### **MEETING NOTES**

## PASADENA CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

www.pasadenacac.org

## Tuesday, January 26, 2021

### Via Zoom Video/Teleconference

The 278<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Pasadena Citizens' Advisory Council (PCAC) was held on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 via Zoom Video/Teleconference. The meeting notes from December 3, 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

, City of Pasadena OEM Emilio Carmona Monica De La Portilla Tammy De Los Santos, City of Pasadena Parks and Rec. Ninfa Herrera, City of Pasadena Neighborhood Network 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 Joe Valdivia

Christina Womack. Chamber of Commerce Rep by Elizabeth Cox Jack Womack

#### Support

Diane Sheridan, Facilitator Tiffany Miller, Secretary

**Observers or Resources** 

George Alger

Vanessa Ayala Frank Borrego

Raul Camarillo, Harris Co. Pct. 2

Jerry Caraviotis, HCPCS John Collins

Jake Ezerski

Christopher Thomas, Occidental

Petroleum

Pat Van Houte David Wade, HCOHSEM

Blake White, HCOHSEM Danielle Woods, TCEQ

#### **CAC Plant Members**

Afton Chemical, Air Products, Rachel Glenn Albemarle, Lisa Fruge, Becky Cochran BASF, Wendel Langley Chevron Pasadena Refinery, Matt Postage, Rajni Yadav

Chevron Phillips, Chad Jennings Enterprise Products, Chris Ruggles Ethyl,

Evonik, Juan Soto for Nathan Locklar Gulf Coast Authority, Phyllis Frank INEOS Phenol, Pedro Hernandez for Amy Narvaez

Intercontinental Terminals, Vincent Woolridge for David Wascome

KM Export Terminal, Alex Rendon for David Koetter KM Liquids Terminal, Alex Rendon

LvondellBasell Refinery, Chris Matthews, Clint Titzman OxyVinyls, Scott Halbrooks, Michael

Shirev PCI Nitrogen,

Sekisui, Scott Stephens, Jenna Timtiman for Jeff Thompson

# PASADENA CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL'S 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Slides can be found at: www.pasadenacac.org

PCAC's banquet to celebrate its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary is on hold because of COVID-19. Once we can meet again in person, we will make plans for a dinner at the Monument Inn.

Facilitator Diane Sheridan presented an overview of the PCAC's history and its mission and purposes. In 1990, the Steering Committee developed the mission, ground rules, picked the charter members, and chose the name for the group. The first meeting was held on January 23, 1991 at the PISD administration building. PCAC's mission is: "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." Sheridan spoke about how the CAC focuses on issues, from monthly plant updates, annual reports (such as worker safety and plant emissions) to monthly meeting topics.

Recognizing the challenges that many organizations face, Sheridan acknowledged that the PCAC needs to increase membership, increase plant and community attendance, and develop plans on how to sustain face to face communication in this age of social media. Plant representatives were invited to share their

views on the value of the community-industry dialogue. Among the comments were: great avenue to build relationships between the community and the people behind the "sign"; appreciate having open and honest communications with community members; opportunity to support the community in ways that our companies would not otherwise be aware of. Diane Barnes, CTHS representative, relayed appreciation on behalf of PISD, for all the support over the years

• What is the process to add community members? A Membership committee consisting of both community and plant representatives is formed to create a pool of prospects that reflect the diversity of the surrounding community. Sheridan shared an overview of how the process works. . Ninfa Herrera, who heads the city's Neighborhood Network, offered to help. A member asked if PCAC could provide speakers to introduce organizations to the group. Sheridan said we can do so. Typically a community member and plant member would present jointly. Contact her if you have an opportunity for PCAC to speak. A frequent attendee said the format of meetings stifles public input.

### **UPDATES**

A community member mentioned the *Houston Chronicle* article regarding ITC Pasadena site's request to amend their TCEQ air permit and the objections of a local organization, Caring for Pasadena Communities. The public comment period ends Jan. 29.

Diane Sheridan shared that she has arranged for a meeting between Air Products General Manager Ken Miller and Pasadena resident Jake Ezerski regarding a recurring noise issue Ezerski has tracked to the plant. She asked that Miller also meet with a PCAC member and another community participant who continue to have concerns about a noise issue raised initially in 2012. One will attend the meeting.

### **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 as of 1-26-2021 was mailed to members and other attendees before 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 KM Liquids Terminal and OxyVinyls)

1 had OSHA recordable injury (1 at Chevron Phillips)

15 had neither environmental nor safety incidents

#### 16 plants had no environmental incidents:

- 1. Afton Chemical
- 2. Air Products
- 3. Albemarle
- 4. BASF
- 5. Chevron Pasadena Refinery
- 6. Chevron Phillips

- 7. Enterprise Products
- 8. Ethyl
- 9. Evonik
- 10. Gulf Coast Authority
- 11. INEOS Phenol
- 12. Intercontinental Terminals
- 13. Kinder Morgan Export Terminal
- 14. LyondellBasell Houston Refinery
- 15. PCI Nitrogen
- 16. Sekisui

#### 17 plants had no safety incidents:

1. Afton Chemical 2. Air Products 8. Evonik

3. Albemarle 4. BASF 5. Chevron Pasadena Refinery

6. Enterprise Products

7. Ethyl

9. Gulf Coast Authority

10. INEOS Phenol

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### **TOASTS TO 2020 AND 2021**

Though PCAC could not celebrate its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a banquet, as planned, attendees were invited to submit toasts of good riddance to 2021 and best wishes for an easier 2021. Toasts are attached. The names of community members who submitted toasts went into a drawing for a gift card from Send Them a Meal. Diane Barnes was the winner of the drawing.

## **FUTURE PCAC MEETINGS**

Meetings are from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. via Zoom video conference unless otherwise indicated

Tuesday, February 23, 2021 – Annual Report on Worker Safety

Thursday, March 25, 2021 - Harris County's New Community Air Monitoring Program

# **DATES FOR 2021**

Tues. Jan. 26 Tues. Feb. 23 Thurs. Mar. 25

Tues. Apr. 27

Tues. May 25 No June or July meetings Thurs. Aug. 26 Tues. Sept. 28

Tues. Oct. 26

Thurs. Dec. 2 (delayed due to Thanksgiving)

No December meetings