

MEETING NOTES

PASADENA CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

www.pasadenacac.org

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

City of Pasadena Emergency Operations Center

The 299th meeting of the Pasadena Citizens' Advisory Council (PCAC) was held on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at the City of Pasadena Emergency Operations Center, located in the Pasadena Police Department at 1201 Davis. Facilitator Diane Sheridan reviewed the agenda, which was accepted as proposed. The meeting notes from March 28, 2023 were approved without change. Due to the tour, plant updates were mailed but not presented or discussed at the meeting.

ATTENDEES *italicized*

PCAC Members

Andrew Aleman, City of Pasadena OEM
Jed Aplaca, City of Pasadena Parks Rec
Ruth Askine
Diane Barnes, CTHS
*Hal Burke, City of Pasadena
Neighborhood Network*
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, Pasadena Economic
Development Corp.*
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, Baker Ripley
Brenda Pritchard, City of Pasadena
Neighborhood Network
Dominick Rezza
Giovanna Searcy
Richard Sims
Sue Sims
Joe Valdivia
Christian Rocha, Chamber of
Commerce
Jack Womack

Support

Diane Sheridan, Facilitator

Observers or Resources

Vanessa Ayala
John Collins
Josie Espinosa, City of Pasadena OEM
*Tish Eubanks, City of Pasadena
Neighborhood Network*
Matthew Giles, State Rep. Mary Ann
Perez
Diane Olmos- Guzman

Ninfa Herrera
Holly Kurth, EHCMA
*Kenya Melendez, State Rep. Mary Ann
Perez*
Laura Mireles, Pasadena PIO
Emily Morris
MaryJane Mudd, EHCMA
Stuart Mueller, Harris Co. Pollution
Control
Virginia Pate
George Perrett
Edward Rios, Harris Co. Pct. 2
Sharlissa Truett-Willis, TCEQ
David Wade, HCOHSEM
Blake White, HCOHSEM
Steve Zach, Pasadena Public Library

CAC Plant Members

*Afton Chemical, Maryam Shekari for
Hari Sundaram*
Air Products, Brian Farhadi
Albemarle, Paul Hernandez for Lisa
Fruge. Doug Thompson
BASF, Darrin Cobb for Abe Ahmed

*Chevron Pasadena Refinery, Jennifer
Silva for Matt Postage,*
*Chevron Phillips, Michelle Pritchard for
Andy Woods*
*Enterprise Products, Karla Arriaga,
Ethyl, Maryam Shekari for Antonio
Salinas*
*Evonik, Donovan Phelan for Nathan
Locklar*
Gulf Coast Authority, Denise Ehrlich
*INEOS Phenol, Chris Spletter for Amy
Narvaez*
*Intercontinental Terminals, Jesse Davila
for Robert Surguy*
*Kinder Morgan Pasadena Terminal,
Zackary Ward for Robert Hammons*
*KM Export Terminal, Zackary Ward for
Mike Dugger*
LyondellBasell Refinery, Clint Titzman
*Next Wave Energy Shane Presley, David
Muscat*
OxyChem, Scott Halbrooks
Sekisui, Jeff Thompson

OVERVIEW OF PASADENA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND TOUR OF CITY OF PASADENA EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

Slides posted at www.pasadenacac.org

City of Pasadena Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) Azell Carter, head of the city's Office of Emergency Management (OEM), provided an overview of emergency management in Pasadena and hosted a tour of the city's Frank Bengochea Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Carter also showed members the city's Dispatch Center where, for example, 911 calls are received and emergency services dispatched. Carter's last slide provides contact information for him and his deputy EMC, Andrew

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The Pasadena EOC is a specially equipped facility where those with roles in emergency response and recovery gather face to face to manage a disaster. Perhaps the most impressive part of the city's newest EOC was the room-length video wall that includes 30 screens that each may be split into 4 screens. The late Frank Bengochea organized the effort to obtain a grant that funded the large display.

