

Minutes Odor Task Force  
July 13, 2016

The Odor Task Force held a regular meeting at 6:00 PM, in the Shadow Creek Ranch Maintenance Association Building located at 12234 Shadow Creek Parkway, Bldg. 3, and Suite 114 in Pearland, Texas.

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM.
2. Roll Call: The following members were in attendance at the meeting:

Sparkle Anderson  
Kami Brady  
Jon R. Branson  
Trent Epperson  
Nina Gutierrez-Garcia  
Lucian Hill  
Kevin McLeod  
Ed Mears  
Brandon Rodgers  
Laurie Rodriguez  
Maria Shaw  
Eric Wilson

3. Discussion and possible action regarding the minutes from the May 25, 2016, Odor Task Force Meeting:

No action was taken on the minutes as several changes needed to be made.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding updates:
  - A. The backend information from the City's Opt -In Webpage for West Pearland Air Quality Webpage has been updated. All individuals that have signed up for the webpage should receive an electronically generated email from the site when it is updated.
  - B. Eric Wilson gave a brief update on the improvements being made at the Reflection Bay Waste Water Treatment Plant. The facility is being expanded to a six million gallon a day facility. The package plant (1 million gallon expansion) is in place with final adjustments being made to the operation of the plant at this time. Additional tweaks have been made to the existing operational system and the existing odor system to ensure optimum performance. With the expansion of

the facility, a new state of the art odor elimination system will be installed that is designed to eliminate the odor instead of masking them.

- C. The Frequently asked questions have been updated and are being looked at on a regular basis.
  
- D. Kevin McLeod reported that the local office performed extensive testing in June. They were in West Pearland on two separate occasions as well as a crew from Austin, Texas. They were on site from 8:00 PM to 8:00 AM for a week at a time. They were on site (in the area) in June during a significant odor incident and believe they were able to get some good air samples. The samples include testing for volatile compounds as well as, for sulfur compounds. It is anticipated the test results will be provided to the local office by the end of July.

Kevin McLeod also announced that TCEQ is now able to combine multiple reports and incidents into a single report where as previously, they were all looked at individually and not as a collective report.

5. Open discussion:

Ed Mears provided the group with a synopsis of a report that he provided to the City. The City has reviewed the report and passed it on TCEQ. The report speculates that the earth cap that was placed on the landfill to temporarily cap the site at its existing height, is not engineered to standards that are used to permanently cap landfills and the off gassing and smell that the area residents have been experiencing is a direct result of the non-engineered cap.

Brandon Rodgers with Blue Ridge Landfill stated that the theory speculated by Mr. Mears is plausible and Blue Ridge Landfill would further investigate the report and should be able to provide some sort of response to the speculation by the next time the Task Force meets.

Lucian Hill expressed a concern that the development of the site in stages may actually stall or lengthen the odor problem over many years when in his opinion, a permanent solution needs to be found now before any other areas on site are temporarily capped. He also asked the City to provide a response regarding their involvement in the Title V Renewal Permit. Jon Branson informed the Task Force the City was acting upon the request of the citizens and that no other area governmental entity was willing to assist in regulating the landfill expansion.

Ed Mears also asked when and if the City was going to sue "someone" in regards to the lost revenue that the City and the County were losing due to the issue. Jon Branson indicated he would discuss this issue with the County.

6. Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting is tentatively scheduled to take place at the Pearland Convention and Visitors Bureau Conference Room on July 27, 2016.

7. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.