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Sent: 1/5/2012 6:08:45 PM
To: Layla Mansuri
Subject: Fw: RE: Corpus Summit EJ WG and followup

here is Rudy's response
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-----Forwarded by Jeannine Hale/R6/USEPA/US on 01/05/2012 12:08PM -----
To: Jeannine Hale/R6/USEPA/US@EPA, Sharon Lewis <SharonL@cctexas.com>
From: Rudy Garza <RudyGa@cctexas.com>
Date: 01/05/2012 11:40AM
Cc: Al Armendariz/R6/USEPA/US@EPA, "mansuri.layla@epa.gove" <mansuri.layla@epa.gove>, Diane Taheri/R6/USEPA/US@EPA, Joe Adame <JoeA@cctexas.com>
Subject: RE: Corpus Summit EJ WG and followup
Jeannine,

Thank you for the email. As a result of the Summit, there is work going on over on our end as well. We've had some post meeting conversations internally with City Staff and with interested Councilmembers as to next steps and what went right and what didn't go so well in our opinion at the Summit that we'd be happy to share with you. There are a number of what we would consider "policy" related issues that quite frankly haven't been fully vetted internally amongst City executive staff and fully with Council regarding a number of the topics discussed at the Summit that Sharon and I have some work to do on to ensure Council is on board and provides proper policy direction on that we will work into our own City of Corpus Christi Work Plan on Environmental Issues. Until we get that direction from Council, our participation beyond the Summit will be as a resource as these working groups meet to ensure the community understands what the city is currently doing and what we can do going forward in terms of resources. But, it is clear Council is interested in these issues and wants input into the City's role going forward.

Give me some options on a time we can visit over the phone and I'll get it scheduled. Overall, we thought the Summit was a good exercise in proactively seeking solutions in an open forum with our community and we are committed to continuing in that endeavor.

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From: Jeannine Hale [mailto:Hale.Jeannine@epamail.epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, January 05, 2012 11:22 AM
To: Rudy Garza; Sharon Lewis
Cc: Al Armendariz; mansuri.layla@epa.gove; Diane Taheri
Subject: RE: Corpus Summit EJ WG and followup

Rudy and Sharon

I don't think I have spoken to you since the Corpus Summit, and I want to thank you again for the excellent work you did. We realize how much time and resources of the City went into the planning process and actual Summit, and really appreciate it.

We had an EPA internal "hotwash" meeting to talk about the Summit and lessons learned, but your perspective would be helpful. Moving forward, I think we may establish a website to help track what some of the workgroups are doing and share information. We should probably ask whether the City is planning anything along those lines so we can coordinate. I would be happy to share updates on workgroup activities as I get them. I know there is one workgroup (Clean Business) that we need a lead for.

We are also in the process of planning for the federal EJ Interagency Workgroup ("IWG")meeting that will be held in Corpus, but haven't settled on a date yet. Since we will be bringing in other federal agencies, there is an opportunity for the City to help us determine which federal agencies should be invited and, of course, to be involved. I anticipate that EPA Headquarters and well as our Regional Administrator will be at the IWG.

Could we plan to have a call sometime soon to discuss the Corpus Summit, followup activities and the upcoming EJ IWG? Even if your shedule is too busy for a conference call, it would be good if we could just touch base- so feel free to call me (or Diane Taheri) whenever you have time.

Thanks again,
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Date: 01/05/2012 10:25AM
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Subject: RE: EJ Summit WG
Sharon,

I'm a little confused by your response – for months, we all worked on the planning for the Environmental Summit, including the city, and it was very clear and repeated on every planning committee conference call that the Summit was a launching pad for the workgroups and we all committed to actively participate on the resulting workgroups. In fact, your email dated the day before the Environmental Summit commits you, Rudy and two others from the city to be on the EJ workgroup (scroll below to see email dated November 17th). However, your latest response states, "The City is currently in the process of evaluating its role in participation going forward."

Therefore, I'd like to suggest that when the city has finishes evaluating its role in participation moving forward and should you decide to participate in the first ever EJ Summit workgroup charged with formulating a buffer-zone plan and assessing the impact the new Harbor Bridge will have on our EJ communities, please let me know and I'll be happy to add city reps to our list.

Happy New Year,
Suzie

From: Sharon Lewis [mailto:SharonL@cctexas.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 27, 2011 10:23 AM
To: 'Suzie Canales'
Cc: Rudy Garza

Subject: RE: EJ Summit WG

Suzie,

Thank you for your inquiry. The City is currently in the process of evaluating its role in participation going forward. At this point, please included me on the distribution list of those receiving notification of upcoming meetings and information you are gathering.

Sincerely,

Sharon Bailey Lewis
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Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.--Jesus

From: Suzie Canales [mailto:suziecanales@att.net]
Sent: Tuesday, December 20, 2011 6:11 PM
To: Rudy Garza
Cc: Sharon Lewis
Subject: FW: EJ Summit WG

Hi Rudy,

I thought I'd re-send this email (below) that I sent out last Friday regarding formalizing the EJ Summit Workgroup list. Please let me know as soon as possible if I can add you, Sharon, or anyone else from the city.

