

Pasadena Citizens' Advisory Council

PCAC at Age 33 and How to Improve

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Pasadena Citizens' Advisory Council (PCAC) celebrated its 33rd anniversary with a review of its history, an evaluation of the group, and brainstorming of ways to increase membership and visibility. Input from small group discussion and worksheets completed by all attendees will be used to help the community-industry forum continue to improve.

PCAC grew out of a 1988 chemical industry initiative called Responsible Care that still promotes continuous improvement in plant environmental, safety, and other aspects of performance in response to public input. Many of the community advisory councils to industry across the country began because Responsible Care encouraged plants to engage in discussion about plant-related issues with their neighbors.

A group of Pasadena plant managers and community leaders met in 1990 and agreed that routine, face-to-face community dialogue would benefit both the local community and plants. They developed a mission and groundrules for PCAC, chose the charter members, and gave the group its name. The third such community advisory council in east Harris County, PCAC met for the first time in January 1991. Its mission remains unchanged: To provide a forum that opens dialogue between community and industry, addressing issues of interest to both, and promoting awareness and understanding of those issues.

The attached slides describe how PCAC advises its 18 member plants, what it does to focus on issues, and how the community can learn about its work and attend its meeting. Periodically, PCAC adds to its core group of community members, but meetings are open, and visiting is the best way to understand what the group does. The home page of this website always lists the next meeting date and topic. To attend a meeting, write us for details and to RSVP at info@pasadenacac.org.