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Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Cohen and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Geoff Dolan, City Manager

FROM: Leadership Manhattan Beach, Class of 2009

DATE: March 4, 2009

SUBJECT: Presentation of Alternate Locations for the Big Belly Solar Trash Compactor

RECOMMENDATION:

The Leadership Manhattan Beach (LMB) Class of 2009 recommends that City Council choose from one of the four following locations in Manhattan Beach for the installation of Big Belly Solar Trash Compactor in May 2009. These locations are the result of LMB working with Anna Luke and members of Public Works, as well as taking into consideration goals and concerns of Council. LMB also asks Council to decide between installing Big Belly Trash Compactor or Big Belly with the attachable Recycle Unit for paper and cans all in one. The PowerPoint presentation will show the aesthetic difference with both visuals superimposed on each suggested location.

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

There are no fiscal implications with Big Belly. The LMB Class will provide all funding to purchase Big Belly Solar and/or the attached recycle unit. Public Works has confirmed there are no additional costs to maintain and service the compactor. Public Works has verified that any recyclable container can be emptied without any additional up charge.

BACKGROUND:

City Council approved LMB's project in January. Our mission statement is "to provide our community with an innovative, environmentally friendly, solar waste management system that promotes a cleaner, greener Manhattan Beach."

DISCUSSION:

Location to be decided by Council; the following are the four locations LMB is presenting after careful conversations with Public Works and consideration of Council's concerns with aesthetics in our community.

- 1) Southeast Corner of 15th Street and Valley at Lot 8.

There is good foot traffic in this area by pedestrians. It will be visible on a busy corner, therefore serving the dual purpose of excellent "green awareness" for Manhattan Beach, as

well as providing a valuable service at this busy corner for trash.

2) Premier Field Snack Shack next to Polliwog Park.

This baseball field has year-round usage by little league baseball teams. This field has constant traffic by children and parents. There is a trash overflow issue next to the snack shack, in which Big Belly could help with this issue. Children will be able to see Big Belly first hand and use it on a regular basis, promoting community awareness with a hands-on approach.

3) Sand Dune Park Picnic Area.

With constant joggers and families at Sand Dune Park, this would be an excellent location also serving a purpose. The picnic area gets trash overflow on a regular basis. Local citizens and families could see and use a solar trash compactor while getting a favorite local park cleaner.

4) Outside Public Bathrooms at Polliwog Park

Of all locations at Polliwog, this particular location is ideal because there is a trash overflow issue right outside of the bathrooms, as there is a lot of foot traffic in this certain area of the park. The way the building is designed, Big Belly will serve a purpose, but more importantly, will be visible without being in the way. There is a great Public Relations angle with this location, because the community will be able to see solar energy close-up at a popular local park.

Cost of Big Belly Solar Unity

-Newest Model:	\$3,995.00
-With Recycling Unit	\$4,965.00
-Trash Bags	\$43.00
-Side panels for educational info (optional)	\$100.00

FUNDRAISER:

Our Fundraiser is set for Sunday, March 15th from 5:00-8:00pm at Upper Manhattan Restaurant and Lounge.

IMPLEMENTATION:

This project has a tentative completion date of May 9th, 2009.

PRESENTATION:

PowerPoint Slides will be provided. They will demonstrate through pictures of each suggested location, what it will look like at each location with just Big Belly Solar Compactor vs. Big Belly Solar and the attachable Recycle unit. This way, Council can clearly see the aesthetic impact on each location suggested.