

## **ENVIRONMENTAL TASK FORCE**

**November 20, 2008**

**6:30 P.M.**

**Police and Fire Community Facility**

420 15th Street Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

### **ENVIRONMENTAL SPEAKER SERIES**

#### *Precautionary Principle*

Debbie Raphael is the Program Manager for the City & County of San Francisco's Toxics Reduction and Green Building Programs.

- a. Presentation on the role of decision makers and community participation in the development of solutions for environmental challenges. When considering policy options, ask the question: "Is it necessary?" in order to come up with alternative assessments. Framing problems in this manner will most often lead to an environmentally friendly solution.

### **BUSINESS ITEMS**

#### *Announcement of Subcommittee Liaisons*

Each group selected a chairperson to represent the subcommittee at ETF meeting and City Council presentations

- a. Climate Action Plan – Bob Scott
- b. Green Building – Chris Conaway
- c. Solid Waste and Recycling – Andrea Zislis
- d. Water and Storm Water – Bob Siemak

Review of reporting timeframes

- a. ETF will make recommendations on environmental best practices to City Council by March 2010 (18 months)
- b. City Staff will provide progress reports to City Council
- c. Subcommittees will meet monthly to report on research objectives and develop an agenda for the public ETF meeting

**ENVIRONMENTAL TASK FORCE ITEMS**

Subcommittee Liaison presentations of mission statement

- a. Climate Action: The Subcommittee will develop recommendations that will enable the City to reduce greenhouse gas emissions at least 7% below 1990 levels and incorporate a community-wide emissions education campaign.
- b. Green Building: To identify environmentally responsible, sustainable and energy efficient policies for constructing, renovating and occupying the built environment; To develop and make recommendations to City Council that will lead towards a healthy and sustainable city; and To educate and promote programs that increase awareness and incentivize sustainable building practices.

- c. Solid Waste: The Solid Waste and Recycling Subcommittee will act as liaisons for the community to come up with the most effective, comprehensive, and innovative waste reduction and recycling program possible and make recommendations to City Council.
- d. Water and Storm Water: To support the City's effort to work toward a greater, greener Manhattan Beach by providing policy recommendations to the Environmental Task Force and City Council on stewardship of our limited water resources and effective storm water management to protect our beaches and coastal waters.

Overview of potential research areas

Each subcommittee gave a brief presentation on their research plan for the upcoming months

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned to the next scheduled meeting, Thursday, December 18, 2008 6:30 PM in the Police and Fire Conference Room.

Regular meetings will be held on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Meeting information will also be posted on the Going Green webpage at [www.citymb.info](http://www.citymb.info).