
The Woodlands Governance

Stakeholder Forum Summary and Action Plan

Partners for Strategic Action, Inc.

Stakeholder Forum Summary

October 14, 2006

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- 83 Participants
 - Informational presentations
 - Panel question and answer session
 - Four break-out groups
 - Group facilitator summary presentations
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Stakeholder Event Evaluation

	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
Topic	0	0	28.1	71.9%
Packet/Handout	3.6	17.9	39.3	39.3%
Meeting Facilities	0	3.4	37.3	59.3%
Presenters	0	0	43.1	56.9%
Facilitators	0	15.3	35.6	49.2%

Stakeholder Forum

Common Themes

- Work with Houston, not against like others who have failed
 - Work to maintain our independence and control of destiny, avoiding annexation
 - Take action now
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Common Themes

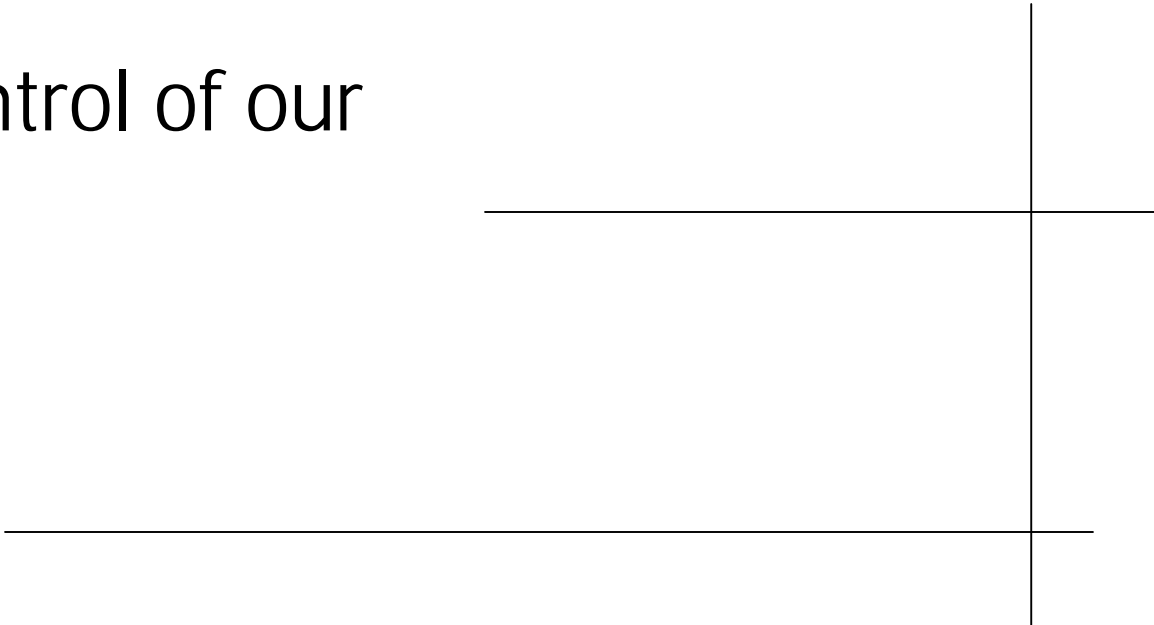
- Bring local legislators into the picture and hear their advice as to what are our best options
 - Continue public education and information
 - Pursue Public Service District (PSD) but keep options option; don't paint our legislators into a corner
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Community Forum Summary

September 23, 2006

Community Forum

Key Issues

- Preserve our quality of life
 - Preserve high level of services
 - Have more control of our destiny
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Community Forum

