

CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

Garden Grove Sanitary District Advisory Commission

The meeting of the Garden Grove Sanitary District Advisory Commission was called to order on Wednesday January 16, 2008.

Present: Chair Mitchell, Commissioners: Boess, and Nguyen

Absent: Commissioners Lucas and LeClair

Also Present: A. J. Holmon, Commission Advisor, Raquel Manson, Administrative Analyst, Brent Hayes, Public Works, Monica Neely, Finance, Hershel Skidmore, Finance and Rosemarie Jacot, Recording Secretary

Commissioner Boess led the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes: Chair Mitchell moved, seconded by Commissioner Boess to approve the minutes as presented.

The motion was approved to accept the minutes of October 18, 2007 as presented.

1. Proposed private Sewer Lateral Ordinance/Loan Program –

The staff report was introduced to explain the private Sewer Lateral Ordinance / Loan Program. Each commissioner was given a handout with the explanation of the homeowner/property owner's responsibility. The District will determine eligibility. The maximum loan amount is to be \$10,000.00.

Commissioner Mitchell inquired as to how it is determined as to the responsibility of the repair or replacement of the private lateral and if tree roots are the cause of the damage where does the responsibility lie.

Mr. Holmon explained that the City's Risk Management division would make that determination should a claim be filed.

Commissioner Mitchell inquired as to the cost of repair or replacement and where will the money come from for the loan program.

Cost of repair and or replacement on private lateral will vary, however the money for the loan program will come from the Garden Grove Sanitary District, the allocation will be \$45,000.00 per year thru the year 2010. As part of the loan CCTV inspection will be required. The cost of the inspection is not covered by the loan.

The loan would not fall into the first two feet of the lateral; this is considered the drainage portion of the lateral. The boundaries of the lateral were explained. This is based on the UPC (Uniform Plumbing Code) and begins two feet (2') out, **away from** the building.

Commissioner Mitchell inquired as to how the amount of \$10,000.00 was determined as to the maximum amount of the loan.

Mr. Holmon will do some research and get back to the commission.

Commissioner Mitchell inquired as to how the determination would be made as to how the District will know if the property/homeowner has met the requirements of the repair/replacement.

It was noted that once it is determined that the homeowner needs repair and or replacement, it is the responsibility of the homeowner/property owner to hire his own contractor who will then pull a permit that the City will then inspect. The issuance of a plumbing permit will trigger an inspection by the plumbing inspector.

Commissioner Mitchell asked how the general public would be made aware of the loan program.

Mr. Holmon commented on some of the ways this may be accomplished, but he will get back to the Commission at the next meeting.

2. Embassy Suites Hotel Expansion Project

The hotel will be installing a new parking lot; the grading will be starting in March and should be complete by early next year. The consultant will be relocating some of the methane extraction system probes and wells. Everything is running smoothly for the new parking lot.

MATTERS FROM COMMISSION ADVISOR:

Mr. Holmon turned the floor over to Brent Hayes; he distributed the new maps and explained the legend. Mr. Hayes presented a report on capital projects and explained how each one is decided on and the cost of the current projects.

MATTERS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Where is the district on funding and the bonds? Mr. Skidmore noted that the information would be available next meeting.

Chair Mitchell, inquired as to the corn oil he used to cook with; Chair Mitchell was told that this, corn oil, was a hazardous material. Mr. Holmon clarified that corn oil is not a hazardous material. He will also get a brochure/newsletter from Garden Grove Disposal as to where and how to dispose of large amounts of various kinds of cooking oil.

Chair Mitchell indicated that there is a Public Hearing on January 21st, 2008 at OCSD on raising the rates from the Orange County Sanitation District.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rosemarie Jacot