

ODOR CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD

Bahai Center
5750 Rodeo Road
December 12, 2003

MEETING #17 MINUTES

Attendees: See attached attendance list

Meeting Minutes Recorded by: Hyginus O. Mmeje, City of Los Angeles

Handouts:

1. Meeting agenda
2. Minutes of last meeting
3. Map of Odor Complaints from June to Nov. 2003 for CD 8, 9 and 10
4. Odor Complaint Categories
5. Odor Complaints From CD 8,9 and 10 for June to Nov. 2003
6. Outfall Schematic between "The Maze" & NORS DIV. 3
7. Angeles Guardians "Americans For The Advancement Of The People" dated 12-05-03

Introductory Issues:

Victor Nahmias chaired the meeting. The meeting agenda was approved. The minutes of previous meeting were approved.

Gus Malkoun stated that the unit on Island has not been performing well as expected. Five units of US Filters will be purchased instead of four, one more than planned that will be used to replace the one on the Island that has exceeded its six months foundation waiver. Most component of the design will likely remains the same, but some changes will need to be made due to the different type of scrubber that will be installed. This new and more reliable system will be installed by March of 2004.

Due to their final exam at school, the students did not get a chance to work on the design since the last meeting. The students will discuss changes with Gus and hopefully they have something to present in January of 2004, but without commitment.

Board members would prefer a well-designed project even if it may cost slightly more than budgeted. Initially, some Board members are willing to participate in Council briefing with BOE staff to get additional funds. Currently up to \$100,000 has been approved to be spent on this project. The Board discussed of formulating a motion to have members speak in favor of getting the Island project built and get more money if needed. However, the motion failed five nays to three yaves in favor of not supporting the design and not getting involved in building the Traffic Island facility.

Odor Complaints

Vlad Lorenzo went over handouts 3, 4 & 5.

Sam is concerned about the high percentage of non-city related odor complaints and asked what is being done to also address the non-city odor complaints.

Felipe Velazquez – Asked if the Hotline info could be sent out with DWP water bill.

Ted- Does it matter whether the odor problems are City or non-City related? They need to be resolved altogether. Were crews able to resolve the problems?

Victor, Carol and the board decided that the Hotline Outreach is not effective, because we now have more non-hotline complaints than hotline complaints and over the last few months, the non-hotline complaints has steadily increased while hotline complaints has steadily decreased as shown in the charts of handout # 5.

Open Discussion

Gus Malkoun was concerned about the positive air pressure in the Maze at present, and believed a new diversion structure will relieve that. Vlad indicated that fan testing results showed that negative pressure was achieved in the area around Rodeo & La Cienega which includes LCSFVRS, LCIS, NCOS and NORS.

Felipe is pleased to be a board member and that his concerns are taken seriously. At the next meeting, the City will provide Felipe with status of the CB cleaning request he submitted.

Carol reported that the catch basins in South LA need more cleaning and was informed to submit specific locations to BOS for follow-up.

Olga briefed Board members on the status of ECIS at 23rd and San Pedro St.

It was requested that the City confirm Mr. Bowker attendance at the Jan. 6 meeting. *(After the meeting, the City contacted Mr. Bowker and it was agreed that Mr. Bowker will not attend the January 6 meeting. He will prepared the Draft Final Report for the Board to review in advance and then will attend the February meeting to discuss his findings.)*

The future of Odor Board will be discussed at the January meeting. Until ECIS comes on line in August 2004, the Board may choose to disband until then.

Future Agenda

Clarification of Odor Complaints by areas
Future of Board

The next meeting will be on January 5, 2004 chaired by Mr. Samuel Hart.