Common Themes

- Avoid Annexation
 - Strive for incorporation, but consider Public Service District (PSD) or an extension of the moratorium agreement as interim solutions
 - Move ahead
 - Provide more information
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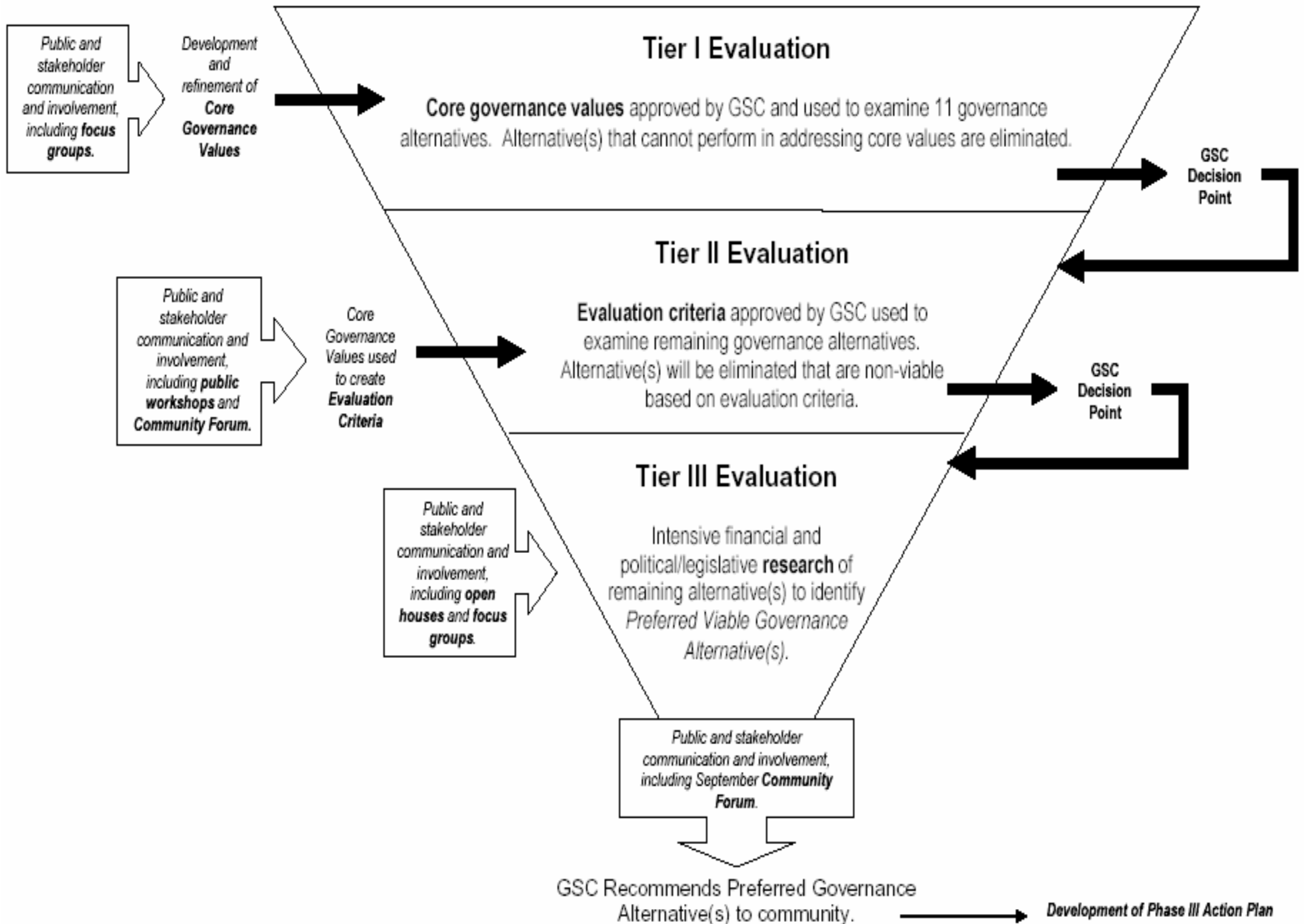
Community Forum Questions

- Determine legislative position
 - Release of EJT rights or extending Moratorium—what would it take?
 - Further define options
 - PSD structure
 - Incorporation process
 - Moratorium agreement
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Phase II
A Review

Adopted Mission

Utilizing a public and stakeholder education and feedback process, determine the community's preferred viable governance options(s) for The Woodlands and develop and action plan for implementation.



