

MEETING NOTES

PASADENA CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

www.pasadenacac.org

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

RYSS STEM Academy – Log Cabin

The 311th meeting of the Pasadena Citizens' Advisory Council (PCAC) was held on Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2024, in the Log Cabin at the RYSS STEM Academy (formerly Revive! Church). In lieu of a traditional meeting, the PCAC elected to devote the meeting time to celebrate the retirement of longtime facilitator Diane Sheridan. Incoming facilitator Emily Morris reviewed the agenda, which was accepted without change.

ATTENDEES *italicized*

PCAC Members

Andrew Aleman, City of Pasadena
OEM
Jed Aplaca, City of Pasadena Parks
and Rec.
Vanessa Ayala-Medina
Diane Barnes, CTHS
Hal Burke, City of Pasadena
Neighborhood Network
Raul Camarillo, Harris Co. Pct. 2
Emilio Carmona
Azell Carter, City of Pasadena OEM
Yessenia Cervantes, RYSS STEM
Academy
Monica De La Portilla
Tammy Delossantos, City of
Pasadena Parks and Rec.
Tish Eubanks, City of Pasadena
Ramiro Fonseca, RYSS STEM
Academy/Tejano Center
Albert Gonzales
Mandy Gosch
Rick Guerrero, Pasadena Economic
Development Corp.
Ninfa Herrera
M.P. Jackson
Shawn McNair
Ellis Orozco
Margie Peña, Baker Ripley

Dominick Rezza
Christian Rocha, Pasadena
Chamber of Commerce
La Tonya Ross
Erin Webb, Pasadena Chamber of
Commerce
Cristina Womack, Pasadena
Chamber of Commerce

Support

Diane Sheridan, Facilitator
Emily Morris, Incoming Facilitator

Observers or Resources

Ruth Askine, former member
Judy Bodine
Keith Bodine
John Collins
Elita Castleberry, Harris County
Pollution Control
James Griffin, San Jacinto College
Phillip Jackson
Rex Lindberg, Pasadena Dir. of
Community Relations
Maria DeRosario Martinez
Kenya Melendez, office of Rep.
Mary Ann Perez
Rhonda Murgatroyd, Wildlife
Response Services
Nina Palacios, Pinnacle Reliability

State Rep. Mary Ann Perez, Texas
House District 144
Capt. Christopher Schaffer
Elizabeth Sheridan Schaffer
Mark Sheridan
Amy Shuff, Asbury United
Methodist Church
Pat Van Houte
Quang Vu, GP-JC CIP Associate
Pasadena Mayor Jeff Wagner
Tracie Williams, Songwon
Dennis Winkler, Winkler Public
Relations
Steve Zach, Pasadena Public
Library
Natasha Zarnstorff, Galveston Bay
Foundation

CAC Plant Members

Afton Chemical: Hari Sundaram,
Ethan Heins, Maryam Shekari
Air Products: Maggie Doan, rep by
Jhajuan Countee
BASF: Abe Ahmed, Brian
Melancon, Darrin Cobb
Chevron Pasadena Refinery:
Tifanie Steele rep by Jennifer Silva,
Rebecca Froedge, Steph Seewald,
Joe Ebert, Angela Fall

Chevron Phillips: Andy Woods
Enterprise Products: Karla Arriaga
rep by Heather Makarczyk
Ethyl: Hari Sundaram, Ethan
Heins, Maryam Shekari
Evonik: Nathan Boye, Donovan
Phelan
Gulf Coast Authority: Denise
Ehrlich, John Mletzko
INEOS Phenol: Mike Meyer, David
Pastalaniec, Pedro Hernandez
Intercontinental Terminals Co.:
Robert Surguy rep by Jesus Davila,
Carlos Gracia
KM Export Terminal: Christian
Thomas, Chris Dale
Kinder Morgan Pasadena
Terminal: Robert Hammons
Ketjen (was Albemarle): Lisa
Frugé, Doug Thompson, Kevin
Paul, Alyssa Linares
LyondellBasell Refinery: Mark
Staes, Susan Scott, Chris Towe
Next Wave Energy: Shane Presley
rep by David Muscat
OxyChem: Eric Delgado, Liliana
Sarpong, Brandon Pearson
Sekisui: Jeff Thompson rep by
Jenna Timtiman

Retirement Celebration Honoring Diane Sheridan

Pictures posted on Members page of www.pasadenacac.org; event program attached

Trying to keep the details of a PCAC meeting secret from longtime facilitator Diane Sheridan proved to be difficult but not impossible. The normal agenda was suspended for the December 3, 2024, meeting to honor Sheridan's 34 years of service with the Pasadena Citizens' Advisory Council. That much, she knew. What Sheridan did not know was that she would be regaled and recognized throughout the evening by representatives of the state, city, plants, and community for the standards she developed as a facilitator, and her dedication to community-industry dialog.

The Log Cabin was transformed for the evening with color-coordinated cloths and centerpieces on each table, and a string quartet in the corner playing Christmas favorites throughout dinner. A video on the dual screens at the front of the room showed images of Sheridan and PCAC attendees throughout her 34 years with the group.

