

Deer Park Community Advisory Council

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Meeting Notes Monday, August 22, 2022

The 302nd meeting of the Deer Park Community Advisory Council (DPCAC) was held on Monday, August 22, 2022, at the Jimmy Burke Activity Center. Facilitator Diane Sheridan reviewed the agenda, which was accepted as proposed. The May 2022 meeting notes were approved without changes.

ATTENDANCE

DPCAC Community Members		DPCAC Plant Members		Guests/Resources	
X	Ruth Boyd	X	Clean Harbors, Bruce Riffel	X	Bruce Boyd
	Steve Corry, DPIISD	X	Dow Chemical Deer Park, Monty Heins	X	John Collins
	Kristina DeWitty, SJC	X	Evonik Oil Additives, Jim Bentinck-Smith, rep. By Duke Ogega	X	Linda Cummins
	Christine DiCosimo, TX Hse. Dist. 128	X	GEO Specialty Chemicals, Steve Outlaw	X	Frank Marine, Texas Molecular
x	Ken Donnell	X	Intercontinental Terminals, David Wascome	X	Stuart Mueller, HCPCS
	Beverly Ferguson-Cooper, US Rep 36	X	Lubrizol, Tanya Travis, rep. by Hector Acosta	X	Rowan Pinheiro, Vopak
	Jamie Galloway, DP OEM	X	NOVVI, Alan Kominek, rep. by Bob Wolff	X	Angela Smith, City of Deer Park
	Bobby Garcia	X	OxyVinyls PVC/KOH, Eric Delgado, rep. by Jonathan Bauer	X	Blake White, Harris County OEM
x	Sherry Garrison	X	OxyVinyls VCM, Josh Munn		
x	Tommy Ginn	X	Pemex Deer Park, Guy Hackwell		
x	Cara Herbeck		Pemex Deer Park, Jennifer Walsh		
	Steven Horton	X	Shell Deer Park, Nathan Levin		
x	Norma Hysler	X	Shell Deer Park, Jessica Blackmore		
	Gretchen Knowles, Harris Co. Pct. 2	X	Texas Molecular, Jimmy Bracher		
	Paula Moorhaj, DP Chamber	X	Valvoline, Robert Shelton		
	Bill Patterson, DP City Council	X	Vopak Moda, Jeff Sanford, rep. by Duane Campbell		
	Ariel Pena	X	Vopak Terminal Deer Park, Kathy Stewart, rep. By Angelo Pinheiro		
	James Ragaisis, SJC	X	Westlake Epoxy, Marlene Mercado		
	Vickey Roberts				Support Staff
x	Andy Smith, San Jacinto Battleground Historic Site			X	Diane Sheridan, Facilitator
	Larry Taylor, TX Sen. Dist. 11			X	Anne Gowan, Facilitation Associate
	Charles Thomas			X	Marilyn Bass, Secretary
x	David Wade				
	Ernest Weedon				

5-Minute Review of www.ExpandtheHoustonShipChannel.com

Sheridan showed attendees a quick look at the Port Houston website for Project 11, the expansion that aims to widen and deepen the Houston Ship Channel and make it safer. This [website](#) provides the public with information about this major project. DPCAC had a full presentation on this topic two years ago and during program planning may choose to have a full progress report next year.

The Return of Sticky Dots! Brainstorming and Prioritizing Program Topics for the Coming Year

DPCAC members reviewed the group's mission and purposes, as well as meeting topic history for DPCAC and other CACs in the area. Small groups brainstormed topics they would like addressed in the coming year. Small groups then proposed topics for listing on flip charts. Attendees used sticky dots to prioritize the topics they most wanted to address in the coming year. Community and plant reps used different colored stickers so they could be tallied separately. Input is attached at the end of the meeting notes. Community member Ruth Boyd volunteered to serve on the Program Planning Committee. The committee will meet to draft a program plan based on the group input. Once reviewed and adopted by DPCAC, it will form the basis of the agendas for meetings in 2023 and early 2024.

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.

- **ITC** - David Wascome reported one reportable release of benzene on 2/5/22 from a pipeline fitting. He reported one reportable release of pyrolysis gasoline on 2/17/22 due to mechanical failure. All appropriate agencies were notified in both instances. Harris County Pollution Control completed investigations and issued violation notices. On-site soil remediation inside the 2nd 80s tank farm is complete except for the northern border, which is pending pipeline relocation. The next areas to be remediated are the onsite areas immediately adjacent to the tank farm, Tucker Bayou South of Tidal Road, and Independence Parkway ditches. The remediation of the Independence Parkway ditches will commence in Aug/Sept 2022. Their TRIR for the previous 12-month rolling year is 0.00 and contractor rolling TRIR is 0.00.
- **Lubrizol** – Hector Acosta reported one reportable quantity exceedance on 3/28/22. 1,560 gallons of product leaked to soil during a pipeline transfer. The material and soil were removed promptly. There have been 3 recordable injuries since the last report out to DPCAC, bringing Lubrizol's OSHA recordable injury rate for 2022 YTD to 0.64. There have been 3 process safety incidents since the last reporting period; none presented an impact to the community. Facility reorganization has created an additional headcount in Environmental (10), Maintenance (10) and Production (25).
- **Westlake Epoxy** – Marlene Mercado reported that Westlake Chemical Corporation completed the acquisition of Hexion Inc.'s global epoxy business on February 1, 2022. In January, a contractor lacerated a finger and was able to return to work after medical treatment, without

further restriction. Sitewide turnaround is scheduled for Fall of 2022. All three manufacturing units will shut down for about 60 days. 300 workers are anticipated for the turnaround.