Action Plan Recommendations

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Based on overall common themes and questions the public would like to have answered, the following steps are recommended.

Action Plan

Parameters

The Woodlands must do all it can to avoid annexation.



Action Plan

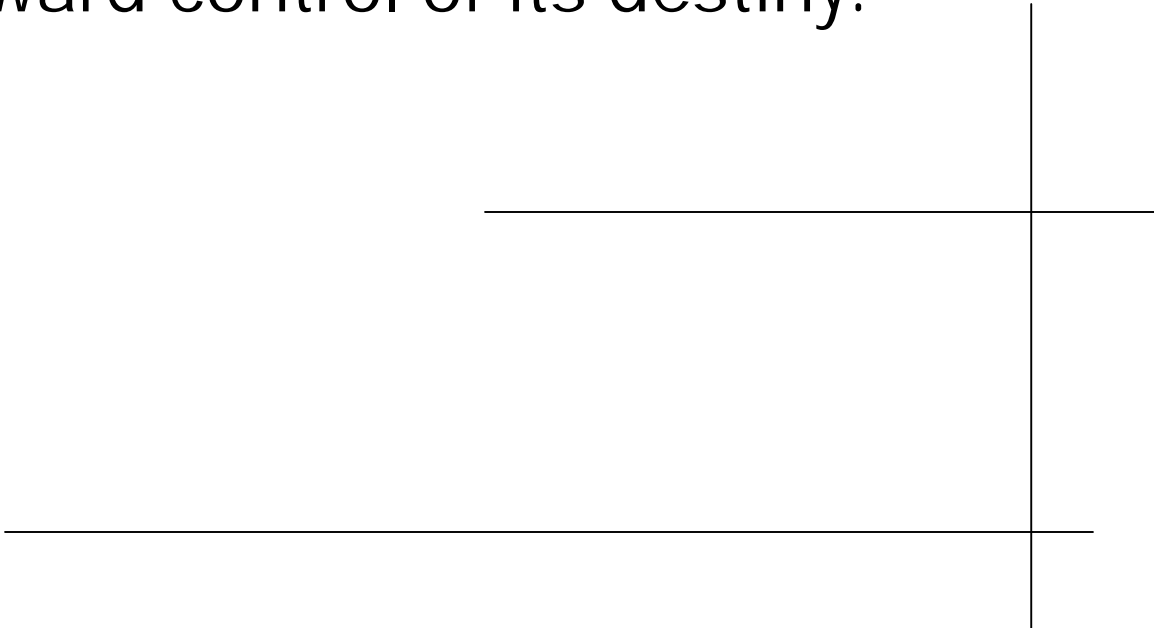
Parameters

Take action now; don't wait until the Moratorium Agreement is nearing expiration. Action in several legislative sessions may be necessary, so attempt to make progress in 2007 session.

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Obtaining the broadest scope of local control is ultimately desired. Pursue the most viable alternatives to move the community toward control of its destiny.