As shown in his slides, Carter described the OEM staff members, listed the OEM equipment, provided an overview of terms, and listed the risks and hazards for which the city must be prepared. The city will soon have a drone unit and a new mobile command trailer. The improvements to manage emergencies have been funded primarily by grants.

Carter listed the communications tools available to both receive and send information and showed the locations of the city's 12 sirens. Sirens now are tested each Saturday at noon as are the Deer Park and La Porte sirens. A review of the siren locations is underway as is an evaluation of which ones need to be rebuilt or replaced. The most effective locations are nowadays considered places where many people gather rather than along freeways.

Carter said that the city uses the community emergency communications protocols for plants and cities found in the East Harris County Manufacturers Association *Industry Incident Communications Handbook*. The city is part of the Southeast Regional Local Emergency Planning Committee (SERLEPC), which requires industrial facilities to use the e-Notify system to notify the city of industrial events. The city tracks the number of plants that conduct training to be sure they know how to use e-Notify. Plants should practice placing a message as if the facility lost power as well as when it does not.

Carter urged those who live, work, or play in Pasadena to sign up with *Ready Pasadena* to be able to receive alerts from the OEM.

To receive Emergency Notifications

Text: PTXREADY to 77295

or sign up at www.readypasadena.org

He and Laura Mireles, the city's Public Information Officer, described the use of social media as well as the CAER Online app to provide both warnings and information. Mireles provided a summary of all of the city's communications resources as well as the city departments on social media (attached to notes).

A call to shelter in place for a chemical release would be made by the city and would involve the police and fire departments and the OEM. The plant with the event may *recommend* a shelter in place, but state law does not permit plants to *issue* one.

The EOC activates for any kind of hazard, not just a chemical release. That includes activating to manage a hurricane. Carter's showed evacuation routes in the greater Houston area as well as the 2023 evacuation zip-zone map. Authorities will issue evacuation orders based on zip code to make it easier for people to understand when they should leave. Evacuation calls are phased to let those closest to the coast to get out of the area first.

PLANT UPDATE SUMMARY

The Update Summary was mailed to attendees shortly before the meeting and to all members the day afterward. Direct questions to Diane Sheridan facilitator, dbsfacilitator@gmail.com, 281-326-5253 or raise questions at the next meeting.

Since the Last Meeting:

- Updates were received from 17 of the 18 plants by meeting time but Enterprise arrived in time for the 4-26-23 mailing to members.
- 1 reportable environmental incident (at Albemarle)
- 0 OSHA recordable injuries
- 17 of 18 had neither environmental nor safety incidents
- The INEOS Phenol update covers two months but does not include environmental or safety details about the 3-22-23 incident because the investigation is still underway

17 plants had no environmental incidents:

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| 1. Afton Chemicals | 8. Evonik | Terminal |
| 2. Air Products | 9. Gulf Coast Authority | 14. LyondellBasell Houston |
| 3. BASF | 10. INEOS Phenol (since last meeting) | Refinery |
| 4. Chevron Pasadena Refinery | 11. Intercontinental Terminals | 15. Next Wave Energy Partners |
| 5. Chevron Phillips | 12. Kinder Morgan Export | 16. OxyChem |
| 6. Enterprise Products | Terminal | 17. Sekisui |
| 7. Ethyl | 13. Kinder Morgan Liquids | |

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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.
At Revive Church, 1062 Fairmont Parkway, in the "The Center"*

No meetings in May, June, July

Tues. Aug. 22, 2023 – TxDOT Proposed Major Project for SH 225 and Loop 610 East (Early Options and PCAC input)

- TxDOT is in the early stages of planning a major project for SH 225 and Loop 610 East. They will share concepts and seek input from PCAC community and plant participants.

Tues. Sept. 26, 2023 – Overview of Recycling in PCAC Plants

- Recycling garnered the most "sticky dots" when we brainstormed topics this spring, and members asked to hear from plants about their recycling efforts as well as any corporate initiatives.
- In a round robin discussion, plants will describe their efforts. The brief descriptions may generate interest in exploring some aspect of recycling in more depth at a meeting after that.

DATES FOR 2023----- All 4th Tuesdays!

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