



Community Advisory Panel (CAP) Meeting
Valero East – 610 Industrial Way, Benicia, CA
Tuesday, June, 14, 2022; 4:30 PM – 5:45 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was conducted in person at Valero East. Steve McClure called the meeting to order at 4:33 pm. The minutes from the 4/19/22 meeting were approved by Diane Ferrucci, and seconded by Dennis Lowry. The following attended:

CAP Members

Steve McClure	Benicia Chamber of Commerce
Steve Young	City of Benicia, Mayor
Marilyn Bardet	Good Neighbor Steering Committee
Diane Ferrucci	Benicia Unified School District
Dennis Lowry	Community at Large
Neil Wilson (via Skype)	Community at Large

Valero CAP Representatives

Josh Tulino	VP and General Manager
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Valero and City of Benicia employees

Mario Giuliani	Deputy City Manager
Josh Chadwick	Fire Chief
Trevor Macenski	Council Member
Mike Sumter	Valero, Human Resources Manager
Melissa Manke Fimbres	Valero, Director-Technical Services
Frank Hartig	Valero, Manager Plant Security
Selma Razaghi	Valero, Refinery Controller
Pam Fischer	Valero, Executive Administrative Assistant

Welcome

- CAP members in attendance introduced themselves and the meeting [agenda](#) was approved.
- The CAP approved summary meeting minutes from the [April 19, 2022 Meeting](#). CAP Member Updates
- Steve McClure – Benicia Chamber of Commerce – Chamber of Commerce has hired Jana Modena as Executive Director. Jana comes to them from Senator Grayson’s office and they are excited to have her on board.
- Diane Ferrucci – Benicia Unified School Board – Current Superintendent Charles Young has decided to retire and his last work day is June 29th. Dr. Damon Wright has been selected as Superintendent and will begin July 1st. The District held a Meet and Greets for Damon with the community, parents and school district employees in the first week of June and may hold another in August.
- Steve Young – City of Benicia, Mayor - Last council meeting included an approval to renovate the Fitzgerald Field ballpark. Thanked Valero for the contribution made to the project; project is costing

more than anticipated and he hoped to add softball fields to increase user groups. At the next meeting, he is anticipating approval for putting an increase of a $\frac{3}{4}$ cent sales tax on the ballot for road improvement. Thoughts are this would help towards raising the city's road PCI score from 51 to the goal of 70. Discussion also included long term financial forecasts.

- Marilyn Bardet – Good Neighbor Steering Committee – Continuing to work on efforts to protect the Arsenal historic district on Jefferson street from becoming developed with condominiums and single unit housing. Doesn't feel that the City is recognizing the economic value of a national registered district.
- Neil Wilson – 'At Large' – no comment to make.
- Dennis Lowry – 'At Large' – no comment to make.

Refinery Update

- Josh Tulino, VP & General Manager Operations
 - The refinery, Amports and the City are anticipating a temporary rebuild of the pet coke dock loading facility that was damaged due to the fire. The rebuild should be in place by mid-July and Amports will be working on a permanent rebuild of the dock in the future. The refinery's petcoke is currently being stored in a silo located at the refinery and then transported to different destinations.

Safety & Environmental Update

- Since 2003, the refinery has been a VPP Star Site which is a designation of going above and beyond traditional industry safety standards. Due to delays with the pandemic and staffing challenges, the revalidation from Cal-OSHA that was originally scheduled to take place in 2020 has not yet occurred. As a result of the turnaround contractor fatality incident last Fall Valero has received citations that need to be resolved with Cal-OSHA. In the meantime, the VPP application for revalidation has been put on hold. The Benicia refinery workforce is clear that we are fully committed to safety and continues to maintain the same safety programs we implemented as a VPP Star Site. The refinery will re-apply for validation as a VPP Star Site as soon as the CalOSHA citations are resolved.

Refinery Presentation

- Mike Sumter, Human Resources Manager
 - A Power Point [slide show](#) was presented to the audience. Mike indicated that the more equipment knowledge that an applicant has, the more opportunity an applicant can highlight to advance their chances of gaining employment.
 - An open discussion was held around Valero's hiring process philosophy and a comparison was discussed to industry salary averages. Mike also noted that despite the high prices in real estate, approximately 80 of 430 employees live in Benicia

Open Forum – Questions from the Public & Answers from Refinery Management

- There were no public attendees.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm

2022 CAP Calendar

- Tuesday, August 9, 2022 – 4:30 pm – Valero Presentation – CAP Refinery Tour
- Tuesday, October 11, 2022 – 4:30 pm – Non-Profit Presentation – Solano Land Trust – Restoration Projects
- Tuesday, December 13, 2022 – 4:30 pm – 'Community Information Night' – What is a Health Risk Analysis?