

## **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 July 16, 2008.

*Present:* Chair Mitchell, Commissioners: Boess, Lucas, LeClair, and Nguyen

*Absent:*

*Also Present:* A. J. Holmon, Commission Advisor, Brent Hayes, Public Works, Monica Neely, Finance, and Raquel Manson, Recording Secretary

*Commissioner Mitchell led the Pledge of Allegiance*

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

The motion was approved by unanimous vote to accept the minutes of April 16, 2008 as presented.

*Acacia Sanitary  
Sewer Line Installation:*

Brent Hayes gave an update report on the nearly completed sewer line installation located on Acacia Parkway. The new line will address capacity issues on Main Street.

Chairman Mitchell inquired about the issuance of permits.

Mr. Holmon will verify if permits were issued.

*Scavenger Prevention  
Update:*

Following the public hearing related to the Garden Grove Disposal CPI Rate increase conducted last May; an issue was raised on addressing scavengers. The Board and residents agreed on the need for addressing scavengers. The District is responding by initiating public announcements and enforcement of an existing ordinance. The combination of notifications through the Environmental Management Team, the Police and the public will assist Code Enforcement. Following notification, an initial warning will be issued and a repeated offense will be cited.

Commissioner Le Clair advised on including public messages in the Crime Prevention bulletin.

Chairman Mitchell inquired on offenses that occur after normal working hours.

After working hour violations are handled by District staff on standby that include the Police.

Chairman Mitchell commented on organizing a community group to notify Code Enforcement.

Prior to organizing community groups, City Council authorization is required. In addition, a trend analysis is needed in order to identify highly targeted areas. Currently, one citation has been issued with no repeat offenses, and no calls have been received.

Commissioner Le Clair advised on bringing these concerns to the Neighborhood Watch Meetings.

Chairman Mitchell inquired on the ratio of recyclables and non-recyclables.

Currently, this type of data is not available. If an unusual ratio appears, the Garden Grove Disposal notifies the District.

Vice Chairman Lucas inquired on retrieving recyclables after it's disposed into the solid waste container.

The City and property owner jointly owns disposed recyclables. Therefore, recyclables can be retrieved after its disposal.

*Solid Waste Container  
Replacement (30 cy to  
individual container):*

Following requests from owners in Apartments, Condominiums and Home Owner's Associations, 30 cubic yard blue dumpsters will be placed at selected sites. The sites will be selected based on the feasible logistics and consent by all units to have the dumpsters in place.

Vice Chairman Lucas inquired on the separation of solid waste.

Murph? has provided services for separating solid waste, which has contributed to the continued high diversion.

*Matters from  
Commission Advisor:*

As a periodic reminder, the purpose of this commission board is for staff to inform the commission members on the District's activities. Any requests from commission members to take action must be approved by the Board.

*Matters from  
Commission Members:*

Chairman Mitchell inquired on the notification process for water customers that have a significantly higher or lower water usage.

In general, issues not directly related to the Sanitary District are not discussed in this meeting. To minimize abnormal water usage, Water Services has an annual meter replacement program that replaces residential meters every 15 years. A preliminary report is reviewed after each meter reading to identify abnormal water usage and notify water customers.

Joyce Gail, from West Grove Homeowner's Association (HOA), presented an unusual case involving the establishment's encounter with significantly higher water usage. In 2005, the HOA identified their water usage was 2 to 3 times higher than normal. After a routine inspection, Water Services did not identify deficiencies within their system. In 2007, the HOA identified their water usage was 5 times higher than normal. Thus, resulting in higher water bills. The HOA made several attempts to identify the abnormal water usage. Recently, Water Services re-inspected and identified the deficiency. The deficiency was resolved. Ms. Gail commends the tremendous efforts by staff involved resolving the deficiency. Ms. Gail is dissatisfied with staff involved in the delay for resolving the deficiency. The HOA inquired on locating funds to offset the higher water bills.

The HOA was directed to Finance to seek possible funding alternatives.

Chairman Mitchell inquired on the feasibility of adopting a loan program similar to the private sewer lateral loan program.

The commission cannot address non-sanitary related issues.

*Adjournment:* The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted  
Raquel Manson*