



Deer Park Community Advisory Council

August 24, 2020 Meeting

Port Houston Introduces DPCAC to Expansion Project

Deer Park Community Advisory Council (DPCAC) met by Zoom videoconference in late August for an introduction to, and overview of, Port Houston's expansion of the Houston Ship Channel. Deer Parkers interested in Project 11, called that because it is the port's 11th expansion since it opened in 1914, will find the presentation posted on DPCAC's website at www.deerparkcac.org. The port is providing more detailed information at www.expandthehoustonshipchannel.com.

Port Houston manages 8 public terminals and serves as the non-federal sponsor of the Houston Ship Channel, which speaker Richard Ruchhoeft described as the nation's busiest waterway. Ruchhoeft, the Channel Development Project Manager for Port Houston, reminded DPCAC that there are nearly 200 private facilities in addition to the 8 public terminals. Some of them are operated by DPCAC plants.

Project 11 will widen the Houston Ship Channel to make it more efficient and safer and to assure space for two-way ship traffic. Project 11 plans also include bird islands, oyster reefs, and marshes, and also should improve air quality.

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