

# MEETING NOTES

## PASADENA CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

Thursday, December 1, 2022

### Revive Church - The Center

The 295<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Pasadena Citizens' Advisory Council (PCAC) was held on Thursday, December 1, 2022, at the Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway. The meeting notes from October 25, 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  
Christian Rocha for Christina Womack, Chamber of Commerce  
Jack Womack

##### **Support**

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

##### **Observers or Resources**

*Jerry Caraviotis, HCPCS*  
John Collins  
Matthew Giles, State Rep. Mary Ann Perez  
*Diane Olmos- Guzman*

Jennifer Hadayia, Air Alliance Houston  
*Ninfa Herrera*  
Maria DeRosario Martinez  
Kenya Melendez, State Rep. Mary Ann Perez  
*George Perrett*  
Edward Rios  
David Sanchez  
*Maria Sanchez*  
*David Wade, HCOHSEM*  
*Blake White, HCOHSEM*  
*Steve Zach, Pasadena Public Library*

##### **CAC Plant Members**

*Afton Chemical, Hari Sundaram, Maryam Shekari*  
*Air Products, Brian Farhadi*  
*Albemarle, Paul Hernandez for Lisa Fruge*  
*BASF, Abe Ahmed, Alice Johnson, John Igoe*  
*Chevron Pasadena Refinery, Matt*

*Postage, Bill Stephens*  
*Chevron Phillips, Andy Woods, Ravi Kaggal*  
Enterprise Products, Karla Arriaga, Heather Makarczyk  
Ethyl, Maryam Shekari for Antonio Salinas  
*Evonik, Juan Soto for Nathan Locklar*  
*Gulf Coast Authority, Denise Ehrlich, Phyllis Frank*  
INEOS Phenol, Ana Partin for Amy Narvaez  
*Intercontinental Terminals, Gary Sterkel for David Wascome*  
*KM Export Terminal, Mike Dugger*  
*KM Liquids Terminal, Robert Hammons*  
*LyondellBasell Refinery, Clint Titzman*  
*Next Wave Energy, Shane Presley, David Muscat*  
*OxyChem, Scott Halbrooks*  
*Sekisui, Jeff Thompson*

## Program Planning for the Coming Year

PCAC members reviewed the group's mission and purposes, as well as meeting topic history for PCAC 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. Diane Olmos-Guzman and Ninfa Herrera 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 PCAC, it will form the basis of the agendas for meetings in 2023 and early 2024.

## 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 December meeting featured Gary Sterkel presenting information about Intercontinental Terminals Co (ITC). ITC has 50 liquid storage tanks for petrochemical products. They are accessible via 5 docks which can accommodate ships and barges, and by rail or truck. Gary is most proud of their safety record. There has been only 1 OSHA recordable injury since ITC purchased the land in 2010.

## 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
- **2** had reportable environmental incidents
- **1** had OSHA recordable injuries
- **15** had neither environmental nor safety incidents

### 16 plants had no environmental incidents:

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|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Afton Chemicals           | 8. Ethyl                       | Terminal                      |
| 2. Air Products              | 9. Evonik                      | 14. LyondellBasell Houston    |
| 3. Albemarle                 | 10. INEOS Phenol               | Refinery                      |
| 4. BASF                      | 11. Intercontinental Terminals | 15. Next Wave Energy Partners |
| 5. Chevron Pasadena Refinery | 12. Kinder Morgan Export       | 16. Sekisui                   |
| 6. Chevron Phillips          | Terminal                       |                               |
| 7. Enterprise Products       | 13. Kinder Morgan Liquids      |                               |

### 17 plants had no safety incidents:

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| 2. Air Products        | 8. Evonik                         | 14. LyondellBasell Houston Refinery |
| 3. Albemarle           | 9. Gulf Coast Authority           | 15. Next Wave Energy Partners       |
| 4. BASF                | 10. INEOS Phenol                  | 16. OxyChem                         |
| 5. Chevron Phillips    | 11. Intercontinental Terminals    | 17. Sekisui                         |
| 6. Enterprise Products | 12. Kinder Morgan Export Terminal |                                     |