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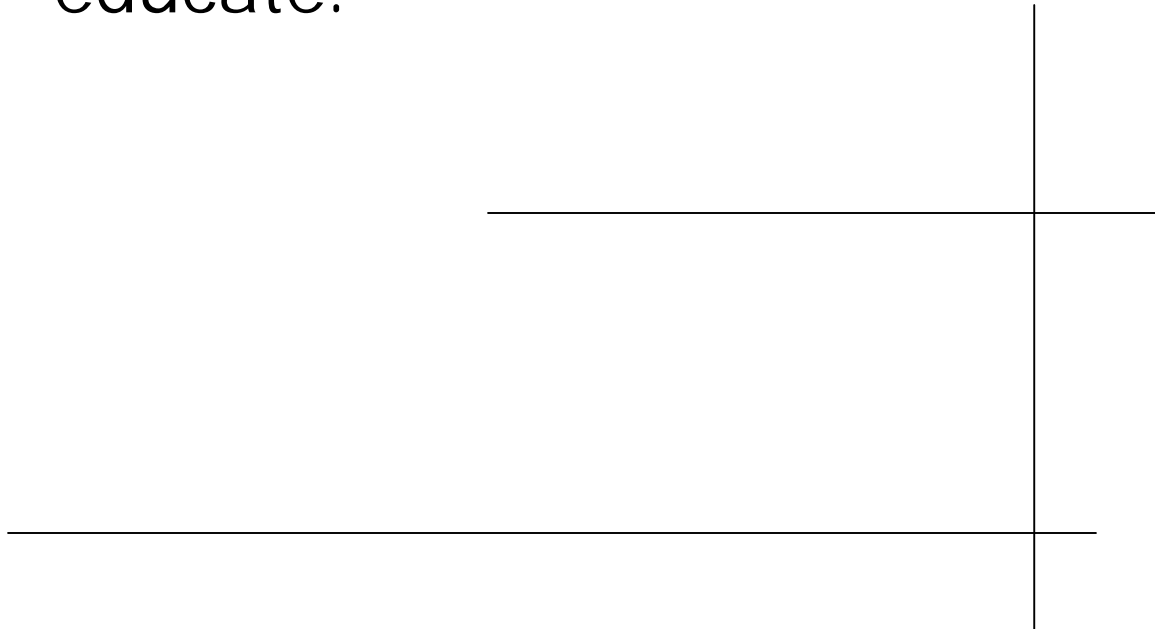
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Develop and maintain a proactive, cooperative, and positive relationship with the City of Houston.



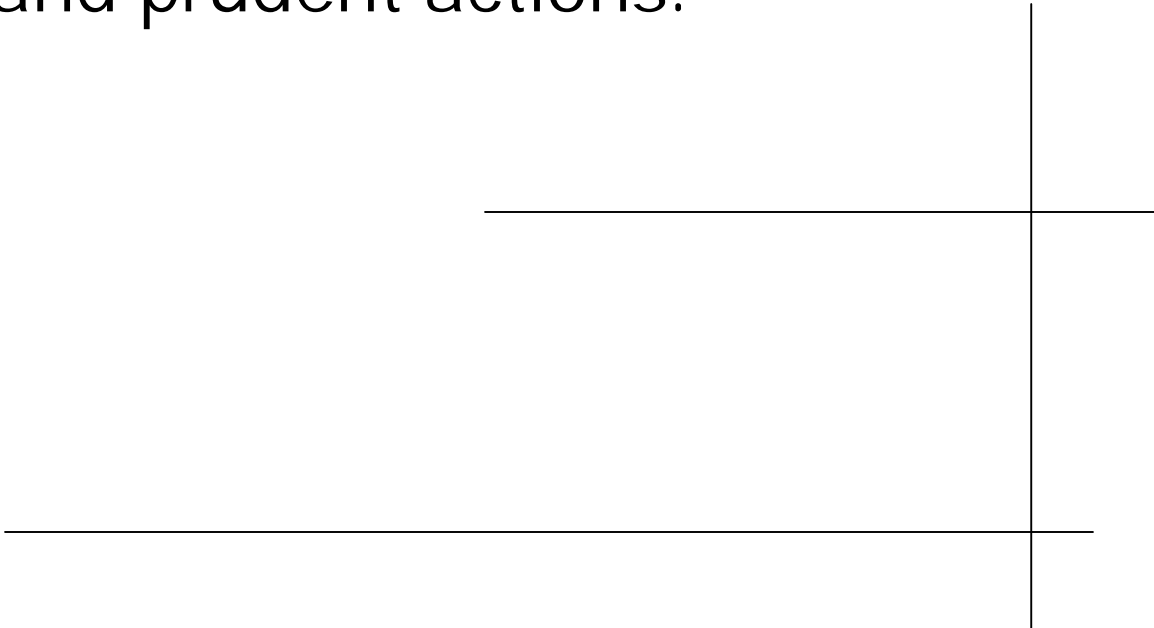
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Whatever course of action transpires,
maintain communication channels with the
citizens and stakeholders to inform and
educate.



