

MEETING NOTES

PASADENA CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

www.pasadenacac.org

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

Via Zoom Video/Teleconference

The 274th meeting of the Pasadena Citizens' Advisory Council (PCAC) was held on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 via Zoom Video/Teleconference. The meeting notes from April 28, 2020 were approved without change. The meeting ground-rules were reviewed and accepted. Facilitator Diane Sheridan reviewed the agenda, which was accepted as proposed.

ATTENDEES *italicized*

PCAC Members

Ruth Askine
Diane Barnes, CTHS
Charles Beckman
Frank Bengochea
Raul Camarillo, Jr.
Emilio Carmona
Monica De La Portilla
Tammy De Los Santos
Albert Gonzales
Rick Guerrero
Ken Jackson
Mike Jackson
Regina Lindsey, Economic Alliance
Houston Port Region
Luz Locke
Loretta McCarthy
Royce Measures
Ellis Orozco

Ernesto Paredes
Margie Pena
Dominick Rezza
Giovanna Searcy
Leon Searcy
Richard Sims
Sue Sims
John Suarez, San Jacinto College
Joe Valdivia
Christina Womack, Chamber of
Commerce
Jack Womack

Support

Diane Sheridan, Facilitator
Tiffany Miller, Secretary

Observers or Resources

Phillip Barker

Frank Borrego
Jerry Caraviotis, Harris Co. Pollution
Control Services
John Collins
Allatia Harris, San Jacinto College
Ninfa Herrera, City of Pasadena
Michelle Partin
Blake White, HCOHSEM
Willie Wells

CAC Plant Members

Afton Chemical, Hari Sundaram, Scott
Kolb
Air Products, Rachel Glenn
Albemarle, Lisa Fruge, Bruce Crabtree
BASF, John Igoe for Wendel Langley
Chevron Pasadena Refinery, Rajni
Yadav for Mark Berlinger
Chevron Phillips, Chad Jennings

Enterprise Products, Stephanie Ho
Ethyl, Scott Kolb for Antonio Salinas
Evonik, Juan Soto for Connie Buskness
Gulf Coast Authority, Phyllis Frank
INEOS Phenol, Pedro Hernandez for
Amy Narvaez
Intercontinental Terminals, Robbie
Surguy for David Wascome
KM Export Terminal, Alex Rendon for
David Koetter
KM Liquids Terminal, Alex Rendon
LyondellBasell Refinery, Bill Clyburn
OxyVinyls, Scott Halbrooks, Michael
Shirey
PCI Nitrogen, Phillip Creamer
Sekisui, Jeff Thompson. Mike Carr

An Interim Report: How Has COVID-19 Affected Plants? What Lessons Have Plants Learned So Far?

Diane Sheridan led a round robin discussion focusing on lessons learned thus far during the COVID-19 pandemic. The information presented is summarized below.

1. Plants have been deemed essential businesses. What does your plant make or do that makes it necessary for you to keep operating during stay-at-home orders?
 - Fuel: Additives for gasoline; refineries; terminals for transportation of fuels
 - Industrial gases that are necessary for food and medical purposes; Terminals for transportation
 - Plastics: catalysts for making plastics; terminals for plastic feedstocks; products that are used to make IV tubing, etc.
 - Specialty Chemicals used for agricultural, automotive and construction purposes, as well as pharmaceutical uses and toilet paper manufacturing.
 - Treatment of waste water

