

ENVIRONMENTAL TASK FORCE

June 18, 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 Recap

Update on “green” ordinances

1. Water Conservation Ordinance was approved on June 2nd and goes into effect on July 2nd. MWD is calling for a Stage 2 Drought. City is beginning outreach and education to help residents understand what permanent measures and drought behaviors are required
2. Sustainable Building Ordinance was accepted on June 16th and will be adopted after reading at the next Council meeting, July 7th. The ordinance incorporates LEED standards into the City’s municipal code for public construction and large private construction, and renovations valued at over 50%.
3. Climate Action recommendations were not presented in June. Staff will find another Council meeting to schedule the presentations from the subcommittee

Next steps for Solid Waste Subcommittee

1. The subcommittee’s recommendations will be addressed by a solid waste consultant at the July 7th Council meeting to identify cost information. The hiring of a consultant is being considered in order to renegotiate the current Waste Management contract, or put the contract out to bid.

Tiered rates for utilities The City

1. The City is working with a consulting firm on a water and sewer rate analysis. The consultant is working on different options for utility rate structures in the City.
2. The consultant made a presentation to City Staff and ETF members to solicit their input before making a presentation to City Council. The consultant discussed the basics of rate setting and tiered rates. The consultant's findings may also be applied to a potential tiered rate structure in Solid Waste.
3. There is a public study session on tiered rates scheduled for July 28th in the Police and Fire Conference room at 6:30 PM– all are welcome to attend.

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1. Water and Storm Water: Key elements of updated Water Conservation Ordinance
 - a. Stage 2 Drought Restrictions: Watering only on Wed & Saturday for 15 minutes from 6PM – 9AM
 - b. Public Education: Information on the ordinance is on website, sent to residents in the quarterly newsletter, and will be sent to residents on next water bill
2. Recycling and Solid Waste: Initial Review of Zero Waste Policy
 - a. Zero Waste maximizes recycling, minimizes waste, reduces consumption and ensures that products are made to be reused, repaired or recycled back into nature or the marketplace
 - b. Public Outreach: Reuse, Reduce, Recycle... RETHINK
 - c. Subcommittee is working on a pilot outreach program to collaborate with MB businesses. Subcommittee will review a cross section of companies to make them more waste efficient: Restaurant; Retail; Coffee; City
3. Climate Action Plan: Recommendations on areas to include in a climate-friendly purchasing policy will be presented as part of the ETF's plan to reduce GHG emissions

- a. Buying climate-friendly products and services harnesses the purchasing power of public agencies to make a difference on the climate change issue
 - b. Climate-friendly (“green”) purchasing practices include purchasing products that are: durable, contain recycled content, and conserve energy
 - c. Recommend that Council direct staff to draft a “Green” Purchasing Policy
 - d. Council co-chairs have asked that before a presentation on green purchasing comes to City Council the subcommittee identify the costs of green products vs. status quo products
4. Green Building: Overview of Green Building Ordinance
- a. Public Facilities: All new public facilities or publicly funded projects, of 5,000 SF or more of new construction or renovation, shall attain LEED GOLD certification or better.
 - b. Large Private Development: All new private projects, of 10,000 SF or more of new construction or renovation, shall show LEED SILVER equivalence or better, attested by a LEED Accredited Professional.
 - c. Subcommittee Next Steps: Recommendations on Green Building Regulations pertaining to all construction; Recommendations on Zoning issues related to Green Building practices, such as solar panels, green roof decks and wind turbines; Recommendation on new residential energy efficiency standards

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned to the next scheduled meeting, Thursday, July 16, 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.