

Deer Park Community Advisory Council

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Meeting Notes Monday, February 28, 2022

The 299th meeting of the Deer Park Community Advisory Council was held on Monday, February 28, 2022 via Zoom video conferencing. Facilitator Diane Sheridan reviewed the agenda, which was accepted as proposed. The January 2022 meeting notes were approved without changes. Marilyn Bass was introduced as the DPCAC Secretary.

ATTENDANCE

DPCAC Community Members		DPCAC Plant Members		Guests/Resources	
X	Ruth Boyd	X	Clean Harbors, Bruce Riffel	X	David Kayser, Lubrizol
	Steve Corry	X	Dow Chemical Deer Park, Monty Heins	X	Karen Lewis-Holmes, TCEQ
	Kristina DeWhitty, SJC		Dow Chemical, Whitney Bolger	X	MaryJane Mudd, EHCMA
X	Ken Donnell	X	Evonik Oil Additives, Jim Bentinck-Smith	X	Stuart Mueller, HCPCS
X	Beverly Ferguson-Cooper, US Rep 36	X	GEO Specialty Chemicals, Steve Outlaw	X	Jackson Sansone, UHCL student
X	Jamie Galloway, Deer Park OEM		Intercontinental Terminals, David Wascome	X	Wallace Ward, Texas Native Prairies
	Bobby Garcia	X	Lubrizol, Hector Acosta	X	Blake White, Harris County OEM
X	Sherry Garrison	X	NOVVI, Alan Kominek, rep. by Bob Wolff		
X	Tommy Ginn		OxyVinyls VCM, Josh Munn		
X	Cara Herbeck	X	OxyVinyls PVC/KOH, Eric Delgado		
X	Steven Horton	X	Pemex Deer Park, Guy Hackwell		
	Norma Hysler	X	Pemex Deer Park, Jennifer Walsh		
X	Paula Moorhaj, Deer Park Chamber	X	Shell Deer Park, Nathan Levin		
	Ariel Pena	X	Shell Deer Park, Jessica Blackmore		
X	James Ragaisis, SJC	X	Texas Molecular, Jimmy Bracher, rep by Frank Marine		
	Buddy Rice	X	Valvoline, Robert Shelton		Support Staff
	Vickey Roberts	X	Vopak Terminal Deer Park, Kathy Stewart	X	Diane Sheridan, Facilitator
	Andy Smith	X	Vopak Moda, Duane Campbell	X	Anne Gowan, Facilitation Associate
	Charles Thomas	X	Westlake Epoxy, Marlene Mercado	X	Marilyn Bass, Secretary
X	David Wade				
	Ernest Weedon				

DPCAC Reviews the Characteristics of Communities within 10 Miles and 30 Miles of Area Refineries

Zoom presentation posted at www.deerparkcac.org

A 2019 University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) study said there was a correlation between cancer rates of those living within 30 miles of a refinery and between the stage of a cancer and those living within 10 miles of a refinery. While the study data was not specific to Deer Park, the DPCAC Program Planning Committee wondered if the census data would confirm or counter stereotypes about Deer Park and other ship channel communities.

DPCAC was presented with data to better understand the characteristics of the communities that fall in those areas. Diane Sheridan presented data from the 2020 Census and the 2015-2019 American Community Survey that showed population, age, race and ethnic background, education, health, median income and poverty level in Deer Park and other area communities.

Updates

Written Facility Updates - Members received regular periodic plant updates in advance of the meeting but the facilitator asked the plants who reported this month to share one or two highlights from their update that they wanted members to know about.

- **Evonik Oil Additives USA, Inc.** – Jim Bentinck–Smith said they have gone 7 years without an OSHA recordable injury or illness. They are currently in the process of revalidating their Process Hazard Analyses (PHAs), which are directly tied to worker and process safety. This is a six-month process.
- **Valvoline** – Rob Shelton shared that four new positions of packaging technician have been added at the site. Valvoline has also developed a new product line for Wal-Mart, three gallons of oil in a box, which is similar to wine in a box and cuts down on plastic packaging.
- **Vopak Terminal Deer Park** – Kathy Stewart reported a total recordable injury rate (TRIR) of 0.00 for 2021. Vopak completed a community engagement project to connect with younger people and they had 30 Deer Park students in their facility for a day. The students were able to participate in hands on demos, tours, and vendor demos.

Ozone Exceedance Days – Karen Lewis-Holmes reported that there have been zero ozone exceedances in the Houston Region for the month of February, adding that this is typical for this season.

Finances

Treasury Groundrules Changes – DPCAC facilitator Diane Sheridan presented revisions to the DPCAC treasury (finance-related) groundrules recommended by the DPCAC Treasury Committee. Committee members include Treasurer Cara Herbeck, Steven Horton, Bobby Garcia, and Marlene Mercado of Westlake Epoxy (formerly Hexion).

Sheridan explained how DPCAC handles income and expenses, and how that changed in 2002 and again in 2013. She explained the reasons for the proposed changes, section by section. Many proposals

codified decisions previously made but never put into the groundrules. The proposal was mailed to members approximately 2 weeks prior to the meeting.

Steven Horton of the DPCAC Treasury Committee then moved adoption of the proposed changes to the DPCAC groundrules related to finances. No second was required because the motion came from a DPCAC Committee. The motion passed.

Treasury Committee Business

By unanimous consent, East Harris County Manufacturers Association Deer Park Community Advisory Council members reappointed Bobby Garcia to the EHCMA DPCAC Treasury Committee. He will serve another 3-year term, ending in December 2024.

By previous decision, the members of the EHCMA DPCAC Treasury Committee serve as DPCAC's officers for banking purposes. The EHCMA DPCAC Secretary serves as the secretary. (DPCAC does not have a board of directors.)

By unanimous agreement, members adopted the 2022 EHCMA DPCAC Budget as presented by Treasurer Cara ~~Horton~~ Herbeck.

Plans for Future Meetings

- March 28 – in lieu of regular meeting, DPCAC will take part in Deer Park Chemistry Day
- Everyone invited. Details in separate mailings.
- April 25 – Beltway 8 Bridge Expansion Update. John Tyler, Deputy Director of Engineering for Harris County Toll Road Authority
 - In-person at Republic Grill, 1600 Georgia, Deer Park
 - RSVPs EXTREMELY IMPORTANT!!!

Dates for 2022 - all Mondays

Jan. 24
Feb. 28
Mar. 28
Apr. 25

May 23
No June meeting
No July meeting
Aug. 22

Sept. 26
Oct. 24
Nov. 28 (delayed due to Thanksgiving)
No December meeting