



# Monthly Meeting

February 18, 2020

# **FEBRUARY MEETING AGENDA**

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## **1. Speaking Format Discussion**

- Goals**
- Venue/Discussion/Open Forum/Relaxed**
- Format/Flexible/More Often**
- Disseminate/Share**

## **2. Speakers**

- Reaching out**

**3. Recap of the 'Resilience Plan' signed by Mayor and rolled out by Marissa Aho last week.**

**4. Recap of the AIA Committee Chairs 2020 Meeting from Feb 5.**

**5. Monthly meetings held at SWA Group 712 Main St. starting March (until AIA Office opens)**

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## **HOW**

- 1. Reach out and secure one person per month - and let them know the intent and format**
- 2. Hold an interview/conversation style discussion at an office or outdoor space with UD committee members, keep it small and relaxed (1 hour)**
- 3. Record the discussion, and edit video or audio to 20min to post online and on social media with with a catchy description.**
- 4. Let the speakers know some of the questions they will be asked ahead of time (a mix of serious and personal)**



[NAME THE SERIES]

**XXXX Talks**

AIA HOUSTON URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE

A 'behind the scene' conversation series with movers and shakers shaping our beloved city....XXXX

[CREATE A GRAPHIC WITH SERIES NAME  
AND DESCRIPTION]

\*10X WATER SUMMIT MARCH 23-25

## MARCH 30

### Marissa Aho

CITY OF HOUSTON - CHIEF RESILIENCE OFFICER

The Chief Resilience Officer (CRO) for the City of Houston leads the city's partnership with 100 Resilient Cities – Pioneered by the Rockefeller Foundation. The CRO leads city-wide resilience-building efforts to help Houston prepare for, withstand, and bounce back from the “shocks” – catastrophic events like hurricanes, floods, and cyberattacks – and “stresses” – slow-moving disasters like aging infrastructure, homelessness, and economic inequality, which are increasingly part of 21st century life.

\*APA NATIONAL CONFERENCE APRIL 25-28

## APRIL 30

### Eureka Gilkey

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PROJECT ROW HOUSES

Eureka Gilkey is the Executive Director of Project Row Houses (PRH), a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering people and enriching communities through engagement, art and direct action. PRH is a culturally creative organization that activates the intersections of art, historic preservation, affordable and innovative housing, community relations and development, neighborhood revitalization, and human empowerment. Eureka also led the creation of PRH Preservation, Inc. and serves as its Executive Director. Established in June 2018, PRH Preservation supports the charitable purposes of Project Row Houses. The organization's mission is to maintain and enhance existing buildings in Houston's Northern Third Ward to ensure long-term, safe, and affordable housing for its residents. Eureka also lends her support to the Emancipation Community Development Partnership whose purpose is to support the development and implementation of a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategy for northern Third Ward. Prior to joining PRH, Eureka spent over twenty years in Washington, D.C. serving in a variety of senior government affairs and strategic communications roles. Eureka serves on the boards for the Houston Zoo and Row House Community Development Corporation. She is an American Leadership Forum Senior Fellow, a proud Howard University alumna and resides in Houston's Historic Third Ward.

## MAY 30

### Umair Shah

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY FOR HARRIS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

Since 2013, Umair A. Shah, MD, MPH, has served as Executive Director and Local Health Authority for Harris County Public Health the nation's 3rd largest county with 4.7 million people. Dr. Shah earned his B.A. (philosophy) from Vanderbilt University; his M.D. from the University of Toledo Health Science Center; and completed an Internal Medicine Residency, Primary Care/General Medicine Fellowship, and M.P.H. (management), at the University of Texas Health Science Center. He also completed an international health policy internship at World Health Organization headquarters in Switzerland. Under his leadership, HCPH has won numerous national awards including recognition as Local Health Department of the Year from the National Association of County and City Health Officials in 2016.

\*GULF COAST GREEN JUNE 5

## JUNE 30

### Chip Place

MANAGING DIRECTOR OF CAPITAL PROGRAMS AT HOUSTON PARKS BOARD

Chip is a dynamic space creator and solver of puzzles. As Managing Director of Capital Programs, he brings over 40 years of experience to land acquisition, planning, designing, and construction for Houston Parks Board. After launching his career working with Charles Tapley on the original master plan for Buffalo Bayou Park, he moved Northeast where he directed and planned Brooklyn Bridge Park and East River State Park in New York City. 27 years later, Chip has brought his career full-circle, directing two major initiatives: Bayou Greenways 2020 and Beyond the Bayous.

