

ODOR CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD

Bahai Center
5750 Rodeo Road
November 8, 2004

MEETING #22 MINUTES

Attendees: See attached attendance list

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

Chairperson: Carol Tucker

Introductory Issues:

Debbie Pham of the City of Los Angeles requested to add two more subjects to the Agenda. The Board members passed a motion to approve the Agenda and the previous meeting minute.

Drafting the Odor Advisory Board Summary Report:

The Board members met at Carol's residence to discuss the outline.

Collection System Settlement Agreement

Debbie handed out a copy of all odor tasks specified in the Collection System Settlement Agreement. The Board members decided to dedicate the next meeting to discuss the odor tasks and their roles.

Pre- and Post ECIS Pressure Test Results

Debbie explained the results of the pressure test using the map that showed the pressure monitored location in the Maze area as well as the locations of the existing Scrubbers and proposed Air Treatment Facilities. The tests showed that pressure has been significantly reduced in the North Maze area. However, the South Maze is still experiencing slightly positive pressure. ECIS online has diverted a lot flow in the North Maze but only a small amount of flow from the S. Maze is being diverted to ECIS. The configuration of the Maze junction is also a contributor to the high pressure in the S. Maze.

In long term, the construction of the "Vermont Relief Sewers" should relieve the flow in the S. Maze and lower the pressure. In short term, to mitigate the odor issue in the S. Maze area, the City initiated the "Rodeo and Arlington Chemical Injection Facility" which will help inject the chemical directly to the S. Maze area and increase the effectiveness of chemical treatment which would lower the H₂S level in the S. Maze. The City initiated the "Saluson/VanNess/COS External Bypass" project to divert the flow from the S. Maze area to the COS. The City also started the construction of 2,000 feet of 8-inch diameter sewer in South Los Angeles from the intersection of 3rd Street and 41st Drive to 4th Ave and Vermont Ave. This project will abandon the house connections to the 60-inch sewer to reconnect to a local 8-inch sewer to eliminate odor gases migration into the homes.

Odor Master Plan

Debbie briefed the Board on the status of the Odor Master Plan. A copy of the testing areas was distributed. The City completed pressure test in the Sierra Bonita and recommended a scrubber be installed. The pre-design works have already started. Areas where pressure might occur will be tested using continuous pressure monitors. In other areas instantaneous pressure monitors will be used. The City will continue updating the Board on the progress of the Odor Master Plan preparation.

Questions, Answers and Action Items:

	Issues	Questions/Comments	Responses/Action Items
1	Settlement Agreement	<p>Ted asked if the Odor Advisory Board will continue to function</p> <p>John Saito asked, “Since the SA is a 10-yr agreement, would the Board need to be there for the next 10 years?”</p> <p>Sam Hart asked who will review the annual report.</p> <p>Question about the relationship between Prop “O” and the Settlement Agreement was raised up.</p> <p>Victor suggested the Board move the discussion of the settlement agreement to the next Board meeting.</p>	<p>Debbie stated that on October 29, 2004, the Settlement Agreement (SA) was entered by Court and became official. The SA terminated the July 2001 Case Management Order which required the Odor Advisory Board to be formed. However, the SA designated the Board to work closely with the City to mitigate the sewer odors.</p> <p>Debbie replied that paragraph 41 of the SA give the Board the option to terminate their function sooner should they choose to do so.</p> <p>As specified in paragraph 70, The reports will be submitted to the Government Plaintiff for review.</p> <p>Debbie answered that in the City of Los Angeles, the storm drain system and the sewer system are two completely separate drainage systems. The Proposition “O” will deal the storm drain system while the “Collection System Settlement Agreement” has to do with the sewer system.</p> <p>All attending board members voted in favor of the motion.</p>

2	ECIS Pressure Test Result	<p>Sam asked if the City continues to monitor for the H2S.</p> <p>The Board requested dates for the Pre-ECIS test be added to current graph. In addition, they would like to have the pattern data for the H2S levels, not just the max and average data.</p> <p>Sam expressed his concern that though the test indicating the pressure being reduced significantly in the North Maze, the pressure in South Maze area is still high.</p> <p>Deborah Harris asked if the Chemical Injection Facility would be at the shaft site and raised her concern about the future of the shaft sites. She mentioned that Council staff informed the residents that once the construction is completed, something “aesthetically pleasing” the community, something positive would be done at the shaft sites.</p>	<p>Debbie stated that City is monitoring the H2S levels on a periodical basis.</p> <p>Requested info will be provided.</p> <p>Debbie replied that as part of a short-term mitigation effort, a Chemical Injection Facility will be constructed upstream of the Maze area by the end of 2005 to help reduce the formation of H2S gas as part of the solution. Local sewer is currently being constructed to reconnect house connection to the local sewer and abandon house connection to the main sewer which will eliminate odor gases migration into the homes. Diversion Structure and Relief sewers will be construction to lower the flow in the S. Maze.</p> <p>The Board discussed and agreed that the use of the shaft site for Chemical Facility should not be a problem. Once the flow in the S. Maze is relieved, the facility will no longer be needed and it could be used for community benefit.</p>
3	Odor Master Plan	Victor asked about the status of the existing Scrubbers and the planned ATFs.	Debbie provided the status of the scrubbers. A map of scrubbers/ATFs location and current status will be provided at the next meeting.
4	General	Felipe Velasquez started by congratulate the City in passing the Prop O with an overwhelming support from the residents. Felipe spoke at length about the neighborhoods in CDs 8, 9 and 10 and problems with odors and trash related to stormwater. Felliipe then provided video	Sonia Alvarez from Bureau of Engineering served as a translator for Felipe and explained how the odor hotline works. Debbie responded that the City did send the crew out to clean up the basins requested by Felipe. The City

