

Deer Park Community Advisory Council

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Meeting Notes Monday, April 27, 2020

The 283rd meeting of the Deer Park Community Advisory Council was held on Monday, April 27th, via Zoom video conferencing. Facilitator Diane Sheridan reviewed the agenda, which was accepted as proposed. The February 2020 meeting notes were approved without changes.

ATTENDANCE

DPCAC Community Members		DPCAC Plant Members		Guests/Resources	
x	Ruth Boyd		Clean Harbors , Bruce Riffel	x	David Berrier, DPISD
	Tim Culp	x	Dow Chemical Deer Park , Jeff Garry	x	Carl Holley, ITC
	Ken Donnell	x	Dow Chemical , Whitney Bolger, rep by Jeff Garry	x	Karen Lewis-Holmes, TCEQ
	Beverly Ferguson		Evonik Oil Additives , Jim Bentinck-Smith	x	Stuart Mueller, HCPCS
	Bobby Garcia	x	GEO Specialty Chemicals , Steve Outlaw	x	Cory Sledge, ITC
x	Sherry Garrison	x	Hexion , Marlene Mercado	x	Whitney Weaver, DPISD
	Tommy Ginn	x	Intercontinental Terminals , David Wascome		
x	Stephen Harrell	x	Lubrizol , Sarah Arroyo, rep by Doug Moore		
	Robert Hemminger	x	Lubrizol , Tanya Travis, rep by Doug Moore		
	Cara Herbeck		Oxy Vinyls VCM , Claudia O'Rourke		
x	Steven Horton	x	Oxy Vinyls PVC/KOH , Craig Horak		
	Norma Hysler		Shell Deer Park , Stephanie Meadows		
	Bill Irwin	x	Shell Deer Park Manufacturing Site , Thor Nygaard		
	Katherine Mitchum	x	Texas Molecular , Frank Marine		
	Mike Mitchum		Valvoline , Robert Shelton		
x	James Ragaisis		Vopak Terminal Deer Park , Paul Kanters		
	Ariel Pena				
	Vickey Roberts				
	Robert Segelquist				
	Andy Smith		Support Staff		
x	Charles Thomas	x	Diane Sheridan, Facilitator		
x	David Wade	x	Tiffany Miller subbed for Anja Borski		
	Ernest Weedon				

San Jacinto College Petrochemical Industry-Related Programs and Scholarship Financial Aid Opportunities

Slides from the presentation are available at www.deerparkcac.org

jR Ragaisis, Dean of Business & Technology at San Jacinto College's Central Campus and DPCAC member, presented an overview of the college's programs geared toward the Petrochemical Industry and the financial and other resources they have available to support their students. Student success is achieved by the College "leading education by developing new skills and ideas through real-life scenarios & technology."

Ragaisis shared how the College recruits students by participating in various networking and industry events, the use of various forms of social media and speaking to elementary through high school aged students. The College developed 4 core areas of resources to support student success: *Personal Support* (meals, clothing, housing), *Student Support* (career, advising), *Financial* (scholarships, financial aid, child care) and *Instructional* (success centers, online tutoring). Several of the classes at the Center for Petrochemical, Environmental, and Technology (CPET) which have significant hands-on components, such as welding, have been impacted by the COVID-19 shutdown. The CPET is working on how to safely bring back students to complete their courses.

- I see where 14.5% of your Process Tech Students are female, what have you done to increase this? We are focusing resources on outreach targeted for women only.
- What is the process for bringing students back to complete the Spring Semester? We will start with a small test group of less than 9 students, social distancing, with the proper PPE and have the appropriate sanitation procedures in place. All persons on site (employees and students) will have to fill out the self-disclosure COVID forms. We anticipate that on May 4, less than 50 people total on campus; by May 18, less than 100 people total on campus; and by June 1, more than 100 people total in a building. Any plan will be in compliance with the Governor's executive order.
- Who do we contact if we would like to contribute to scholarships? The College is currently revising the process, so please contact me at James.Ragaisis@sjcd.edu.

Updates

Question of the Month

"What is DPCAC?" See www.deerparkcac.org for the answer and for questions from past meetings.

Level 2 Watches or Level 3 Warnings

None

Written Facility Updates

Dow Deer Park Operations reported no spills, releases or permit exceedances during the reporting period, from October 2019 to April 2020. The site received an Agreed Order on October 24, 2019 from the TCEQ for three violations of the Texas Health and Safety Code for which the site has implemented corrective actions. The site experienced 5 injuries during this reporting period.

GEO Specialty Chemicals has had no OSHA recordables to date in 2020 and had no reportable spills for the reporting period of October 2019 to April 2020. On April 24th, the site submitted a renewal application for their Title V Air Quality permit to TCEQ and as December 12, 2019 the facility has been designated as a Public Water System (Non-Transient Non-Community/ NTNC). As of April 1, 2020, GEO and Gulbrandsen have formed a water treatment chemicals joint venture company named G2O Technologies, LLC.

Ozone Exceedance Days

TCEQ's Karen Lewis-Holmes reported there have been 3 days to date in 2020 when the Houston region exceeded the 8-hour standard.

Community Updates

David Wade, Industrial Liaison with Harris County OHS&EM, shared that they are in day 57 of activation and anticipate being at this stage for the foreseeable future. Wade gave a brief update on the changes from County Judge Hidalgo on April 27 regarding more COVID-19 testing centers and the wearing of face coverings in public. Diane Sheridan will forward the Harris County Amended Order, the Governor's Executive Order GA-18 and the Governor's Open Texas document to the group.

- With the expanded testing available, should people get tested even if they are not symptomatic and don't think they have been exposed to the virus? Yes. Symptomatic individuals are given first priority due to the number of tests available at any one site on any day. But we encourage everyone who is concerned to pursue getting tested.

Plans for Future Meetings

Unless otherwise indicated, meetings are held at the Republic Grill. Food service begins at 5:30 and business at 6:00. We adjourn no later than 8:30.

MONDAY, June 1st – ~~Tour of U.S. Coast Guard Station at Ellington Field~~ Zoom Video Conference: How did COVID-19 affect your Plant? What lessons did you learn?

Dates for 2020 – all Mondays

Jan. 27	No end of June meeting	Nov. 30 (delayed due to
Feb. 24	No July meeting	Thanksgiving)
Mar. 23	Aug. 24	no late December
Apr. 27	Sept. 28	
June 1 (delayed due to Memorial Day)	Oct. 26	