Incoming Facilitator Emily Morris opened the meeting by welcoming the attendees, reviewing the altered agenda, and introducing the event's emcee, Dennis Winkler, of Winkler Public Relations, before she invited the group to head to the buffet for brisket, sausage, potato salad, and beans.

In keeping with Sheridan's policy to stay on schedule, Winkler began introducing the speakers at 6 p.m., beginning with Pasadena Mayor Jeff Wagner, who declared Dec. 3, 2024, "Diane Sheridan Day in Pasadena." Additional honors and accolades followed:

- State Rep. Mary Ann Perez, Texas House District 144: Presented a State of Texas resolution
- Raul Camarillo, Harris County Pct. 2 Community Liaison: Announced that a Harris County proclamation for Sheridan would be read at Commissioners Court on Dec. 10, 2024.
- Cristina Womack, President and CEO of Pasadena Chamber of Commerce: Presented Sheridan with flowers and a plaque for her commitment to the City of Pasadena.
- Mark Staes, LyondellBasell Houston Refinery: Presented a State of Texas Certificate of Recognition from Briscoe Cain, State Rep. District 128
- Several plant reps and community members shared their remembrances and thanks (for a complete list, see attached PCAC 12-3-24 Program).

Winkler deftly shared anecdotes as he introduced each speaker and reminisced about his 34-year friendship with Sheridan. Throughout the evening, the comments about Sheridan shared a common theme: her organizational skills, her commitment to community-industry dialog, and her ability to bridge the gap between people with differing viewpoints, all while keeping the meetings civil, not always an easy undertaking.

The evening wrapped up with cake and some parting words from Sheridan, who recalled how much has changed since she began working with the PCAC: "The elder George Bush was President, Ann Richards was soon to become Governor, and John Ray Harrison was Mayor. ... I had no email yet, nor did most members. When someone needed me, they called! And you received all of your mailings by postal service." Sheridan also commented on what hasn't changed: The commitment to open "constructive dialogue between a group of petrochemical plants and the communities closest to them."

After thanking Sheridan for being a thorough and understanding mentor, Morris assured Sheridan that the commitment to constructive dialogue will be her priority as facilitator as well. Morris followed by thanking attendees for coming and the many who contributed to the evening (see PCAC 12-3-24 Program for a complete list of contributors), before reminding the group that PCAC would reconvene Jan. 28, 2025, with Morris as its new facilitator.

UPDATES

Plant Updates

The Plant Update Summary was mailed to attendees the day after the 12-3-24 meeting with 17 of 18 plants reporting. Direct questions to Emily Morris, ekmorrisconsulting@gmail.com or pcac.secretary@gmail.com, 832-443-3617.

In a Nutshell:

- Updates were received from 17 of 18 plants (None received from LyondellBasell Houston Refinery)
- **2 of 17** had an environmental event
- **1 of 17** had an OSHA recordable injury
- **15** had neither environmental nor safety incidents

15 plants had no environmental incidents:

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| 1. Afton Chemicals | 6. Ethyl | 11. Ketjen |
| 2. Air Products | 7. Evonik | 12. Kinder Morgan Export Terminal |
| 3. BASF | 8. Gulf Coast Authority | 13. Kinder Morgan Pasadena |
| 4. Chevron Pasadena Refinery | 9. INEOS | 14. OxyChem |
| 5. Enterprise Products | 10. Intercontinental Terminals | 15. Sekisui |

16 plants had no safety incidents:

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

UPCOMING PCAC MEETINGS

Dinner available at 5:30 p.m. Call to order at 6:00. Adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

- **Tuesday, January 28, 2025 – Workforce Development I: Overview and the PetroChem Works Tool**
PCAC will hear from Patti Bell, Workforce Development Program Manager at Economic Alliance Houston Port Region, who will talk about the many kinds of jobs there are in plants, typical requirements for them, how to apply for them, and where to find out about them. *(Host plant: BASF)*
- **Tuesday, February 25, 2025 – Workforce Development II: Tour of the Pasadena ISD Kirk Lewis Career and Technical High School**
PCAC will meet at PISD's Career and Technical High School for an overview over dinner about the school's history, purposes, features, and programs, followed by a tour of its facilities. *(Host plant: Air Products)*
- **Thursday, March 27, 2025 – Annual Report on Worker Safety in PCAC Plants**
NEW meeting DAY this month (to avoid scheduling conflict with Pasadena Chamber of Commerce Candidates' Forum)
PCAC will collect and present OSHA recordable injury and illness data for PCAC plants, covering both employees and contractors. The report will contain details about each plant plus summaries showing the totals for all plants and the trends. *(Host plant: ITC)*

PCAC DATES FOR 2025

Unless otherwise noted, all are 4th Tuesdays. 5:30 dinner – 6:00 call to order – 7:30 adjourn

Tues., Jan. 28

Tues., Feb. 25

Thurs., Mar. 27*

Tues., Apr. 22

Tues., May 27

No June or July meetings

Tues., Aug. 26

Tues., Sept. 23

Tues., Oct. 28

No November meeting

Tues., Dec. 2

No late December meeting

* Tues., March 25 is Pasadena Chamber of Commerce Candidates' Forum