

ODOR CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD

Bahai Center
5750 Rodeo Road
April 5, 2004

MEETING #20 MINUTES

Attendees: See attached attendance list

Meeting Minutes Recorded by: Ahmad Ghanem, City of Los Angeles

Handouts:

1. Radford Scrubber picture

Introductory Issues:

Mrs. Carol Tucker chaired the meeting. The meeting agenda was approved. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Three students from the University of Southern California also attended the meeting. They are working on a project about the Cross-Sectoral Alliance on any environmental issues that involve a government agency and the corresponding community. They chose the Odor Advisory Board as their project subject because it was ordered by the court's Case Management Order.

The Board members gave the students a chance to ask any questions concerning their project. The students wanted to know the degree of success between the City and the Community in terms of mitigating efforts to find solutions to the issues at hand. The Board members commended the City in its effort to educate the board members in understanding the odor issues. They noted that the City/community relation has improved significantly and the City has been very responsive in addressing the odor issues brought up by the Board members. Though being happy with the progress, the Board expressed disappointment that it would take a court order to bring the odor issue to the City's attention.

Independent Odor Review: Final Report by Mr. Bowker

All attending members of the Advisory Board are satisfied with the Final Report of the Independent Odor Review by Mr. Bowker and commended Mr. Bowker for preparing a comprehensive report that is easy to follow and understand.

The Board members indicated that all the recommendations set forth in the report must be implemented throughout the City. They specifically supported the recommendation to form an Odor Control Section in the Wastewater Collection Systems Division.

Questions, Answers and Action Items:

	Questions /Issues	Comments/Responses	Action Items
1	Scrubber at Jefferson and Rodeo Rd. Traffic Island.	Carol stated that it was announced by councilman Mark Ludlow’s office at a community meeting that the scrubber at the traffic island would be removed in the near future. Carol said that the scrubber has been scheduled to remain in place for two years, and it has helped a lot in the odor control effort. Ted and Sam both shared their concern on this issue.	Debbie promised that she would investigate the issue and get back to the Board immediately. - Board members who attended the meeting were contacted the day after the meeting to inform them that the rental scrubber will be replaced (not just removed!) with the new scrubber purchased by the City sometime in June.
	Advisory Board Summary Report	The Board members agreed that they will meet and discuss among themselves before presenting the Summary Report at the next Advisory Board meeting.	Sam will prepare a draft outline within two weeks and send to Debbie for distribution. Debbie will work with Carol to coordinate the meeting for the Board members to prepare the report among themselves. The City will provide administrative support to assist in the preparation of the Report.
	General	Felipe expressed his appreciation to the City’s efforts in addressing the odor issue in his district and feels positive about his participation as a member in the Advisory Board. He would like to see more Latinos participate in the future. He requested the Board consider rotating the meeting location. He also requested to get a summary of Mr. Bowker's recommendations in Spanish. Carol expressed her concern about the City’s budget shortcoming this year. She encouraged the board members to get involved in order to ensure	The City will provide Felipe a summary of Mr. Bowker’s recommendations in Spanish. Notes: A Summary of Mr. Bowker’s recommendations in Spanish was provided to Felipe on April 22.

		<p>that the critical public works projects that affect citizen's safety will not be cut.</p> <p>Ted asked when Mr. Bowker's report recommendations would be implemented.</p>	<p>Debbie responded that several recommendations from Mr. Bowker's report are already in process. She stated that pressure testing in the Maze area before ECIS comes online is scheduled for April 19. She also indicated that as part of the Odor Master Plan's effort, pressure testing was done in the area of Sierra Bonita, and the City is working on the alternatives to address high pressure in this area. The Radford Scrubber was installed, and it was estimated that DWP will provide power to this scrubber by the end of this month.</p>
	Future of Advisory Board meetings	The Board decided the next meeting would be on May 17 to allow them time to work on the Summary Report.	Members of the Board will discuss the future of Advisory Board meeting at the next meeting.

Future Agenda:

Odor Advisory Board Summary Report
Frequency of Advisory Board meetings

The next meeting will be on May 17, 2004 chaired by Mr. Felipe Valasquez.