

TO: Deer Park CAER/LEPC Team

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SUBJECT: Minutes of November 29, 2016 - Hosted by the City of Deer Park

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman James Stokes called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS

Self-introductions were given by Cory Guccione of ITC.

PRESENTATION

There was no presentation.

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

There were no comments.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Norma Hysler and seconded by Rick Anorga to accept the minutes for October 25, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Motion was made by Robert Hemminger and seconded by Rick Anorga to accept the financial report for November 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Jay Stokes, Chairman stated: "I have several things to share as the Executive Committee Chair, so I will allow the other committees to give their reports first."

Robert Hemminger, Communications Subcommittee Chair, reported:

"Shell put in a level three because they discovered an oil sheen near their dock back on October 29th. It didn't originate from them, but they responded out there. I was going to let them explain what they found. I don't know if they ever found the origin. Then on November 4th, Lubrizol had some diesel leaking from a locomotive, but that was quickly downgraded. It didn't get off sight. We don't have anyone here from either of those. Anyone that is here have any level two or level three or any significant event at your facilities?" None responded.

Mr. Hemminger advised the members the TCEQ Grant Application that was submitted and announced that the Deer Park LEPC is being awarded slightly over \$92,000.00, which will fund five of our sixteen requested projects. The projects being funded are one year of our CodeRED Telephone Notification System, a new Wally Wise Guy Mascot costume, one year of our E-Notify Emerge subscription for one year, replacing and updating all of our Shelter In Place signage and lastly, educational literature, the disaster preparedness pamphlet that the LEPC was buying. Also, the grant money will help purchase booth handouts and other mail outs that may be taking place. Mr. Hemminger thanked everyone regarding their work in preparation of the application.

Rick Anorga asked, "Is there going to be information distributed to the business so the workers can obtain this information?"

Mr. Hemminger replied, "Yes. We are working on a campaign internally within the City in which will go out to the businesses, Chamber of Commerce and as many as we can get registered."

Norma Hysler, Community Awareness Subcommittee Chair, reported:

2017 Calendar - "I have placed a copy on each table of what our 2017 Calendar will look like. We are not making any further changes, unless you see something major. Please let me know today. The pictures on these copies look a little blurry, but the printer has reassured us that they won't be blurry in the calendar. I think the calendar has turned out wonderful."

Mr. Stokes spoke about the theme of the calendar being "The 125th Anniversary of Deer Park."

Emergency Response/Transportation, Ray Cook reported:

"I attended my first meeting with the Executive Board recently and we're going to try and get things going after the first of the year. Mr. Hemminger recently attended a meeting regarding an upcoming drill and I'll ask him to give an update regarding the drill we're considering participating in that will take place in 2017."

Mr. Hemminger reported the drill dates for our area will be June 5th and 6th of 2017, which is a State Hurricane Exercise and will provide information regarding this particular exercise.

Ray Cook continued speaking of the Emergency Response/Transportation Committee coming together to discuss where the Committee needs to take the planning and drills needs in the future. He spoke of the LEPCs having done a great job, but would like to know the vision for planning and drills five to ten years down the road. Input from the Committee is essential on where we need to be in being prepared for our emergency response drills. Plans for this will occur after the first of the year.

Jay Stokes, Executive Committee Chair, reported:

"I'd like to give you a quick update on Sandra Watkins, our City Secretary. I want to begin by saying how much we appreciate Shannon Bennett and all that she's done for the past several months in filling in for Ms. Watkins. If you haven't heard, Ms. Watkins has been battling cancer for several months and is home now. She'll be getting a prognosis in several weeks regarding how her chemo and radiation are working. Please keep Sandi and her husband Ronnie in your prayers. There are a lot of exciting things taking place next year within our LEPC, which have been covered at our meetings. To reinforce these, Robert has been working to get our State Emergency Services Coordinator to meet jointly with Pasadena and La Porte prior to the drill in June."

"Also, starting in January, there will be a company overview meeting. We'll invite you to tell us about your company. It won't be the program for the day, but it will be a supplement to our normal meeting. Dow will be our first presenter in January."

Chairman Stokes reflected on the drills for 2017 and expressed appreciation to Ray Cook for becoming the Chair of the Emergency Response/Transportation Committee. He also thanked Robert Hemminger for his efforts in pursuing the application and receiving the grant monies from the TCEQ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Stokes, commented, “It is going to be an exciting time in 2017 for the City. The 125th Anniversary, you’ll see that over and over in events throughout the City. We will also be getting a new firing range, a new city hall, a new animal shelter and in partnership with the County to redo Ivy Street along with other Public Works projects that are planned.”

NEW BUSINESS

Robert Hemminger acknowledged the passing of Jerry Gardner, the former Fire Chief of Pasadena.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on January 24, 2017.

Meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Shannon Bennett, TRMC
Acting Secretary/Treasurer

James Stokes
Chairman

