

# MEETING NOTES

## PASADENA CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

Thursday, August 25, 2022

Revive Church- The Center

The 292<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Pasadena Citizens' Advisory Council (PCAC) was held on Thursday, August 25, 2022, at the Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. The meeting notes from May 24, 2022, were approved without change. Facilitator Diane Sheridan reviewed the ground rules and agenda, which were accepted as proposed.

### ATTENDEES *italicized*

#### **PCAC Members**

Andrew Aleman, City of Pasadena  
OEM  
Jed Aplaca, City of Pasadena Parks  
and Rec.  
*Ruth Askine*  
*Diane Barnes, CTHS*  
*Raul Camarillo, Harris Co. Pct. 2*  
*Emilio Carmona*  
Azell Carter, City of Pasadena OEM  
Monica De La Portilla  
*Tammy De Los Santos, City of*  
*Pasadena Parks and Rec.*  
*Albert Gonzales*  
Rick Guerrero, City of Pasadena  
Neighborhood Network  
Mike Jackson  
Chad Carson, Economic Alliance  
Houston Port Region  
Luz Locke  
Loretta McCarthy

Lupita Monreal, City of Pasadena  
Neighborhood Network  
Ellis Orozco  
Ernesto Paredes  
Margie Pena  
Brenda Pritchard, City of Pasadena  
Neighborhood Network  
Dominick Rezza  
Giovanna Searcy  
Richard Sims  
Sue Sims  
Joe Valdivia  
Christina Womack, Chamber of  
Commerce  
Jack Womack

#### **Support**

*Diane Sheridan, Facilitator*  
*Tiffany Miller, Secretary*

#### **Observers or Resources**

*Vanessa Ayala*  
*Sarah Brady*  
*Jerry Caraviatis, HCPCS*  
*John Collins*  
*Danny Forest, ACC*  
*Diane Olmos-Guzman*  
*Michelle Partin*  
*Sandra Ramirez*  
*Nicole Sunstrum, GCPD*  
*Sharlissa Truett-Willis, TCEQ*  
*David Wade, HCOHSEM*  
*Blake White, HCOHSEM*

#### **CAC Plant Members**

*Afton Chemical, Mario Troncoso*  
*for Hari Sundaram*  
*Air Products, \_\_\_\_\_*  
*Albemarle, Paul Hernandez for*  
*Lisa Fruge*  
*BASF, John Igoe for Alice Johnson*  
*Chevron Pasadena Refinery, \_\_\_\_\_*

*Chevron Phillips, Andy Woods*  
*Enterprise Products, \_\_\_\_\_*  
*Ethyl, Mario Troncoso for Antonio*  
*Salinas*  
*Evonik, \_\_\_\_\_*  
*Gulf Coast Authority, Denise*  
*Ehrlich*  
*INEOS Phenol, Paul Savoie for Amy*  
*Narvaez*  
*Intercontinental Terminals, \_\_\_\_\_*  
*KM Export Terminal, Mike Dugger*  
*KM Liquids Terminal, Robert*  
*Hammons*  
*LyondellBasell Refinery, James*  
*Skoruppa for Clint Titzman*  
*Next Wave Energy, David Muscat*  
*for Shane Presley*  
*OxyChem, Scott Halbrooks*  
*Sekisui, Jenna Timtiman for Jeff*  
*Thompson*

## The Gulf Coast Protection District and Its Work to Protect Communities, Environment, and Economic Activities from Storm Surge

Slides posted at [www.pasadenacac.org](http://www.pasadenacac.org)

Continuing the series of meetings on flooding with a focus on protection from storm surge, Nicole Sunstrum, Executive Director of Gulf Coast Protection District (GCPD), provided an overview of the district and its work. GCPD was formed in 2021 by the Texas Legislature to be the non-federal sponsor for the portions of the Coastal Texas and Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay (S2G) programs within Chambers, Galveston, Harris, Jefferson, and Orange Counties. Additionally, the GCPD will operate and maintain the portions of the Coastal Barrier projects within the five counties in conjunction with local jurisdictions.

Sunstrum shared information relating to the legislation that formed GCPD, the timeline for funding of projects, and possible sources of funding for these projects. Information about GCPD can be found at <https://www.gcpdtexas.com/>. The S2G website is <https://www.swg.usace.army.mil/S2G/>. The website for the the Coastal Texas Resiliency Improvement Plan is currently under construction, <https://coastaltexasprogram.com/>. Members agreed they would like the Corps of Engineers to speak.

## Q&A

- *Why is the State of Texas not the non-federal sponsor?* As a part of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) requirements for partnership, the non-federal sponsor must have the legal and financial capability to fulfill the requirements of cost sharing. The State of Texas cannot levy a statewide tax to fund the project.
- *Is GCPD a state agency?* No. It is a special district chartered under state laws.
- *Will a bridge from Bolivar Peninsula to Galveston be a part of this project?* The Corps does not currently have this in their plan.
- *Will the Rice University's Severe Storm Prediction, Education and Evacuation from Disasters Center proposal for a Galveston Bay Park (chain of man-made islands) be a part of the project?* GCPD has no authority over this proposal, which right now is theoretical. Sunstrum believes that the Corps would be willing to work with Rice University in the future.
- *What has the \$400 million been used for?* The initial \$200 million was allocated to the Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay (S2G) program; project in Brazoria County; and several projects in Jefferson County.
- *What will be the maintenance costs once the project is complete?* Current estimates are \$100 million/year, for which GCPD is 100% responsible. This would include maintenance on gates, etc.; ecological restoration; full time staffing for operating and maintaining the various sections of protection. The Corps will bear 100% of the cost if there is damage from a storm.
- *What is the funding source for maintenance?* It is hoped that the state will help offset some of the cost.
- *What materials will be used for storm surge protection?* Concrete walls; concrete curbs; plants and vegetation; raising roadways; gates.

