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Claremont Sustainability

Claremont, CA – A City-Wide Sustainability Task Force meeting with the City Council was held on Saturday, May 10, 2008, with over 90 citizens attending this special meeting. Task Force Chair Michael Shea and Co-Vice Chairs Sharon Hightower and Timothy Worley presented an outline of Claremont's sustainability plan to the City Council and the public.

The opening presentation of this plan included outside influences that generated concerns, a background of the City's actions to establish a sustainability theme and where Claremont is today as a sustainable city.

The task force process has included the following steps: Develop guiding principles, select sustainability goal areas, and break into a subcommittee for each goal area. Identify goals, indicators and indicator targets for each goal area, identify specific action that can be taken, and prioritize these actions. The most immediate goal now is to provide a list of high priority actions in time for the inclusion in the City's budget process that is currently underway. The Task Force will then move on to drafting a comprehensive Sustainability Plan for Council adoption and implementation by City staff.

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The Sustainable City Plan has seven goal areas that include:

- 1) Resource Conservation
- 2) Environment and Public Health
- 3) Transportation
- 4) Built Environment
- 5) Open Space, Land Use and Ecology
- 6) Housing and Economy
- 7) Outreach/Education and Implementation plan

Mayor Ellen Taylor said, “The plan was very thorough and the City will step up to the plate, and that the City would not ask anything of others that we would not do ourselves.”

After the presentation, the task force had small group study sessions to discuss each goal area, answer questions and take comments from the public and City Council.

To view the Task Force presentation, you may log onto the City’s website at www.ci.claremont.ca.us. The Sustainability Task Force’s next meeting will be held on Monday, May 19, 2008 at 7 p.m. in the Citrus Room at City Hall, 207 Harvard Avenue, in Claremont. For more information regarding Claremont’s Sustainability Task Force, call Chris Veirs, Senior Redevelopment Planner at (909) 399-5486.

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