

## **ENVIRONMENTAL TASK FORCE**

**April 16, 2009**

**6:30 P.M.**

**Police and Fire Community Facility**

420 15th Street Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

### **BUSINESS ITEMS**

#### *Environmental Event Reminders*

1. Earth Day – April 18, 2009
2. Solar Homes Tours – May 16, 2009

#### *Plastic Bag Initiative*

On February 20, 2009 the Los Angeles Superior Court ruled that the City must conduct an EIR before the plastic bag ban may be implemented. The City has filed an appeal to this decision, but it may take a year or more before we learn the outcome of the appeal. We are exploring ways to complete an EIR, collaborating with other cities and the County to do so. In the meantime, the City continues its emphasis on using reusable bags.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL SPEAKER SERIES**

WindStream Technologies: Creative Solutions to Maximize the Use of Alternative Renewable Energy Sources. Dan Bates is the President and CEO WindStream Technologies, Inc., and is working on a pilot project to place small-wind turbines on City facilities. He explained the value of utilizing small-wind (just a few miles an hour) to power specific areas, such as home offices. While the technology will not remove a

home or business completely off the electricity grid, there is the potential to utilize the turbines to power specific rooms/areas of a home or business.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL TASK FORCE ITEMS**

1. Climate Action Plan: Presentation on energy efficiency, public outreach, and transportation measures to reduce GHG emissions
  - a. City should explore AB811 financing; Review of 2005 bike plan; explanation of sharrows and bike boulevards; creation of a safe bike network;
2. Green Building: Explanation of LEED checklists and walk through of LEED cost case studies utilizing varying green measures to attain LEED standards
3. Recycling and Solid Waste: subcommittee is preparing for Council presentation of recommendations ETF approved last month. Subcommittee and staff will present to Council on May 5, 2009.
4. Water and Storm Water: Subcommittee and staff are working on cost comparisons for products that the draft water conservation recommendations would expect businesses to phase in over a 5 – year period. Staff will present this information along with a draft ordinance to City Council in June 2009.

## **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned to the next scheduled meeting, Thursday, May 21, 2009 at 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).