2. Is your plant producing or doing anything related to COVID-19 that is in high demand; e.g. *ingredients* for hand sanitizer, disinfectants, face shields or masks or mass storage, etc.?
 - Several plants produce plastic related components that are used for IV tubing, blood bags, face shields, and bottles for hand sanitizers.
 - One plant produces a water-soluble film that is used for laundry bags. The bag will dissolve in hot water, allowing the user to not have to remove contaminated items from the bag prior to washing.
3. Has your plant or your corporation done something special to help communities here or elsewhere cope with the consequences of COVID-19 and stay-at-home orders?
 - Plants have donated money to food banks, United Way, and educational programs.
 - Purchased food for those being served by The Bridge over Troubled Water
 - Plants, either through their local sites or through their companies, have donated hand sanitizers and necessary PPE (masks, safety glasses, safety goggles, face shields, etc.) to first responders and nursing homes. Some plants had extra N95 masks to donate.
 - T-shirts from the cancelled Trash Bash have been donated to homeless shelters and organizations such as The Shriners.
 - Donated gasoline gift cards to city front line workers.
4. Have you received requests from local government or school districts, etc. for hand sanitizers or other supplies that will be needed as in-person school and other community activities resume?
 - One plant has made donations of thermometers to a local school district.
 - Hand Sanitizers have been donated to local municipalities
5. As part of hurricane response, plants often assist employees and their families in some way. As a result of COVID-19, is your plant doing anything specific to support employees and their families?
 - Provided masks, hand sanitizers and toilet tissue for employees.
 - Financial assistance for those employees that were vulnerable, until they can receive medical clearance to return to the plant.
 - Plants provided medical screening.
6. Looking at the changes your plant has made to keep workers safe from COVID-19 during the last couple months, what do you expect will change as things open up, and what practices will you maintain? For example, will you continue to have workers telecommute? Will you manage shift change the way you have this spring vs previously? Will you continue to require social distancing or masks? And so on.
 - Phased returns/openings over the next several months was a common theme throughout the plants. Some plants will only have the essentials returning in the near term, while others are working on bringing their full staff back. Some of the plants which have unused office space have “re-officed” employees to enhance social distancing. Some plants will continue to use a staggered work schedule. Some employees will continue to telecommute.
 - Plants discussed that increased medical screenings (temperature monitoring), enhanced sanitation protocols, social distancing (or use of masks) and limiting in-person meetings will be maintained.

Question: *How are you helping with mental health issues?* Plants have provided Employee Assistance Programs (EAP) to all employees and their families to help deal with the stress during this time. One is scheduling Human Resources “Chats” that are structured around specific issues.

UPDATES

US Census 2020

Diane Sheridan reminded the group about the importance of completing the US Census, as the rate of responses from the Pasadena area was low when she checked prior to the meeting.

Operation Stock the Shelves 2.0

Ninfa Herrera shared information regarding the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce Program, “Operation Stock the Shelves 2.0”, occurring on June 10 that will help stock the food pantries in the Pasadena area. More information may be found at <https://www.pasadenachamber.org/operation-stock-the-shelves>.

Community Updates

Blake White has recently joined Harris County OHS&EM as an Industrial Liaison and will be working with David Wade.

FACILITY UPDATE SUMMARY

Acronym List on PCAC website

Plant representatives reviewed highlights of the written reports projected on the screen, and they responded to questions. The update summary will be mailed to members and other attendees after the meeting. Direct questions to Diane Sheridan, dbsfacilitator@gmail.com, 281-326-5253.

In a Nutshell:

Updates were received from all 18 plants

2 had reportable environmental incidents (1 each at Albemarle and Kinder Morgan Liquids Terminal)

3 had OSHA recordable injuries (1 each at Kinder Morgan Liquids Terminal, LyondellBasell Houston Refinery and Oxy Vinyls)

14 had neither environmental nor safety incidents

16 plants had no environmental incidents:

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| 1. Afton Chemical | 8. Evonik | 15. PCI Nitrogen |
| 2. Air Products | 9. Gulf Coast Authority | 16. Sekisui |
| 3. BASF | 10. INEOS Phenol | |
| 4. Chevron Pasadena Refinery | 11. Intercontinental Terminals | |
| 5. Chevron Phillips | 12. Kinder Morgan Export Terminal | |
| 6. Enterprise Products | 13. LyondellBasell Houston Refinery | |
| 7. Ethyl | 14. Oxy Vinyls | |

15 plants had no safety incidents:

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FUTURE PCAC MEETINGS

Meetings are from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. unless otherwise indicated

Thursday, August 27, 2020 – Zoom Video Conference: Recent and Upcoming Technology to Improve the Safety of Transporting Plant Raw Materials and Products-Focus on Truck Transportation

DATES FOR 2020

Tues. Jan. 28
Tues. Feb. 25
Thurs. Mar. 26
Tues. Apr. 28

Tues. May 26
No June or July meetings
Thurs. Aug. 27
Tues. Sept. 22

Tues. Oct. 27
Thurs. Dec. 3 (delayed due to Thanksgiving)
No December meetings