conducting the District’s meeting via videoconference. Meeting attendees introduced themselves.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Williams offered any members of the public attending the meeting by telephone the opportunity to make public comment. There being no members of the public requesting to make public comment, Mr. Williams moved to the next agenda item.
PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Long discussed the construction of the new Addicks and Barker Dams water control structures undertaken by USACE. He reviewed potential flood risks. Mr. Long discussed the Buffalo Bayou Resiliency Study and noted an interim report will be released to the public shortly. Discussion ensued regarding possible flooding scenarios, options for the USACE to address certain events, erosion and silting in the area. Mr. Long stated at this time the USACE does not believe silting needs to be addressed, but noted local entities may consider desilting areas if they believe removing the silt would be beneficial. Discussion ensued regarding the impact of trees and vegetation to the water storage capacity.

Directors Hightower and Kerr joined the meeting and a quorum was established.

Mr. Black discussed the progress of flood control and mitigation projects included in the 2018 bond program established by the HCFCD. He discussed funding partnerships with local, State and Federal entities and grant funding opportunities to complete necessary projects detailed in the Capital Improvement Plan. He then reviewed information available to the public on the HCFCD website.

Mr. Costello discussed various funding mechanisms available to the City for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (“HMGP”) and the process obtain the funds. He reviewed the status of the projects being undertaken utilizing the HMGP. Mr. Costello stated the projects need to be completed within three years, but noted the City has requested extensions for certain projects. He discussed an analysis to provide information regarding consolidating the City’s wastewater treatment plants and lift stations. Mr. Costello reviewed the City’s Resilience Planning projects including a sidewalk study, neighborhood resilience hubs and construction code modernization.

DISCUSSION REGARDING STORMWATER AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AND FLOOD RESILINCY MATTERS.

Discussion ensued regarding improvements to wastewater facilities, increasing water storage capacity, addressing flooding and mitigation and attracting new tenants in the District by promoting and the most effective way to communicate information to potential tenants and stakeholders regarding the improvements in the area.

Mr. Williams thanked the participants and discussed possible next steps.
ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/ D. Bruce Fincher
Secretary, Board of Directors