

Deer Park Community Advisory Council

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Meeting Notes

Monday, November 27, 2023

The 314th meeting of the Deer Park Community Advisory Council (DPCAC) was held on Monday, November 27, 2023, at the Republic Grill. Facilitator Anne Gowan reviewed the agenda, which was accepted as proposed. The October 2023 meeting notes were approved without changes.

Attendees are listed at the end of these notes.

Plant Host

Sharon Hulgán said that Dow just celebrated their 75th anniversary. In Deer Park, Dow produces paint coatings and acrylic acid absorbents that are used in paints that can be found at big box stores.

Updates

Ozone Days –Gowan reviewed the ozone exceedance data for the Houston Region and Deer Park that was provided by TCEQ. There were no exceedances in the Houston region in November.

Written Facility Updates – Members received regular periodic plant updates in advance of the meeting. Plants were asked to share one or two highlights from their update.

- **Shell Chemical Deer Park** –Nate Levin said Shell Deer Park has partnered with Make-A-Wish for the past three hyears, and this year was able to grant a local Deer Park boy’s wish to visit Hawaii. Shell Deer Park is also hosting their annual toy drive for The Bridge Over Troubled Waters and Sarah’s House and as well as a food drive to benefit the Pasadena Food Drive. The Women’s Business Enterprise National Council Energy Executive program was also hosted at their site recently. Additionally, Shell Deer Park expects to start up the unit where they May 5th fire occurred in the next several weeks.
- **PEMEX Deer Park** – Guy Hackwell reported that there was one emissions event since their last reporting period. The last recordable injury occurred on April 12, 2023. The first PEMEX Deer Park family day for employees was held at Minute Maid Park.
- **Clean Harbors** – Bruce Riffle shared that Clean Harbors opened a new container storage area. They have had zero lost time incidents for two years. The Clean Harbors Deer Park landfill will be closing next year and all ash and filter cake will be shipped to Oklahoma for disposal.

Treasury Motions

Gowan said that as discussed in the October meeting, the *DPCAC Ground Rules Relating to Finances* need to be amended in order for DPCAC to participate in East Harris County Manufacturing Association's (EHCMA) centralized accounting system in 2024. Ground rule changes were emailed out to members on October 26th for review and discussion. All minor changes were incorporated into the version sent via email on November 21st for final review prior to the vote.

Motion #1: Amend Ground Rules Related to Finances was proposed by Treasurer Cara Herbeck, seconded by Tommy Ginn and approved by all present.

Motion #2: Adopt 2024 Budget was proposed by Treasurer Cara Herbeck, seconded by Jimmy Bracher and approved by all present.

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 2024 and early 2025.

Plans for Future Meetings

Monday, January 22 – Annual State of the Plant Report

Dates for **2024** - all Mondays

Jan. 22
Feb. 26
Mar. 28
Apr. 22

May 20 (early because of
Memorial Day)
No June meeting
No July meeting
Aug. 26

Sept. 23
Oct. 28
Dec. 2 (delayed due to Thanksgiving)
No December meeting

DEER PARK COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL PROGRAM INPUT

11-27-23

Topic	Community	Plant	Total
Flares: purpose, what they are and what they do, how they benefit community	12	8	20
Overall Education about Manufacturing Plants: how they work, how they keep workers safe, available jobs in industry, supply and demand of local workforce, are local education programs (San Jacinto Colleges and ISDs) meeting needs of industry	11	9	20
Houston Ship Channel Security District: General information and who does what	11	7	18
Update on Beltway 8 Bridge	10	8	18
Air monitoring: Why is it important to community and for ozone attainment, general information, who does it, who does it, how, where, when?	9	8	17
Role of AI in Industry: who is using AI, current status and plans	10	6	16
Tour of new Deer Park Emergency Operations Center that is opening late 2024 early 2025	5	10	15
Supplemental Environmental Projects: What they are, who is approved locally, how ozone non-attainment impacts SEPs	6	7	13
Tour of San Jacinto Maritime Academy	3	6	9
Electrical Grid Update	2	6	8
Sustainability: Carbon Capture, hydrogen hub, recent DOE designation of Houston as Hydrogen hub, blue vs. green hydrogen, Port of Houston tugboat	1	7	8
MV Sam Houston Boat Tour of Ship Channel	4	4	8
Gulf Coast Restoration Update: Coastal protection & Ike Dyke	3	4	7
Census Data for Deer Park: Population changes in the last 10 years, economic changes, overall health of people in Deer Park and other parts of Texas	3	2	5
San Jacinto College Tour: CPET	3	2	5
City of Deer Park projects update, including flood control	3	2	5
Cyber Security in Industry	4	0	4
Local Emergency Planning Committee	1	2	3
Plant Show-n-Tell: Products industry makes	1	2	3
Houston Area Safety Council- contractor management and how contractors are vetted before they are released to work in a plant	0	1	1

ATTENDANCE

DPCAC Community Members		DPCAC Plant Members		Guests/Resources	
	Brian Babin, US Rep 36	X	Clean Harbors , Bruce Riffel	X	Caroline Alcantar, Shell Deer Park
X	Ruth Boyd	X	Dow Chemical Deer Park , Sharon Hulgán	X	Brett Conaway, Harris County OEM&HS
	Steve Corry, DPIISD	X	Evonik Oil Additives , Jim Bentinck-Smith	X	Gary Guilhas, Pemex Deer Park
	Sheryl DaPron	X	GEO Specialty Chemicals , Steve Outlaw	X	Holly Kurth, EHCMA
X	Kristina DeWitty, SJC	X	Intercontinental Terminals , David Wascome rep. by John Ferguson	X	Betty Lemley
	Christine DiCosimo, TX Hse. Dist. 128		Lubrizol , Hector Acosta	X	Brad Lyons, Westlake Epoxy
	Ken Donnell	X	NOVVI , Alan Kominek, rep. by Bob Wolff	X	Stuart Mueller, HCPC
	Jamie Galloway, DP OEM		OxyVinyls PVC/KOH , Jeff Koetitz	X	Duke Ogega, Evonik
	Sherry Garrison	X	OxyVinyls VCM , Josh Munn	X	Olivia Trautmann, student
X	Tommy Ginn	X	Pemex Deer Park , Guy Hackwell		
X	Karen Guidry		Pemex Deer Park , Jennifer Walsh		
X	Paul Guidry	X	Shell Deer Park , Nathan Levin		
X	Cara Herbeck	X	Shell Deer Park , Jessica Blackmore		
X	Steven Horton	X	Texas Molecular , Jimmy Bracher		
	Gretchen Knowles, Harris Co. Pct. 2	X	Valvoline , Robert Shelton		
	Mayes Middleton, TX Sen. Dist. 11		Vopak Moda , Jeff Sanford		
	Paula Moorhaj, DP Chamber	X	Vopak Terminal Deer Park , Kathy Stewart, rep. by Gary Jackson		
	Wanda Morris	X	Westlake Epoxy , Marlene Mercado		
	Tyler Padgett, SJC				
	Bill Patterson, DP City Council				
	Ariel Pena		Support Staff		
	Randon Pierson	X	Anne Gowan, Facilitator		
X	Darrell Pinckard	X	Marilyn Bass, Secretary		
	Vickey Roberts				
X	David Sanchez				
X	Maria Sanchez				
	Andy Smith, San Jacinto Battleground				
X	Angela Smith, City of Deer Park				
	Charles Thomas				
	Cheyenne Valdez				
X	David Wade				
	Ernest Weedon				