



Community Advisory Panel (CAP) Meeting
Valero East – 610 Industrial Way, Benicia, CA
Drive to the back of the building
Tuesday, August 8, 2023
4:30 PM – 5:00 PM
Refinery Tour 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was conducted in person at Valero East. Dennis Lowry called to order at 4:30 pm. The following attended:

CAP Members

Dennis Lowry	CAP Chairman & Community at Large Member
Kari Birdseye	City of Benicia Council Member
Chris Ferrucci	Benicia Chamber of Commerce
Dr. Gethsemane Moss	Benicia Unified School District
Marilyn Bardet	Good Neighbor Steering Committee
Terry Crosby	Community at Large Member
Cara Bateman	Community at Large Member

Valero CAP Representatives

Josh Tulino	VP and General Manager
Paul Adler	Director of Community Relations and Government Affairs
Taryn Wier	Environmental Manager

City Employees

Chief Josh Chadwick	Benicia Fire Department
Kyle Ochendusko	Public Works Director
Danielle Bonham	Deputy Public Works Director

Valero employees

Frank Hartig	Valero, Manager Plant Security
Pam Fischer	Valero, Executive Administrative Assistant

Welcome

- Tonight's agenda was approved.
- The minutes from the [6/13/23 meeting](#) were approved with unanimous approval.

CAP Member Updates

- Dennis Lowry – No update
- Chris Ferrucci – Benicia Chamber of Commerce – Oktoberfest planned on the First Street Green for 9/16/23 with vendors, Kid Zone, music, Bavarian and Polka dancers. Valero is a T-shirt Sponsor.
- Dr. Moss – Benicia Unified School Board – The school year is starting soon. A professional

development session will occur at the end of this week. We had a very successful meeting on 7/28/23 with all trustees. There were lots of physical improvements to the schools over the summer.

- Kari Birdseye – City has a strategic planning session coming up in September.
- Marilyn Bardet – Good Neighbor Steering Committee will be meeting on 8/16/23.
- Cara Bateman - She shared the information presented at the Community Meeting in June on her social media sites. She received appreciation for the information and had some questions as well. Some questions were specific to the relationship and communication between City of Benicia Fire Department and Valero.
- Terry Crosby – No update

Refinery Update

- Josh Tulino, VP & General Manager

Operations are running well. We are approaching the beginning of our 2023 United Way Employee Giving Campaign. There is a kickoff event later this month with a Taco Cookoff and Car Show. Dennis Lowry will be judging. The theme for this year's Campaign is a NASCAR theme and a spin-off of Talladega Nights. The refinery is hoping and expecting to increase our support to United Way this year.

A short 4-page presentation was shared with the CAP members to provide background information on Valero prior to the Refinery Tour. Kyle Ochendusko, Public Works Director, and Danielle Bonham, Deputy Public Works Director, are joining our tour by special invitation. In preparation for the driving tour, the refinery's Safety Video was shown to the CAP members.

Meeting ended at 5:00 pm

Refinery Tour included the following locations and ended at 6:40 pm

- Marine Terminal
- Crude Field
- Waste Water Treatment Plant
- Fenceline Monitoring System
- Wet Gas Scrubber
- Control House

2023 CAP Calendar

- Tuesday, October 10, 2023 – 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm - Discuss topics for 'Community Information Night'
- Tuesday, December 12, 2023 – 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm - 'Community Information Night'