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Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Ward and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Geoff Dolan, City Manager

FROM: Ken Shuck, Battalion Chief
Danielle Higdon, Sr. Human Resources Analyst

DATE: May 2, 2006

SUBJECT: Presentation of the Leadership 2006 Class Project

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council receive and file the Leadership 2006 class project presentation.

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

This year's Leadership Class project was funded with a successful "fund raising" event. No City resources were expended.

BACKGROUND:

Leadership Manhattan Beach is an ongoing community leadership development program designed to identify and educate existing and potential community leaders, increase their knowledge of the Manhattan Beach community, and develop a growing network of individuals who can help each other solve community problems. This year's class includes 20 plus members made up of a mix of local high school students, business leaders, city employees, and career professionals. All members share one commonality – a love for the Manhattan Beach community.

In a nine month course, participants explore the governmental, economic, environmental, educational and social systems of Manhattan Beach. Candid discussions are held with civic leaders and corporate sponsors. Seminars, field trips and a weekend retreat provide participants with the opportunity to enhance their leadership skills, explore current issues, challenge leaders on their views and decision making processes and identify areas where they may become more involved. A cooperative class produced community project is presented to City Council at the completion of the course.

Specific goals of the leadership classes include:

- Bring together, from different areas of the community, people with a desire to demonstrate leadership ability and a commitment to the future of Manhattan Beach.

- Nurture these "civic entrepreneurs" through a comprehensive and challenging educational and motivational program.
- Develop a growing network of program graduates, a "resource bank" of leaders, whose knowledge, imagination and energy are directed toward enterprises beneficial to Manhattan Beach.
- To produce, as a class, a project which will significantly benefit the community.

DISCUSSION:

Members of the Leadership Class of 2006 are pleased to present the results of their class project to the City Council and community.

Our mission statement is ["To enhance community awareness and educational opportunities of the Manhattan Beach library through donation of a state-of-the-art digital projector."](#)

The project goal was to raise at least \$5,000.00 for the purchase of a high end video projector and related equipment. The video projector will be used to enhance the Library's Film Series for all ages. These items were donated to the Manhattan Beach Library during a brief gathering and celebration held at the Metlox Plaza on Thursday, April 27, 2006.

The fundraiser event (Digital Wonderland) was held on February 24, 2006 at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Les Silverman here in Manhattan Beach and attracted over 100 guests.

CONCLUSION:

The Leadership Class of 2006 would like to thank the City Council for their continued support of the Leadership program and allowing us to make this presentation tonight.