

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 DEER PARK CITY HALL, 710 E. SAN AUGUSTINE, DEER PARK, TEXAS, ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2019 BEGINNING AT 11:00 A.M. TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS:

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions

Company overview - Praxair, Toby Ratcliffe

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

Minutes – August 27, 2019

Financial Report – September 2019

Committee Reports

Executive Committee

Communications

Review any and all Level 2 and Level 3 incidents

Community Awareness

Volunteer Opportunities

Permits at Library

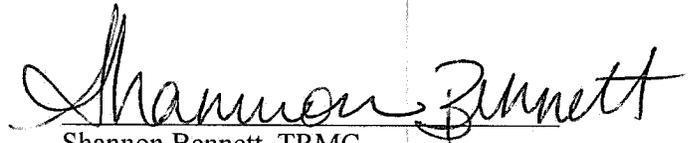
2020 Calendar

Emergency Response/Transportation

2019 Drill

New Business

Meeting Schedule 2019 – Oct. 22, Dec 3

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Shannon Bennett, TRMC
Deer Park LEPC Secretary/Treasurer

Posted September 19, 2019

TO: Deer Park LEPC

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SUBJECT: Minutes September 24, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman, Jay Stokes called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. Vice-Chairman, Mark Turvey led members in the Pledge of Allegiance of the United States and the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

INTRODUCTIONS

Self-introductions were given by first time visitors, Tim Krietemeyer and Orlando Guajardo with ITC, Michael Perkins with Vopak and Kendra Bernheger and Kendra Baldwin with TCEQ. Mr. Stokes asked all attendees to introduce themselves.

COMPANY OVERVIEW

Toby Ratcliff of Praxair gave a brief overview of the company as a manufacturing facility, not so much a chemical industry. Praxair, located on Tidal Road and surrounded by Lubrizol, began in Deer Park in 1962 with 60 employees and 4 units. The Linde Air Products Company originally began in 1907 by Karl Von Linde who was the first person to commercially liquefy air to produce oxygen in 1895. Mr. Ratcliff described the process of air separation in which Praxair produces nitrogen, oxygen and argon. Praxair currently has 2 units with 65 employees and supplies oxygen and nitrogen to facilities from the Ship Channel to Freeport via pipeline and distribution. (Exhibits A1-A2)

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

There were none.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Robert Hemminger and seconded by George Tullgren to accept the minutes of August 27, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Motion was made by Buddy Rice and seconded by David Machemehl to accept the financial report of September 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee, Chairman, Jay Stokes reported: “The Executive Committee did set out to replace all of the sirens that the LEPC is responsible for. Originally, we were going to do it in phases, over a three-year period, it being a very costly project. However, after the ITC event in March, we learned that some sirens weren’t working and the LEPC asked the City to fund the entire project and then the LEPC will reimburse the City over the next couple of years. We recently learned that there are other components of the sirens that are not working as well and Robert will cover that.”

Robert Hemminger advised the LEPC members that after the ‘front panel upgrade,’ it was determined that the speakers (which were not part of the upgrade) are old, outdated and damaged. In addition to the original phases of the siren project, there will be an additional \$45,000 required to replace speaker drivers across the City. He further advised that this will bring the system back to a fully functional status. Overall, the LEPC is looking at 4 Phases of the project, not 3, with the City paying the full amount and the LEPC reimbursing over time.

Motion was made by Trilby Cressman and seconded by Andrew Smith that the LEPC would ask the City Council to fund the 4 Phases of the Siren Project with the LEPC reimbursing over several years. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications Committee Chair, Robert Hemminger reported:

Review of Level 2 and Level 3 Incidents – Michael Perkins with Vopak reported, “We had a spill on September 13, 2019 of approximately 5 gallons of base oil into the Ship Channel and it was cleaned up by Deer Park.”

Mr. Hemminger commented on the new EMS Station being built and an anticipated a completion date of the first week of November. An invitation was given to join the City Staff and Council at the ribbon cutting with the date to be announced.

Community Awareness Chair, Christina Perez reported –

Volunteer Opportunities – “We have enough volunteers for our next event, but we still have four spaces open for Hot Zone. We’ll pass the sign-up sheet around and if we don’t receive any volunteers today, we will send out another beg-o-gram.”

2020 Calendar – “The 2020 calendar is pretty much done on our part and we’ll be sending it to the printer.”

Ms. Perez advised the members that at the Deer Park Public Library, the permits there are very outdated and each industry needs to review their material at the Library and update.

Emergency Response/Transportation Chair, Kevin Machemehl reported: “We’re about forty-three days away from our Table Top Drill and invites have been sent out to LEPCs and municipalities. We have asked them to RSVP to Mark Turvey since it will be hosted by Lubrizol. We will have another meeting to discuss it after this meeting, so if you’re interested in participating in the Drill, please join us.”

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don Davis, Fire Chief announced the October 5th Fire Prevention Parade which starts at 10 a.m. and an invitation was given to industry to participate in the parade.

Mr. Stokes announced that National Night Out will be Tuesday, October 1st.

Richard Nguyen encouraged company’s participation and attendance in the LEPCs.

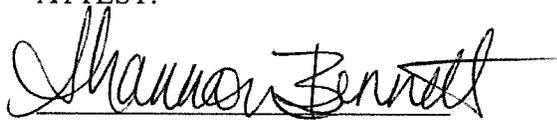
Kevin Machemehl stated that showing up for a meeting is not enough. Join a subcommittee that interests you and get involved.

NEXT MEETING

Jay Stokes announced the next meeting will be held on October 22, 2019 and December 3rd will be our last meeting of the year. At the October meeting, Stephen Harrell with the school district will be speaking on ‘Safety Issues at the Schools’ the ‘The School’s Relationship to the LEPC.’

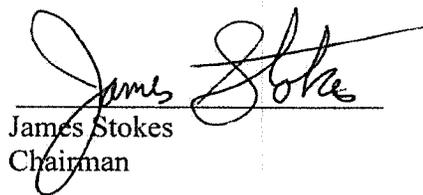
Meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

ATTEST:



Shannon Bennett, TRMC
Secretary/Treasurer

APPROVED:



James Stokes
Chairman