

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 27, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Mitchell called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Judith Mitchell, Chair	Craig Knickerbocker
Judy Bayer	William Larson
Deborah Davis	Bridget Stamos
Britt Huff	

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

David Amin
Rod Paulsen

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Greg Grammer, Assistant to the City Manager
Niki Cutler, AICP, Principal Planner
Kelley Thom, Associate Planner

AUDIENCE ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Ivan Kan, from Tech Go Green, presented a Green Business Program proposal that is being implemented in the City of Torrance to recognize and promote environmental responsibility. The Commission asked staff to review the materials and report back at a future meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes was postponed until the next meeting.

PROPOSAL FROM WASTE MANAGEMENT FOR BATTERY RECYCLING

Vickie Wippel, Community Relations Manager for Waste Management, presented a proposal for a one-year pilot program to provide a residential drop-off battery recycling program to address the problem of improper disposal of household batteries. Vickie Wippel stated that under the program, Waste Management would provide designated City facilities with a Battery Recycling Bucket for residents to drop off used household batteries. Vickie Wippel stated that the cost of the program would be \$4.00 per household per year, or \$0.33 per month (\$1.00 per quarterly billing).

Member Davis suggested that Waste Management provide incentives to encourage residents to participate in the program.

Member Knickerbocker inquired about the need for a battery recycling program with the increased usage of rechargeable batteries.

Member Bayer moved, Member Larsen seconded

TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL TO ACCEPT WASTE MANAGEMENT'S PROPOSAL TO IMPLEMENT A ONE-YEAR PILOT PROGRAM TO ESTABLISH DROP-OFF BATTERY RECYCLING COLLECTION AT DESIGNATED CITY FACILITIES.

There being no objection, Chair Mitchell so ordered.

The Commission indicated that it would like to review Waste Management's marketing and outreach material for the program, and suggested that educational information be included about rechargeable batteries.

2009 WORK PLAN UPDATE

Assistant to the City Manager Grammer summarized the staff report and provided an update on the Committee's 2009 Work Plan, which includes the completion of a municipal greenhouse gas emission inventory; development of a Climate Action Plan; enhanced public outreach and education; coordination with the South Bay Environmental Services Center (SBESC) to establish a kiosk at the Promenade on the Peninsula and host workshops on energy savings programs; creation of a Green Award program; and establishment of a green purchasing policy.

Member Bayer moved, Member Davis seconded

TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE STAFF REPORT.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

The Commission expressed an interest in coordinating a workshop on the various options available for solar panel installation. Assistant to the City Manager Grammer stated that staff would work with the South Bay Environmental Services Center to host such a workshop once their kiosk is set up at the Promenade.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm. The next meeting will take place on Monday, June 22, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Grammer, Assistant to the City Manager