
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that the Rockport City Council will hold a workshop meeting on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, at 1:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at Rockport Service Center, 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass, Rockport, Texas. The matters to be discussed and acted upon are as follows:

Opening Agenda

1. Call meeting to order.

Workshop Agenda

2. Hear and deliberate on the American Planning Association’s Community Planning Assistance Team’s Rockport Heritage District planning project.
3. Adjournment.

Special Accommodations

This facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the City Secretary’s office at (361)729-2213, ext. 225 or FAX (361) 790-5966 or email citysec@cityofrockport.com for further information. Braille is not available. The City of Rockport reserves the right to convene into executive session under Government Code 551.071-551.074 and 551.086.

Certification

I certify that the above notice of meeting was posted on the bulletin board at the Rockport Service Center, 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass, Street, Rockport, Texas on Friday, May 17, 2019, 1by 5:00 p.m. and on the City’s website at www.cityofrockport.com. I further certify that the following News Media were properly notified of this meeting as stated above: *The Rockport Pilot* and *Corpus Christi Caller Times*.


Teresa Valdez, City Secretary

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
Workshop Meeting: Tuesday, May 28, 2019

AGENDA ITEM: 2

Hear and deliberate on the American Planning Association's Community Planning Assistance Team's (CPAT) Rockport Heritage District planning project.

SUBMITTED BY: Community Planner Amanda Torres

APPROVED FOR AGENDA: PKC

BACKGROUND: As part of the City Comprehensive Plan Update, a Community Planning Assistance Team from the American Planning Association (APA) is visiting Rockport to provide assistance in integrating hazard mitigation efforts within the existing community infrastructure. The six-person volunteer planning team will coordinate their work with Texas A&M University's Texas Target Communities (TTC). TTC is concurrently working on an update to Rockport's Comprehensive Plan.

APA's team will focus on the Austin Street Corridor. During the visit to Rockport, the team will seek ways to:

- Alleviate ongoing drainage issues through green infrastructure and other stormwater management methods.
- Diversify the mix of downtown businesses to create greater economic resiliency.

This is an opportunity for the City Council to provide input on downtown Rockport and engage with this team of planners from around the country.

Please see the accompanying news release for more information.

FISCAL ANALYSIS: N/A.

RECOMMENDATION: N/A. Not an action item.



American Planning Association

Creating Great Communities for All

Volunteer Planning Team To Integrate Hazard Mitigation Efforts in Rockport, Texas

Volunteer team seeks community input Tuesday, May 21. A final presentation will be held on Thursday, May 23.

CHICAGO (May 14, 2019) – An American Planning Association (APA) [Community Planning Assistance Team](#) (CPAT) is coming to Rockport, Texas May 20 – 24, 2019 to provide assistance in integrating hazard mitigation efforts within the existing community infrastructure. The six-person volunteer planning [team](#) will coordinate their work with Texas A&M University's Texas Target Communities (TTC). TTC is concurrently working on an update to Rockport's Comprehensive Plan.

Rockport took a direct hit from Hurricane Harvey in August 2017, which heavily impacted all aspects of this small, waterfront community from housing to business to its once thriving tourism industry. The APA team will focus on the Austin Street Corridor, the heart of downtown Rockport, which is not only a major retail district along the harbor front, but a perennial victim of flooding from high tides and stormwater runoff.

Community input is an important part of the planning process:

- **Tuesday, May 21, 6 – 7:30 p.m.** – Residents, business owners, elected officials, city staff, and other interested parties are invited to meet the team and participate in a public workshop to provide local knowledge and homegrown ideas toward improving the Heritage District of Rockport's downtown. The workshop will take place Tuesday evening at the Aquarium Education Center (706 Navigation Circle).
- **Thursday, May 23, 6 – 7:30 p.m.** – After hearing community input from Tuesday's public workshop and conducting a preliminary study of the target area, the team will present their recommendations on Thursday evening at the Aquarium Education Center (706 Navigation Circle). All are welcome to attend.

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Funding for the volunteer planning team is provided from a competitive community grant from the [American Planning Association Foundation](#). The Foundation awarded the Wharton Economic Development Corporation a [Disaster Recovery Grant](#) to assist communities hit hard by hurricanes and other natural disasters in 2017. Support for the APA Foundation Disaster Recovery Grant program was provided in part from the [Pisces Foundation](#), which seeks ways to accelerate to a world where people and nature thrive together.

APA's Community Planning Assistance Teams (CPAT) are comprised of nationally recognized experts who volunteer their time to work with residents, government officials, and other key stakeholders to offer planning assistance to communities to develop plans and policies that support good planning. The CPAT program was established in 1995. Previous teams have recently worked in Pine Hills, Orlando, Florida; North Beach, Maryland; Hartsville, South Carolina; and Franklin, Tennessee; among other locations.

The American Planning Association is an independent, not-for-profit educational organization that provides vital leadership in creating great communities for all. APA and its professional institute, the American Institute of Certified Planners, are dedicated to advancing the profession of planning, offering better choices for where and how people work and live. The 42,000 APA members work in concert with community residents, civic leaders and business interests to create communities that enrich people's lives. Through its philanthropic work, APA's Foundation helps to reduce economic and social barriers to good planning. APA has offices in Washington, D.C., and Chicago. Learn more at www.planning.org.

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