

**ODOR CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD**  
 Village Green Homeowners Association  
 5300 Rodeo Road, Los Angeles, CA  
 Monday July 12, 2010  
**MEETING #35 MINUTES**

**Attendees:**

<b>ODOR ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS AND GUESTS</b>	<b>CITY OF LOS ANGELES REPRESENTATIVES</b>
Ms. Denise Edwards	Mr. Ali Poosti, Mngr, Bur. of Sanitation, WESD
Mr Milton Basset	Mr. Vlad Lorenzo, Bureau of Sanitation, WCSD
Mr. James King	Mr. Ahmad Ghanem, Bureau of Sanitation, WESD
Mr. Jesse Mathus	Ms. Stephanie Roberts, BOS, WESD
Mr. Patrick McCullough	Mr. Shahriar Eftekhazadeh , HDR Engineering Inc.
Mr. Terrence Montgomery	
Mrs. Marie King	
Ms. Opal Young	
Ms. Erica Flores Baltodano, City Project	
Mr. Dirk Apgar, Independent Expert	
Mr. Sam Hart	
Mr. Victor Nahmias	
Mr. Abe Northy, City Project	
Mr. Greg Mintz, City Project	

Meeting Minutes recorded by: Ahmad Ghanem, Bureau of Sanitation

**Chairperson:** Ms. Erica Baltodano

Handouts: Agenda  
 Presentation by Dirk Apgar  
 Sewer Siphon Study comments by Mr. Apgar  
 Drop Structure Study comments by Mr. Apgar  
 ATF Study Schedule - Draft

### **Introductory Issues**

Ms. Erica Baltodano introduced herself and her role as the Community Liaison. She will be facilitating the meetings and communication between Mr. Dirk Apgar, community groups, and the Odor Advisory Board.

Ms. Baltodano introduced a motion to move Item III on the meeting agenda to Item II. Every attendee approved the motion.

### **Presentation by the City of Los Angeles, BOS**

Mr. Ali Poosti gave a presentation with an update on sewer odor control activities. Topics of discussion were:

- Odor Hotline
- Odor Hotline Magnets
- Update on the progress of the ATF Study TMs and any upcoming events
- Odor control projects in the South LA area

### **Presentation by Mr. Dirk Apgar, Odor Expert**

Mr. Apgar provided a detailed technical background of sewer odor generation. He stressed that odors are not solely the result of sulfide formation but rather from many compounds that need to be considered in the treatment process. He discussed the various technologies used to treat sewer odors and he offered his assessment of the City's odor control efforts thus far. He concluded by discussing his comments on the two TMs that were submitted to him so far for review (handouts).

**Questions, Answers and Action Items:**

<p><b>Odor Control Efforts</b></p>	<p>Ms. Edwards – Will 6000 Jefferson ATF be screened from street view?</p> <p>Mr. Milton Basset – We were told by Public Affairs that the ATF at 6000 Jefferson will not capture all of the odors but rather some odors</p> <p>Ms. Young – How do the Thiobacillus bacteria relate to pipe corrosion</p> <p>Ms. Young – How often do we change carbon in the scrubber</p> <p>Ms. Edwards- Do we have any communication with Culver City?</p> <p>Ms. Edwards – Would you please confirm with DOT that street closure for construction activities is from 9 pm to 6 am</p> <p>Ms. Young – We know where the problem is, so why are we going around to find out where the odor is.</p> <p>Mr. Mathus – What is an air jumper?</p>	<p>Mr. Poosti – Yes.</p> <p>Mr. Poosti – The ATF is suppose to capture most of the odors, however an assessment will be conducted once the unit is operational.</p> <p>Mr. Apgar – The bacteria that exists in the slime layer of the pipe consumes the dissolved oxygen and produces sulfuric acid that corrodes the inside surface of the pipe.</p> <p>Mr. Lorenzo – Once a month</p> <p>Mr. Poosti – We will try to have a representative by the next meeting</p> <p>Mr. Poosti – Will reconfirm that fact.</p> <p>Mr. Poosti – That is why it is important for the community to call and let us know when and where they detect odors.</p> <p>Mr. Apgar– It is a pipe that conveys air from the upstream end of the siphon to the downstream end in order to bypass the restriction caused by the siphon</p>
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**Future Agenda:**

The next meeting is scheduled for August 30th, location to be determined by the Community Liaison.

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