

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

TO FLINT HILLS RESOURCES PINE BEND REFINERY

Council Meeting
Monday, September 13, 2021
6:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Location: Flint Hills Resources North Administration Building

Meeting Notes

Members Present

Bryan Kotaska, Cyndee Fields, Philip Johnson, Gary Bambenek, Ken Hamen, Peter Hansen, Steve Sarantos, Allen Patrin, Michael Cahn, Alex Bruns, Troy Stephens, Kevin Green, Geoff Glasrud, Heather Rein

Also Present

Katie Weatherly, Aimee Gourlay

CAC Business

- Review of the meeting agenda – agenda approved by CAC members
- CAC member updates
 - Reflections on New Member Orientation – members enjoyed the Orientation and tour, very positive experience
- Facilitator updates
 - October and February meeting dates
 - Change October CAC meeting to October 4 because October 11 is a holiday.
 - Change CAC meeting to February 7 because February 14 is Valentine's Day.
 - FHR food policy – thanks to FHR for providing food for CAC meetings. Reminder that public officials and spouses fall under the gift ban....
 - Facilitation – this is Aimee's last official meeting. The Development Committee and FHR will meet on September 27th to figure out facilitation moving forward.
- Development Committee Updates
 - Recommended meeting topics for 2021-2022 were approved
 - Development Committee's first meeting will be scheduled for later in September to discuss committee goals for the coming year such as a shorter interviewing/on-boarding process and preparation for a CAC booth at community events.

Flint Hills Resources Update

- FHR Process Safety – nothing to report
- FHR Personal Safety – two reportable incidents
 - Employee on elevated platform knelt without knee pads and felt irritation in his knee, is back to work on restrictions
 - Employee received laceration on his thumb when removing light bulb and it shattered.
 - We had a turnaround this summer and there were some heat stress issues, also COVID control. Small issues to address, we did very well.
 - Discussed efforts to prevent the spread of COVID in the refinery. Very few cases.

- FHR Environmental Safety
 - Had one flare event. Compressor had an equipment failure, read signals incorrectly, and tripped the flare off. About 45 minutes. Not our best year for time flaring, but from an emissions standpoint the material that was flared was the second lowest emissions outside the flare gas recovery.
 - Our ATS unit pulls sulfur out of gasoline and makes fertilizer for farms. It also uses external anhydrous ammonia. Daily trucks are currently offloading anhydrous ammonia. We are looking at adding a pipeline from a nearby supplier to eliminate the trucks. The pipeline would be on our own property. We are consulting with appropriate parties. There will be a public notice, notifying neighbors, and public meeting. We will keep you updated in the coming months.
- FHR Community Updates
 - Had a mini family festival pop up event, hoping to do more throughout the fall.
 - We are a new sponsor of the Page foundation to raise funds for scholarships for kids of color to go on to secondary education.
 - A few of the parades have been happening this summer and employees/FHR firetruck participated.
 - Annual fall bluffs clean up event is coming up. CAC members will be invited.
 - New event in early November. Pop up science for kids. We will share more information.
 - You will receive a magazine from the Dakota County Historical Society focusing on the history of FHR, including the CAC.

Flint Hills Resources 101 - Jake Reint, Managing Director, Public Affairs

- Overview of FHR and what we do (see <https://www.fhr.com/>)
 - Koch industries company, (<https://www.kochind.com/>)
- What we do
 - Fuels & aromatics (gasoline, jet fuel, diesel, materials for manufacturing carpet, tires and more).
 - Olefins & polymers (the chemical building blocks needed to manufacture appliances, automotive parts, furniture, athletic shoes, and many other consumer products).
 - Biofuels & ingredients (Ethanol, biodiesel, inedible corn oil, and distillers' grains.
 - Ethanol plants
 - Fertilizer
 - Pipeline
 - Asphalt (all Pine Bend)
 - Battery tech
 - Bioplastics
- Pine Bend Refinery
 - 65 years, continuity of ownership
 - Renamed Flint Hills Resources in 2002
 - Upper Midwest's leading producer of transportation fuels
 - #1 producer of asphalt in America
 - Largest purchaser of ethanol in the Upper Midwest
 - Virtually every drop of oil becomes a product
 - Pipeline system covers 537 miles in Minnesota and Wisconsin
 - Dedicated pipeline to MSP International Airport for jet fuel
- Retail price of gasoline
 - Commodity - taxes, distribution & marketing, refining and cost of oil impact the retail price
- Sustainability and Stewardship
 - Use fewer resources

- Minimize impacts to the environment
 - Reduce emissions, lower air emissions, beat industry standards
 - 12-time Wastewater Treatment Facility Operational Award winner from MPCA
 - Flare management
 - Among the cleanest & most efficient refineries in the US
- Focus on safety
 - Focus on human performance
 - Monitoring & detectors
 - FT Fire Department on site
- Impact on community
 - Economic – largest active construction site in MN, employment
 - Community involvement
 - First responder training

Meeting Wrap Up and Closure

- Next meeting **October 4, 2021**