

Minutes Odor Task Force
October 12, 2016

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

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM.
2. Roll Call: The following members were in attendance at the meeting:

Jon R. Branson
Trent Epperson
Lucian Hill
Kevin McLeod
Ed Mears
Brandon Rodgers
Laurie Rodriguez
Maria Shaw

Pearland City Councilmember, Trent Perez, Fort Bend County Commissioner, Precinct 1, Richard Morrison and resident of Pearland Jennifer Hill were also in attendance at the meeting.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding the minutes from the September 21, 2016 Odor Task Force meeting:

No action taken, the item was tabled.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding updates:

- A. TCEQ Letter to Representative Thompson - Mr. Branson provided the Task Force with a copy of a letter to Representative Thompson from TCEQ Executive Director, Richard A. Hyde regarding specific questions asked of the agency by Representative Thompson: Please note the questions and responses in the attached document.
- B. Environmental Protection Agency Involvement – Mr. Branson informed the Task Force that a representative from Congressman Olson’s office had contacted him and was informed that the EPA was going to be opening up their own investigation regarding the odor issue on the west side of Pearland.

C. Municipal Utility District Discussions – Mr. Ed Mears indicated that he attended recent MUD 26, 22 and Fort Bend County MUD1 meetings regarding the odor issue and have encouraged them to take legal action regarding the matter. He indicated that MUD 26 and MUD 22 were interested in hiring an environmental lawyer and moving forward with legal action. Fort Bend County MUD 1 was not in favor of proceeding in the same manner at this time and was in favor of a wait and see “what” occurs over a period of time before taking any formal action.

5. Open discussion:

Mr. Lucian Hill provided an update to air modeling information that he had previously shown to the Task Force. He indicated that he was in the process of finalizing a report including the modeling information that had identified Blue Ridge Landfill as the source of the odor and that the report would be complete within the next couple of weeks and would be stamped by a local engineer and would be submitted to TCEQ and other governmental agencies and elected officials.

After further considerable discussion regarding the odor issue, Mr. Mears officially requested the City hire an environmental expert to determine the cause of the odor source. Mr. Branson stated that he would submit that request to the City on Mr. Mears behalf.

Mr. Kevin McLeod indicated that TCEQ is now requesting residents to fill out affidavits stating date, time and impact of odor events. He indicated he would provide the affidavits to the Task Force the next day.

6. Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting is tentatively scheduled to take place on November 2, 2016.

7. Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM