

The Deer Park LEPC is a cooperative partnership between community, government, emergency response agencies, businesses, and industry striving to promote and maintain public health and safety by preparing for hazardous materials-related incidents as part of a comprehensive community program. Our goal is to protect citizens and the environment by providing hazard awareness education, training exercises, emergency response plans and an emergency notification system.

DEER PARK LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

AGENDA

OF

A MEETING OF THE DEER PARK LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE TO BE HELD AT THE DOW BUILDING, 4460 HWY 225, ROOM 1012, NOVEMBER 28, 2017 BEGINNING AT 11:00 A.M. TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS:

Introductions

Company Overview — Hexion

Public Comments on LEPC Mission/Function (3 minute time limit)

Minutes – October 24, 2017

Financial Report – October 2017

Committee Reports

Executive Committee

Updated Status of 501c3 & Financials
Adoption of 2018 LEPC Budget

Communications

Review any and all Level 2 and Level 3 incidents

Community Awareness

Recap of November 4th Event
2018 Calendar
LEPC Website

Emergency Response/Transportation

2018 Drill

New Business

Meeting Schedule 2018 – Jan. 23, Feb. 27, Mar. 27, Apr. 24, May 22, June 26, Aug. 28, Sept. 25, Oct. 23, Nov. 27


Shannon Bennett, TRMC
Deer Park LEPC Secretary/Treasurer

Posted November 20, 2017

TO: Deer Park LEPC

13-195

SUBJECT: Minutes November 28, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jay Stokes called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS

Self-introductions were given by Shay Gaines of the City of Pasadena. Chairman Stokes welcomed the former City Secretary Sandra Watkins and her husband Ronnie Watkins.

PRESENTATION

Company Overview – None Given.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS ON LEPC MISSION/FUNCTION (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT)

There were no comments.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Ray Cook and seconded by George Tullgren to accept the minutes for October 24, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Motion was made by Robert Hemminger and seconded by Rick Anorga to accept the financial reports for October 24, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee, Jay Stokes reported:

Updated Status of 501c3 & Financials – Secretary/Treasurer Shannon Bennett advised the membership of correspondence received from the IRS stating the Deer Park LEPC's application was received and a response will be returned in 180 days of the 501c3 Status. A banking account can be opened while waiting on the status. No purchases will be made until 501c3 status is approved and returned.

Adoption of 2018 LEPC Budget – Motion was made by Robert Hemminger and seconded by Ray Cook to adopt the 2018 LEPC Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications Subcommittee, Robert Hemminger reported:

Review of Level 2 and Level 3 Incidents –

Richard Philbrick reported, “On October 28, 2017 we were starting up a furnace heater at our Olefin Unit and a detonation occurred for a short duration and a loud noise. Notifications went out and there were no injuries on site.”

Mr. Hemminger commented, “I had a lot of conversations with Shell about the incident. Many of you went through the recent Emerge or E-Notify, CAER Line update training. One of the things we talk about is, why we send notifications through the Dispatch Center through e-notify, maybe it’s not something that’s going to be harmful to the community or a chemical release, but it’s something that draws awareness to the community. Maybe they get calls by a 911 or their administrative lines inquiring as to what’s going on. In this particular incident, it wasn’t anything that was going to be harmful to the community. It sounded like an explosion, the dispatch center got numerous (a couple of dozen) 911 calls about the explosion. It’s a good reminder that even though it’s not a chemical release, letting the Dispatch Center know what’s going on, gives them that knowledge to pass onto the concerned citizens.”

Mr. Hemminger advised the committee that Dow had a drill two weeks ago. They used E-Notify, had notifications, some calls came in and we simulated that process. We didn’t overburden the Dispatch Center and I simulated most of that on the City’s behalf. David Wade also participated from Harris County. I appreciate that drill and for any other facilities that want to have a drill, please call us.

Christina Perez, Community Awareness Subcommittee, reported:

Recap on November 4th - “We participated in the 125th Celebration. We gave away 600 swag bags. Overall, it was a really successful event. We reached a lot of people and informed them about Code Red.”

2018 Calendar - “We received our final proof of the 2018 calendar today. We had a few corrections and hopefully we don’t get any complaints. This was the first year working on the calendar without Sandra’s help. It is a big undertaking. We would like to dedicate the 2018 LEPC calendar to Sandra Watkins.”

LEPC Website – “We are finalizing the website. It will go live in December.”

Chairman Stokes commented, “If you didn’t get a chance to come to the event on November 4th, I can tell you it was very nice and well done. The City really appreciates Shell, Deer Park School District, Deer Park LEPC and many other partners that helped with the special event. We estimated about 2,500 came and watched the concert. Shell estimated 1,000 visited the Shell Experience. The Shell Experience was an unbelievable tent.”

Shell has donated one of walls from the Shell Experience that displayed how Shell works with the City. It will be permanently displayed at the Courts and Theatre Building.

Emergency Response/Transportation Subcommittee, Ray Cook reported:

2018 Drill – “We will have a planning session following this meeting. Mark Turvey and Kevin Machehl will take the lead charge for our joint LEPC drill representing Deer Park.”

NEW BUSINESS

Dan Heiken advised the Committee that the E-Notify switchover will be Monday morning. Mr. Heiken presented a schedule of events.

Robert Hemminger, commented, "The CAER online app will be available by Monday to download from the App store. It has been coordinated by the La Porte Emergency Management."

Robert Hemminger advised the committee that Ray Cook has been elected as the Chairman of the La Porte LEPC. "I suggest by acclamation that Mark Turvey be elected as Vice Chairman of the Emergency Response/Transportation Subcommittee. I would like to thank Lubrizol for taking up the slack from Dow."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Stokes gave an overview of the meeting dates and location for next year which will be at the Deer Park Independent School District Education Support Center, 2800 Texas Avenue, Deer Park, Texas in January and February.

Rick Anorga announced the loss of a major hospital on the north side of the Houston Ship channel due to Hurricane Harvey. Sunbelt Regional has decided to remain closed. They will rebuild, but they will not use that building any longer.

Ray Cook advised the Committee on November 29th-30th, the Battleground Park will be having prescribed burning. There may be smoke visible to the public.

NEXT MEETING

Deer Park Independent School District will host the meeting on January 23, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

ATTEST:


Shannon Bennett, TRMC
Secretary/Treasurer

APPROVED:


James Stokes
Chairman