

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

TO FLINT HILLS RESOURCES PINE BEND REFINERY

CAC Meeting

March 10, 2020

Agenda

- * 5:30 Welcome, Agenda Review
- * Public Comment
- * CAC Business & Updates
- * Overview of CAC
- * STRETCH BREAK
- * FHR – Refining & the Refinery
- * Questions/Discussion
- * 7:30 Adjourn

CAC Business

- * Welcome guests, introductions
- * Meeting Notes
- * CAC Updates
 - * New Member Recruitment
 - * May Retreat
 - * Other?

FHR Updates

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Overview of the CAC

Community Advisory Council (CAC) Purpose

- **Two-way communication** between the community and Flint Hills Resources management
- Discuss issues and make recommendations regarding environmental, safety and other issues of concern to the citizens living close to the Pine Bend Refinery
- Opportunity for Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend Refinery to solicit direct feedback from the community regarding refinery operations and plans

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Transparency and in deliberations and decision-making
- Respect and encourage differing perspectives
- Seek out input from our neighbors and community members
- Gather and analyze credible data for making informed decisions and recommendations
- Value a trusted and productive partnership between community representatives and the refinery management

History

- Established in 1998 at a critical point in the refinery's history.
- Local public officials and a representative from FHR met for several months in 1998 to establish the CAC's purpose, function and general operating practices.
- Public officials included the mayors, city administrators, township representatives, county commissioners and the State representative and senator representing the following communities surrounding the refinery: Apple Valley, Coates, Eagan, Empire Township, Hastings, Inver Grove Heights, Nininger Township, Rosemount and Vermillion Township.

Membership

- The first CAC members were selected by the MN League of Women Voters in the fall of 1998.
- CAC's original purpose has remained the same, however its operating practices have been periodically amended or expanded over the years to ensure effective operations.
- Area residents may serve two, three-year terms on the CAC. Members serve as “*Community Liaisons*.”
- The CAC includes 20 representatives from communities surrounding the refinery as well as four (two voting, two non-voting) Pine Bend employees.

Meetings and Communication

- Meetings held second Monday of the month in September, October, November, January, February, March and May
- Locations and Times vary
- Professional facilitator presides over the meetings. CAC administrator maintains the meeting notes, communication and website
- Meetings are open to the public. Community members are encouraged to attend and provide comment
- CAC website: www.flinthillscac.org

Key Activities & Accomplishments

- Established a series of air monitors surrounding the refinery. Works with an independent consultant to annually analyze and report on the findings. (See CAC website for complete reports)
- Worked with FHR and the City of Eagan to initiate and implement an emergency notification system that alerts neighbors in the event of a refinery emergency.
- Launched website www.flinthillscac.org to help neighbors stay up-to-date on relevant news, environmental reports and other CAC activities.

Key Activities & Accomplishments

- Provided **timely and critical feedback to FHR** regarding refinery water usage and many other important issues impacting FHR and the neighbors and communities living within proximity of the refinery.
- Conducted a **comprehensive survey** to ensure the CAC was continuing to meet community expectations and needs as it approached its 10th and 20th years of operation.

CAC Members

- * Additional comments/questions
- * What do you value about being on the CAC?

STRETCH BREAK