



# Pasadena Citizens' Advisory Council



# PCAC Grew Out of Responsible Care

- Third CAC in east Harris County. Now one of 9 here and 125+ in US
- 1990 – Steering Committee developed mission, groundrules, picked charter members, chose name
- 1-23-91- first PCAC meeting, at PISD Admin. Bldg.
- Initially 5 of 19 plants served 3-year terms as liaisons (charter = Air Products, Georgia Gulf, Mobil Mining & Minerals, Ethyl, Lyondell). In 1992, asked Simpson Paper to serve always.
- Underwood Road plants => BAYCAP in 2005
- 2008 – gave up plant rotation system



## PCAC's Mission

To provide a forum that opens dialogue between community and industry, addresses issues of interest to both, and promotes awareness and understanding of those issues.





# Members and Meeting Participants

18 member plants in Pasadena

22 community members on rolls + 10 from organizations serving Pasadena

~200 on mailing list

Aim for 2x as many community as plant members at meetings

Meetings open and visitors frequent

Need to increase community membership

# Typical Attendance

- 30-45 attendees
- Members, plant reps, visitors
- Include San Jac Process Tech students



# PCAC Meetings

Monthly except none in June or July, none in December



Plant hosting rotates



Written groundrules, agendas, meeting notes, history, Program Plan



Small group work



*CACs Focus on  
**Issues:***

Plant Updates  
Annual  
Reports  
Main Topics

Plant updates  
(recent  
activities, plans)

Environment  
Safety  
General Info,  
including business  
and community  
involvement

Annual  
Reports

February Worker  
Safety  
Fall Plant Emissions



# Meetings: Main Topics

Chosen by Program  
Planning for next 12  
months

Focus on industry. Plants  
may learn from each other  
in big CAPs.

*Perennial interests:* air and  
water quality, emissions,  
emergency response and  
communications, chemical  
transportation

*Periodic interests:* health  
effects, workforce  
development, worker  
training, plant community  
relations

*Of growing interest in  
recent years:* workforce  
development, worker  
training, hurricane surge  
suppression

PCAC uses a committee to  
draft Program Plan for full  
group to adopt

# Meetings: PCAC likes to learn from tours!

- *Pending:* US Coast Guard Station at Ellington
- San Jac Process Technology facilities
- PISD Kirk Lewis Career and Technical High School
- Houston Area Safety Council
- San Jac Maritime Academy
- TranStar Emergency Operations Center and Traffic Management Center
- PortHouston boat tour. Wharves & command center tour
- Coast Guard Station at Galena Park and at Ellington
- City of Pasadena Emergency Operations Center
- PCAC plants – Oxy Vinyls EOC, Kinder Morgan, AES, LyondellBasell Refinery



## Outreach to Community

[www.pasadenacac.org](http://www.pasadenacac.org)



City of Pasadena website calendar



Meeting notice in *Pasadena Citizen*

# Challenges and Plans

Increase membership

Increase plant and community attendance

Sustain face to face communication in social media age

Facilitator transition

*BUT...we NEVER run out of issues to talk about!!!*

# Questions?

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