



## Deer Park Community Advisory Council

### Summary of February 27, 2017 Meeting

#### DPCAC Views Industry Careers Website during Workforce Development Presentation

The new **PetrochemWorks.com** website was demonstrated for Deer Park Community Advisory Council (DPCAC) members at the end of February when the community-industry forum heard from Roy Watson, Chair of the East Harris County Manufacturers Association (EHCMA) Workforce Development Committee. Funded by a grant from J. P. Morgan Chase, **PetrochemWorks.com** allows students and other job seekers to identify their interests and learn about the kinds of industry jobs that match them. The interactive site also shows how to obtain training and who's hiring.

Several years ago, upcoming retirements and expansions in the petrochemical industry created the need for a new generation of industry employees and contractors. In addition to starting the **PetrochemWorks.com** website, EHCMA has spoken to thousands of students to pique their interest in well-paying industry jobs. EHCMA member companies raised more than \$500,000 in 2016 for scholarships available through local community colleges for degrees like Process Technology and Instrumentation. Because of the severe shortage of contractors who build and maintain facilities, EHCMA is working with Associated Builders and Contractors and others to promote training in crafts like pipefitting, welding, and electrical. EHCMA is also reaching out to help veterans completing their tours of duty become aware of industry jobs that use the skills they acquired during their military service.

Deer Park CAC members were pleased to hear of the partnerships among industry groups, community colleges, military organizations, and others working to develop a future workforce for industry. They found **PetrochemWorks.com** an appealing and valuable tool to interest students and other job seekers in industry careers.

The next regular meeting of the Deer Park Community Advisory Council will be on April 24. Visitors are welcome. For an invitation and details about the 6 p.m. meeting, contact the DPCAC facilitator at [info@deerparkcac.org](mailto:info@deerparkcac.org). Visit [www.deerparkcac.org](http://www.deerparkcac.org) to read about recent meeting topics, find links to useful resources on emergency communications and the environment, see lists of DPCAC community and plant members, and read our mission and purposes.