Interim updates on any Level 3 Warnings, Level 2 Watches or other significant news

None discussed.

Battleship Texas – Andy Smith reported that Battleship Texas is leaving the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site on August 31. Battleship Texas will proceed through the Houston Ship Channel on its way to Gulf Copper & Manufacturing Corporations’ Galveston Shipyard for repairs. San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site, parts of Independence Parkway and the Lynchburg Ferry will be closed in the early morning hours of August 31 until the ship has passed the Lynchburg Ferry. Water traffic will be restricted throughout the Ship Channel and within a safety zone of the ship while it is under tow. Viewing opportunity may be best at Texas City Dike. Battleship Texas may also be viewed from Pier 21 area while it is in drydock. Battleship Texas will not be returning to San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site. Texas Parks and Wildlife owns the ship and has expressed interest in docking on the upper Texas coast, perhaps at Beaumont, Baytown or Galveston.

Ozone Days – Report will be made next meeting.

Plans for Future Meetings

Monday, September 26 – Annual Report on Emissions from DPCAC Plants

- **Group photos at 5:45, with candid shots during the meeting**
- Rick Bergeron of the Oxy Vinyls PVC/Caustic Plant will present data from the TCEQ Emissions Inventory and the EPA Toxics Release Inventory. Most DPCAC plants must file these annually with these agencies. (Companies take turns presenting the report.)
- The DPCAC list will receive an Orientation to the Annual Report on Emissions for those who need background about these inventories, where emissions come from, why these pollutants are regulated, acronyms, and more.
- Members and other attendees will receive a “full presentation” before the meeting. A streamlined version will be made at the meeting. The “full presentation” contains more detailed explanations of plant emission changes from last year to this.

Monday, October 24 – DPCAC Banquet at the Monument Inn.

- Invitations will be sent to Members, Plant managers, and a few other guests. Invited guests are encouraged to bring a spouse/guest.
- Norma Hysler will contact plants about door prizes if needed.

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

DEER PARK COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL PROGRAM INPUT

8-22-22

Proposed meeting topic ranked by DPCAC community member points	Community points	Plant points	TOTAL
1. 225 construction repairs and improvement, including 146 and Houston Ship Channel bridge, concerns about truck/container traffic congestion issues and container traffic going through neighborhood, Economic Alliance President Presentation	9	9	18
2. Carbon reduction in Plants: carbon capture and storage, energy transfer	9	9	18
3. Sam Houston Boat Tour	9	6	15
4. Cybersecurity – how Plants are protecting themselves (tie it back to home protection), Resources: Houston Ship Channel Security District and Anti-Terrorism Task Force (joint with Texas Rangers, DPS, FBI)	7	12	19
5. “Ike Dike” Coastal Spine – Hurricane Surge Suppression, 146 Evacuation Route, Drainage/ Flooding, Coastal Protection/drainage improvements related to hurricanes	6	11	17
6. Transtar Field Trip _ EOC + Traffic	6	10	16
7. Local School Districts educating students on plant work: jobs available, skills required, basic pay scale, how to get a job at a plant. What is on students mind about industry? Who is training for plant jobs? What are they teaching? What specialty education/training is available for plants: qualified electrical worker training, programmer logic controllers (PLC), security? CPET field trip	5	15	20
8. Houston Spaceport Fieldtrip/ Speaker (perhaps joint with BAYCAP)	4	2	6
9. Impacts of Ship channel Expansion on Industry, Update on HSC widening and bridge	3	3	6
10. Emergency Communications: Community warning systems and Communications process of an incident (initial to closeout)	2	5	7
11. SB900 Safety of Storage Vessels – Texas Bill	2	3	5
12. Update on Shell/Pemex Split	2	1	3
13. Cancer Data in Deer Park – asking for data to be collected	2	0	2
14. Fire Protection and Safety: Channel Industries Mutual Aid (CIMA), and Fire Marshall’s Office (FMO) Permitting and Training – Plant related	1	9	10

15. New/updated/improved Technology for Process Safety, Leak Detection/ Prevention	1	4	5
16. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the Workplace	1	2	3
17. Using Technology to improve efficiency in business	1	1	2
18. Chemistry 101	0	0	0
19. Galveston Bay Report Card update (on yellow paper only)			
20. HASC Tour (on yellow paper only)			
21. Artificial Intelligence (on yellow paper only)			
22. Energy Transition (on yellow paper only)			