

## **ODOR CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD**

Bahai Center  
5750 Rodeo Road  
October 13, 2003

### **MEETING #15 MINUTES**

Attendees: See attached attendance list

Meeting Minutes Recorded by: Farah Lavergne, City of Los Angeles

Handouts:

1. Meeting agenda
2. Map – Fan Test Zone of Influence
3. Letter from Bowker & Associates, Inc.
4. Siphon Map

#### **Introductory Issues:**

Victor Nahmias chaired the meeting. The meeting agenda was approved after two items were added to the agenda: Zone of Influence presented by BOE and Bowker & Associates, Inc. presented by BOS. The meeting minutes were approved.

#### **Architectural Review of Temporary Scrubber at Jefferson/Rodeo (Traffic Island)**

A presentation was made by the students of Woodbury University on the Innovative Design Concepts for the Traffic Island. Included was a proto-type of the proposed temporary scrubber enclosure. Their concept of design was ideas of sustainability thru limited uses of land, water, and energy. Views of the ATF from Rodeo/Jefferson as well as the overall view from all directions were presented. Sample design concepts, sketches and models were presented to Board members.

Some of the concerns voiced by the board members following above presentation were:

- Vandalism and graffiti
- Location maintenance after the removal of the temporary scrubber, as they would like the final design to be a permanent structure on the traffic island for aesthetic purposes
- Due to City's bureaucracy, it will take too long to finalize design and construction; therefore making it impossible for this project to ever materialize.

Gus replied that the City would try its best by going thru all the channels necessary to finalize this project.

It was also discussed that the Department of Street Services should maintain the location as they already are maintaining the grass area.

### **Zone of Influence**

Gus presented a map showing the members the Zone of Influence between Ballona Creek and Crenshaw Boulevard where points of high pressures were identified, and plans to place temporary scrubbers at these strategic locations to minimize odor. He indicated that the city would have a contract with US Filter to supply the temporary scrubbers. There were problems with the scrubbers from the previous vendor.

Ted Lumpkin raised the question on whether this project will totally solve the odor problems. Vikki Zale of Harris & Co. responded that the City cannot make an absolute promise, however, with the best available technology at hand she believes it should.

Question was raised regarding the duration of the scrubber and what happens when the duration is over. Gus responded that it probably would take 1 ½ to 2 years until it would be replaced by the permanent one. The Board suggested there be a marker or an asset to the community.

### **Meeting Location**

Debbie informed the board that the meeting has been reserved at Bahai Center for the next 6 months on the second Monday of the month. Due to a conflict with Neighborhood Empowerment meeting, Gus requested that the meeting be changed to the first Monday of the month. After the discussion, the board agreed to not change the date until next year. The City will reserve the room on the first Monday starting next year.

### **Request for increase in contract amount and time extension by the Independent Odor Consultant**

The request from Bowker & Associates for an additional funding of \$14,000 to finalize his analysis of summer's monitored data and time extension until February 2004 to submit the final report was handed out. After some discussion, the Board decided that the City has authority to approve the request and they will make no recommendations on this matter. However, the Board suggested that there should be no further time extension or increase in contract cost.

### **Miscellaneous**

Victor read a letter from a concerned citizen stated “...since the installation of the temporary scrubber, the odor has now moved further east on La Cienega.”.

Felipe Velazquez – There are severe odor problems at Slauson and Martin Luther King.

The City requested Felipe to provide specific location information in order to investigate and address his concern.

**Questions, Answers and Action Items:**

	<b>Questions/Issues</b>	<b>Comments/Responses</b>	<b>Action Items</b>
1	Architectural Review		The students will continue presenting their work concepts and/or models at the next Odor Control Board meeting.
2	Meeting Location	Gus requested the meeting be moved to the 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of the month and was approved by the Board.	The City will reserve locations for future meetings on the first Monday of the month starting next year
3.	Felipe Valasquez requested that his organization name to be appeared on the list as “Guardian Angel Block Club”		The City will add his organization name to the list.
4.	Bowker Contract	The City has authority to approve the request.	None.
5	Felipe Velazquez stated that there is odor problem in the area of Slauson and MLK	The City requested specific location in order to address his concern.	Felipe to provide the City with the specific locations.

**The next meeting will be on November 10, 2003.**