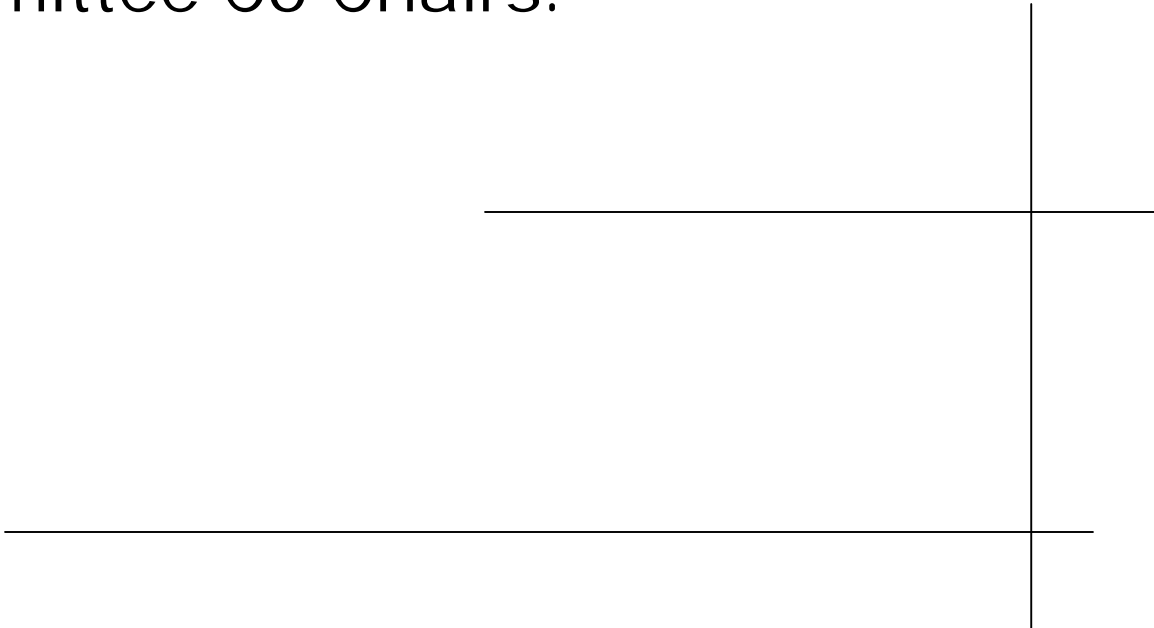
Recommendations

An intensive financial and legal analysis has been completed. The political analysis is the final piece of the puzzle to determine realistic and prudent actions.



Recommendations

Present parameters and common themes to local legislators for their consideration and feedback by the Governance Steering Committee Co-Chairs.



Recommendations

Have local legislators include as alternatives, individually or in combination:

- Incorporation
 - Public Service District, and
 - Extension of Moratorium Agreement
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Recommendations

Have local legislators begin to evaluate options and determine political feasibility.




Recommendations

Utilize the advice and counsel of local legislators to determine:

- Legislative climate
 - A realistic timeline – 2007 session?
 - Potential legislation to be introduced
 - How to open dialogue with City of Houston
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Proposed Next Steps

- PSA develop Summary Report of Phase II
 - Hold GSC meeting in December to review Summary Report and receive feedback from legislators
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