

## **ENVIRONMENTAL TASK FORCE**

**March 19, 2009**

**6:30 P.M.**

**Police and Fire Community Facility**

420 15th Street Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

### **BUSINESS ITEMS**

#### *City Council Update*

Review of Task Force presentations – ETF made two presentations to City Council on March 17<sup>th</sup>; both sets of recommendations were approved. The next presentation to Council will be May 5<sup>th</sup> 2009 with recommendations presented tonight from the Recycling subcommittee.

#### *Environmental Event Reminders*

1. Earth Hour 2009 – March 28, 2009 – City Council adopted an ordinance to participate in the Earth Hour Event. Earth Hour is not a black out. It is a voluntary power down of non-essential, decorative lighting
2. Earth Day – April 18, 2009 – The ETF will have a table at the Earth Day Fair. The goal is increase community visibility and participation in environmental activities through outreach conducted during the Earth Day festivities

### **ENVIRONMENTAL SPEAKER SERIES**

Eco-Cycle: Working to Build Zero Waste Communities (link to 10-minute video presentation is available on the Going Green page from the City's website)

## **ENVIRONMENTAL TASK FORCE ITEMS**

1. Climate Action Plan: Update on progress made on elements of a Climate Action Plan
  - a. Comparison of greenhouse gas emissions for City of Manhattan Beach and State overall; update on energy audit and vehicle fleet replacement; subcommittee will focus on City emissions first, but also explore City policies that affect community-wide emissions
  - b. Municipal Energy Efficiency measures to consider: Green Purchasing Policy, Replacement of streetlights with LED lighting; installation of solar projects on City facilities
  - c. Public Outreach: Carbon Calculator on website; Residential Energy Monitoring program; Subcommittee is designing a Solar Homes Tour for May 16<sup>th</sup>
  - d. Transportation Options: employee rideshare; low-emission trolley; replacement of vehicle fleet; bike plan to increase cycling; install roundabouts to reduce GHG emissions
2. Recycling and Solid Waste: Presentation on measures to include in a new solid waste management contract. Gave an overview of Manhattan Beach's current scope of service
  - a. Residential: tiered rate structure for trash; curbside food waste recycling; wheeled totes in Sand Section; Hauler provide all residents with totes; HHW mobile pickup once or twice/year; formal Sharps program
  - b. Commercial: Aggressive tiered rate structure for trash; pilot food waste recycling; rewards program for businesses who excel; intent to franchise waste hauler to haul and report C&D; Include MBUSD as City facilities to receive services without cost; hauler provides recycling education; hauler provide recycling containers for classrooms; hazardous waste

program by appoint and co-pay; 1 free bulky item pickup; multi-family development outreach; contract for an outreach consultant;

3. Water and Storm Water

- a. The Water and Storm Water subcommittee presented its recommendations on water conservation measures to include in an updated water conservation ordinance. City Council approved the recommendations and directed staff to write the ordinance. However, Council did request more information on the measures that would affect local businesses, and asked for more cost information on those items. Staff will provide that information along with the draft ordinance to City Council.

4. Green Building

- a. The Green Building subcommittee presented its recommendations to draft a Sustainable Building Standards ordinance prescribing LEED standards for public and large private construction. City Council approved of the recommendations, and asked staff to draft the ordinance. Council wanted more information on the cost premium for the LEED Gold and Silver standards, with varying option for “green” measures to include in attaining those levels. The subcommittee will do some further research and present the information to Council, along with the draft ordinance.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned to the next scheduled meeting, Thursday, April 16, 2009 at 6:30 PM in the Police and Fire Conference Room.

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