## JULY 30

### Amar Mohite

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & INFRASTRUCTURE, HARRIS COUNTY PRECINCT ONE

Amar Mohite, as the Director of Planning & Infrastructure for Harris County Precinct One, leads the development and coordination of multi-modal transportation and infrastructure projects. Recent projects include development of 17 miles of high-comfort bikeway network within City of Houston and 21 miles of trails and bikeways in Precinct One Park. Mr. Mohite previously led the Transportation Planning Division at the City of Houston's Planning Department. Mr. Mohite has managed and coordinated on a range of planning and transportation projects, studies and development of ordinances inclusive of the Transit Corridor Ordinance, Complete Streets Policy, and the Houston Bike Plan

## AUGUST 30

### Yvonne Forrest

DIRECTOR, HOUSTON WATER, CITY OF HOUSTON, HOUSTON PUBLIC WORKS

As Director of Houston Water, Yvonne Forrest is responsible for the operation and maintenance of City of Houston's regional water and wastewater utility systems. She also oversees Regulatory Compliance, Infrastructure Planning and Operations/Program Support. She leads a staff of over 1600 with an annual capital and operations and maintenance budget of over \$657 million.

Prior to her career in public service, Ms. Forrest spent 15 years, as an Engineer, in the private sector developing processes to ensure compliance with environmental regulations, permits and corporate standards. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from University of South Carolina. Ms. Forrest also serves on the Board of Directors for both Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA) and Texas Water Conservation Association (TWCA).

## SEPTEMBER 30

### Abbey Roberson

VP OF PLANNING, TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER

Abbey Roberson joined the Texas Medical Center in February 2016 as the Vice President of Planning, and focuses on identifying opportunities for enhancing the TMC campus, implementing TMC capital projects and coordinating with member institutions on a variety of campus initiatives.

Prior to joining the TMC team, Roberson spent 12 years at HOK in Atlanta, Washington, D.C., and Houston, where she led a planning and landscape architecture team. With a specialty in urban design, master planning and urban infill developments, her experience includes serving clients on a broad range of projects, from district plans and mixed use developments to campuses and communities in cities across the country and around the world.

She is an active member of the Houston District Council of the Urban Land Institute and volunteers extensively with the Junior League of Houston, Inc. Roberson earned a Master of City and Regional Planning from Georgia Institute of Technology and a Bachelor of Environmental Design from Texas A&M University.

## OCTOBER 30

### Kyle Shelton

DEPUTY DIRECTOR, KINDER INSTITUTE FOR URBAN RESEARCH

Kyle Shelton is the deputy director at Rice University's Kinder Institute for Urban Research, where he leads research on urban development, transportation and placemaking, as well as on urban and metropolitan governance. Shelton has a Ph.D. in American history from The University of Texas at Austin. His research focuses on how the intersections of transportation, urban development and policy shape the built and natural environments of cities in the past and today. He is the author of *Power Moves: Transportation, Politics and Development in Houston*. His areas of expertise include transportation, urban development and planning policy.

To see all Urban Edge stories written by Kyle Shelton

## NOVEMBER 30

### Brian Crimmins

SPECIAL PROJECTS MANAGER FOR THE CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER AT CITY OF HOUSTON

Brian J. Crimmins is the Chief of Staff for the City of Houston's Planning and Development Department. Since joining the Department in 2006, Brian has worked to revise "one size fits all" ordinances by developing creative solutions that recognize the uniqueness of areas without the use of zoning. His efforts include major revisions to Houston's parking ordinance and primary land development code, Chapter 42, as well as leading the exploratory and framework phase of the general plan development. As the Chief of Staff, he has taken a proactive approach to citizen engagement by working to remove the barriers between government and the community.

Brian graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in Urban and Regional Planning. Before moving to Houston, he worked for the Michigan Department of Transportation on the bi-national team studying the need for additional border crossing capacity in the Detroit/Windsor region.

In his private time, Brian is involved with BikeHouston, a non-profit organization that works to secure equitable access for bicyclists to regional facilities, lands and roads; educates members of the public and policymakers about rights and responsibilities of bicyclists; and promotes public awareness of the personal and community benefits of cycling.

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Building Healthy Places Chair at ULI

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George Levan  
Kinder Institute for Urban Research Advisory Board Member  
Chairman and CEO, Levan Group

Allyn West  
Allyn West edits and writes for Gray Matters. Before joining the Houston Chronicle, he worked as a writer for the Rice Design Alliance and Swamplot. He graduated from the University of Houston in 2015 with a Ph.D. in literature and creative writing.

Jeff Taebel  
FAICP, is Director of Community and Environmental Planning at H-GAC, where he oversees the agency's community enhancement, environmental planning, disaster recovery, economic development, socioeconomic modeling, and sustainable development initiatives. He has 37 years of experience in urban and regional planning, including 33 in his current position.  
Mr. Taebel is a past President of the Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA) and his work has received local, state and national recognition. In 2008, he was named a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners and in 2013, he received Houston Tomorrow's inaugural Community Catalyst award for his contributions to quality of life in the Houston region.  
Mr. Taebel received a Master of Urban Planning from Texas A&M University and a Bachelor of Science in Life Sciences from the University of Nebraska.