Thanks and happy holidays,
Suzie

From: Suzie Canales [mailto:suziecanales@att.net]
Sent: Friday, December 16, 2011 10:25 AM
To: 'roger.potts@tceq.texas.gov'; 'stevenson@pocca.com'; 'terklein@yahoo.com'; 'gsansing@gmail.com'; 'mcraven@trla.org'; 'nmhutton@aep.com'; 'bsletto@yahoo.com'; 'jbeeze@aol.com'; 'mamcole@cableone.net'; 'robert.e.blaschke@dupont.com'; 'abel.deleon@usace.army.mil'; 'rallen@cbbep.org'; 'david.harvey@lyondellbasell.com'; 'jeff.edmonds@urs.com'; 'broyles.ragan@epa.gov'; 'mason.steve@epa.gov'; 'neeraja.erraguntla@tceq.texas.gov'; 'craigm@cctexas.com'; 'mgabro@lnvinc.com'; 'james.needham@tamucc.edu'; 'bwilson@cbbep.org'; 'aron_baggett@oxy.com'; 'mark_evans@oxy.com'; 'eddieolivares@grandecom.net'; 'jmobley@jwbell.net'; 'richieq@cctexas.com'; 'marim@cctexas.com'; 'bob.patton@tceq.texas.gov'; 'susan.clewis@tceq.texas.gov'; 'brad.genzer@tceq.texas.gov'; 'kengriffin@aep.com'; 'rickydeleon77@yahoo.com'; 'christopher.amy@txdot.gov'; 'tomn@cctxmpo.us'; 'evaldivia@trla.org'; 'rlandress@gmail.com'; 'brian_slate@nps.gov'; 'kpruner@citgo.com'; 'jgarcia@citgo.com'; 'albradley1521@gmail.com'; 'sbarnes@sherwinalumina.com'; 'luthans.william@epa.gov'; 'spalding.susan@epa.gov'; 'glp3@cdc.gov'; 'joemokodean@utexas.edu'; 'rigorod13@gmail.com'; 'joleary@grandecom.net'; 'davidloeb@live.com'; 'tcurlee@pocca.com'; 'frank@pocca.com'; 'jmichael@naismith-engineering.com'; 'lelizon@citgo.com'; 'SharonL@cctexas.com'; 'swart@stx.rr.com'; 'flavia.delafuente@sierraclub.org'; 'sheatherle@cs.com'; 'lillian.riojas@valero.com'; 'foster@theccchamber.org'; 'danielle.hale@co.nueces.tx.us'; 'victor.vourcos@txdot.gov'; 'kharagan@law.utexas.edu'; 'hauntedangel69@yahoo.com'; 'neil_carmen@greenbuilder.com'; 'jamie.powell@house.state.tx.us'; 'Zandra Zuniga'; 'Cheesman, Mark W.'; 'mansuri.layla@epa.gov'; 'Hale.Jeannine@epamail.epa.gov'; 'Broyles.Ragan@epamail.epa.gov'; 'Mason.Steve@epa.gov'; 'Stavinoha, Katie'; 'rich.tuttle@kochps.com'; 'polocon.gonzalez@gmail.com'; 'pc_janes@hotmail.com'; 'Bridget C. Bohac'; 'Daniel Lucio'; 'brian_slate@nps.gov'; 'georgegariner757@gmail.com'; 'Pcgardiner'; 'rudyga@cctexas.com'; 'david.harvey@lyondellbasell.com'
Subject: EJ Summit WG

Hi everyone,

We are working on developing an accurate distribution email list of those who would like to participate in the EJ Summit

Workgroup. We've been working off of a copy of the sign-up sheet circulated at the Summit and some of the writing was hard to understand. In addition, it may be possible that people thought they were just signing their name to the attendance sheet not knowing they were signing up to the actual EJ workgroup that is continuing the work started at the Summit on Nov. 18th.

Therefore, please help us in our effort to produce an accurate email list of those who are interested in participating in the EJ Summit workgroup and receive notification of upcoming meetings and information we are gathering by emailing me at: suziecanales@att.net

Thank you,
Suzie

From: Sharon Lewis [mailto:SharonL@cctexas.com]
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Subject: RE: Current Corpus Environmental Summit Workgroup list

Revised workgroup list.

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Steven Mason - EPA
Kelly Haragan - Community
Suzie Canales - Community
Presley Hartman - Valero
Phil Garder - Flint Hills
Katie Stavinoha - Flints
Bridget Bohac - TCEQ
Bob Patton - TCEQ
Susan Clewis - TCEQ
Brad Genzer - TCEQ
Sharon Lewis - City

Rudy Garza – City
Mike Markle-City
Alison Logan-City