	<p>and materials in storm drain cleaning and maintenance from United Storm Water Inc. He also suggested the City should have staff monitoring all catch basin areas that have problems. Felipe Velasquez commented that there isn't an adequate supply of information and that information is needed in Spanish regarding recycling programs and oil recycling programs.</p> <p>Milton raised the concern about the air jumper at the NORIS/405 FWY and the location of the future ATF at that location. Ted asked about the duration of the Odor Master Plan.</p> <p>Milton brought up some concerns regarding the ATF design issue.</p> <p>Carol said that she received a telephone call from Terry Williams, manager of the Sav-On at Rodeo and La Brea. He told her that there are very bad odors inside the store during warm and hot weather. He said he called the hotline and City staff came to the store in June to investigate and responded to him. However, he was not satisfied with the response.</p> <p>Sav-On is a brand new store being constructed about a year ago. A comment was made that perhaps the property was not properly mitigated since the site was</p>	<p>has a proactive cleaning program to maintain the stormdrain system besides responding to special cleaning requests. However, due to limited resources, it would be great if the citizen collaborate with City's staff by informing them of the problem areas. Debbie also stated that she will forward the Stormwater material provided by Felipe to the Watershed Protection Division (WPD) for proper handling. (After the meeting, the material was provided to WPD staff. WPD informed us that the City have employed this method for a number of projects over the past four years including the installation of catch basin opening screens, inserts, and end-of-pipe screen.</p> <p>Sonia responded that the City agreed that the air jumpers are undersized and resulted in the pressurized pipe. Sonia stated that the NORIS ATF is designed specifically to tackle this issue.</p> <p>Debbie responded that the design staff will be invited to attend the meeting to answer the technical questions. The Board agreed but noted that it should not be in the next meeting since they would like to focus on the SA.</p> <p>After the meeting, the City investigated and informed Carol on the status. City crews went to seal maintenance holes on the large sewer at the northwest corner of La Brea and Rodeo on Tuesday, Nov 10. Engineering staff came to the location on Nov. 11 at about 11:30 to follow-up and verify. There were no odors in the area. City crew also checked an 8" sewer on the curbside along La Brea adjacent to Sav-On. There were no odors detected in that sewer. Staff attempted to contact Mr. Williams by</p>
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	<p>formerly a gas station. Carol asked the City to contact Mr. Williams (323-936-0279), investigate and inform her on this issue.</p> <p>Question was asked about the status of the landscaping plan prepared by students at Woodbury College and how much involved is the community in the ATFs design.</p> <p>Felipe asked that the minutes of the Odor Advisory Board meetings be summarized and translated into Spanish.</p> <p>Carol commented that scrubber facilities at Jefferson and Rodeo and Martin Luther King, Jr. and Rodeo are not well maintained. The grasses and bushes are overgrown and look messy.</p> <p>Comment was made about the temporary scrubber at Rodeo and Arlington. When the unit was delivered, it was covered with "heavy duty" graffiti.</p>	<p>phone and in person, but he was not in. However, City staff did speak to an employee there and he indicated that there were no odors present today. The odor hotline number and website information was left at the store and employees were asked to contact the City if they experience any further odors.</p> <p>Linda Waade will come back to provide the landscaping plan ATF information. She also added that the surrounding community would have an opportunity to provide input through the EIR process in the area of architecture input. However, due to limited footprint, not much can be changed in term of technical aspects.</p> <p>A summary of meeting minutes in Spanish is to be provided to Mr. Velaquez as part of this meeting minutes.</p> <p>The City has assigned O&M staff to maintain the grass in the scrubber area. Will check to make sure it's being properly maintained.</p> <p>Comment was noted.</p>
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Future Agenda:

- Settlement Agreement
- Scrubbers/ATFs Status
- Revised ECIS Pressure Tests Chart

The next meeting will be on December 13, 2004 chaired by Mrs. Carol Tucker.