**Chevron Pasadena Refinery** reported that the preliminary notification on an environmental release was made without having the calculations done. Calculations showed that the release was under the limit, so the notification was retracted. Some expressed concern about any Benzene release and the community questioned how they would know the amount released. The plant rep explained that they are required to have devices at the fence line to monitor emissions to show impact to the community. In this instance, the release dissipated before the fence line and there was not an impact to the community.

**OxyVinyls** stated they are investigating a valve failure and will update when the investigation is complete.

Community members asked how plants structure maintenance to keep things in working order and prevent failures. Plants maintain equipment on scheduled turnarounds, sometimes based on the rate of corrosion on materials or issues that have been diagnosed prior to or during the turnaround.

**Next Wave** reported on construction progress. Heaviest part of construction is now through February/March. The intent is to start by June.

## FUTURE PCAC MEETINGS

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

**Tuesday, January 24, 2023 –State of the Plants Report**

**Tuesday, February 28, 2023 – Annual Report on Worker Safety**

## **DATES FOR 2023----- All 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays!**

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Tues. Jan. 24  
Tues. Feb. 28  
Tues. Mar. 28  
Tues. Apr. 25

Tues. May 23  
No June or July meetings  
Tues. Aug. 22  
Tues. Sept. 26

Tues. Oct. 24  
Tues. Nov. 28  
No December meeting

# PASADENA CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL PROGRAM INPUT

Proposed meeting topic ranked by PCAC community member points	Community points	Plant points	TOTAL
1. Recycling in Chemical Plants & Limitations – How we get better	8	4	12
2. “Emergency Communication Protocols & Resources – Tour Pasadena Emergency Operation Center, Outdoor Warning System & Step by Step What Happens in an Emergency?, SIP Notifications, Tour Plant EOC and learn how they manage an event	7	12	19
3. Carbon Capture & Storage – Air Alliance offer to speak and survey us. What companies are doing to reduce energy consumption, Who is doing what? Why? Agencies	7	7	14
4. Drone Technology Uses in Industry – Security risks. Best/proper way to stop them from flying over area.	5	11	16
5. 2023 Legislative Session Impacts on Industry	4	4	8
6. Community Involvement Plant Activities	4	4	8
7. When Trains Block Roads – What are PTRAs Guidelines and Enforcement? Process Safety Advances and Digital Solutions	3	16	19
8. Beltway 8 Bridge Status & Connectors	3	11	14
9. Plant Maintenance plus Inspections in in Plants	2	1	3
10. Intentional and Unintentional Emissions – how they happen and impacts	1	2	3
11. Warehouse Regulations – Fire Marshal, Engineering and Emergency Response	1	0	1
12. Chemical Transportation Safety – all modes	1	0	1
13. Effects of Pollution on Health, How are Plants minimizing effects?	0	1	1
14. Severe Ozone Non-attainment – what to do to address it?	0	0	0

Additional Feedback on Yellow sheets, but not discussed:

- What are we doing to keep workers safe?
- New ideas to grow and develop craft workforce
- New technologies in plant safety
- Delays in permitting by state and federal agencies

- Community Engagement and outreach by different companies, including governance (Ties into #7)
- 225 and Beltway 8 intersection – standing water
- Planned Tours – Chemical Plants (Bus)
- Planned Tours – H.S. Channel – MV Sam Houston
- Expand Plant Info from 2-3 minutes to 30 minutes to discuss more in depth plant details (i.e. Environmental programs, Chemicals used, Process Safety systems, Etc.)
- Chemical 101 – Where to go for information for a particular chemical, Lay person doesn't have access/understanding of data sheet
- What is Pasadena Shelter in Place?