## Plant Show and Tell

The "Plant Show and Tell" features one picture that tells the story of what the plant does or where their products end up. The plants will be then spotlighted on the homepage of the CAC's website. The August meeting featured John Igoe presenting information about BASF. The BASF Pasadena plant makes plasticizers, which increase the flexibility of plastics used for things like vinyl gloves, fishing lures, cling film, and rubber duckies.

## UPDATES

**PCAC Community Outreach Presentation:** Diane Sheridan was invited by the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce to share information about the PCAC with the IMPACT Pasadena 2022 leadership program. Sheridan is actively seeking additional opportunities to get the word out about PCAC and asked members help in doing so.

**PCAC Meeting Days for 2023:** Sheridan shared that starting in January 2023, all meetings will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. There were no objections.

**American Foundation for Suicide Prevention:** Walk to Fight Suicide will be held September 24, from 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the Burke Crenshaw Park in Pasadena. Vanessa Ayala and Sandra Ramirez shared information regarding the mission of American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Registration for the walk can be found at <https://supporting.afsp.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=8217>. Contact Ayala if interested in supporting the effort.

# 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 was mailed to attendees before the meeting and mailed to all members the day afterward. Direct questions to Diane Sheridan facilitator, [dbsfacilitator@gmail.com](mailto:dbsfacilitator@gmail.com), 281-326-5253.

## In a Nutshell:

- Updates were received from 18 of 18 plants
- **4** had reportable environmental incidents (1 each at Air Products, Gulf Coast Authority, and LyondellBasell Houston Refinery; 2 at Sekisui )
- **1** had OSHA recordable injuries (1 at Chevron Phillips)
- **13** had neither environmental nor safety incidents

## 14 plants had no environmental incidents:

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Afton Chemicals           | 7. Ethyl                          |                                    |
| 2. Albemarle                 | 8. Evonik                         | 12. Kinder Morgan Liquids Terminal |
| 3. BASF                      | 9. INEOS Phenol                   | 13. Next Wave Energy Partners      |
| 4. Chevron Pasadena Refinery | 10. Intercontinental Terminals    | 14. OxyChem                        |
| 5. Chevron Phillips          | 11. Kinder Morgan Export Terminal |                                    |
| 6. Enterprise Products       |                                   |                                    |

## 17 plants had no safety incidents:

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## FUTURE PCAC MEETINGS

**Dinner available at 5:30 pm.** Meetings are from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

### Tuesday, September 27, 2022 – Update on Capital Project at Chevron Pasadena Refinery. Program Planning

- Attendees will brainstorm and prioritize meeting topics for the coming year.

### Tuesday, October 26, 2021 – Annual Report on Emissions from PCAC Plants

- Data from PCAC plants will be compiled and presented to show Pasadena industry trends in the EPA Toxics Release Inventory releases to the air and the TCEQ air emissions inventory of criteria pollutants.
- Roel Munoz from LyondellBasell Houston Refining will present this year. Plants take turns presenting the data on behalf of PCAC industry.

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## DATES FOR 2022

Tues. Jan. 25  
Tues. Feb. 22  
*Thurs.* Mar. 24  
Tues. Apr. 26

Tues. May 24  
No June or July meetings  
*Thurs.* Aug. 25  
Tues. Sept. 27

Tues. Oct. 25  
*Thurs.* Dec. 1 (delayed due to  
Thanksgiving)  
No December meeting

# Pasadena Citizens' Advisory Council Input on Gulf Coast Protection District

August 25, 2022

## Anything you were happy to hear?

- That work is actually underway! (Mentioned twice)
- Heard positive/good progress
- Happy to hear a plan is in place (Mentioned twice)
- Using plant and vegetation
- Well presented

## Any concerns about what you heard?

- Taxes, Taxes, Taxes. Is the entire burden of taxation on these 5 counties? This is critical infrastructure.
- This project will be a burden to the Taxpayers...without a doubt
- Taxing- will it come to the taxpayers for a vote?
- Long term cost
- Cost: including maintenance costs. Where will the money come from?
- Some citizens may be worried about ocean views and real estate
- Environment
- When will it be done?
- The projects are so long term. We need a strategic plan for 5-yr., 10-yr., and 20-yr. project goals.

## Any suggestions for the Gulf Coast Protection District

- Any economic studies done showing all the impacts if a Category 5 storm hit the Houston/Galveston Area? What would the total cost impact versus the cost of the project?
- Show where the \$400 MM is going
- Don't waste taxpayers' money
- Community advisors on the GCPD

## Anything you want to know more about?

- If we have the protection, where does the storm surge go? Does it get pushed east or west causing impacts to those counties?
- The different and various pieces that make up the entire project. (Mentioned twice)
- Would like to see a storm simulation.
- Would it hold up to major hurricanes?
- How will it impact flooding from tropical storms?
- How much protection from storm surge will there be?
- Are insurance companies helping with the cost?
- Project timeline (Mentioned twice)
- Does climate change/global warming have an effect?

## Any input on anything else?

- We would definitely like to hear from the Army Corp of Engineers. (Mentioned twice)