



CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE
300 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove, California 93950

AGENDA REPORT

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL
FROM: James Colangelo, City Manager
MEETING DATE: April 19, 2006
SUBJECT: CONSIDER SPONSORSHIP OF SUSTAINABLE MONTEREY COUNTY MEETINGS

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the sponsorship of community meetings, to be held in Pacific Grove by Sustainable Monterey County; Beyond Peak Oil, to show the film "The End of Suburbia" at a City facility.

DISCUSSION:

On March 1, 2006, the Council directed staff to work with Sustainable Monterey County; Beyond Peak Oil to identify ways the City could work with the organization. Approval of this item would direct City staff to work with Sustainable Monterey County to host multiple showings of the film "The End of Suburbia" (see attached film summary) at an appropriate City facility.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Costs to the City are estimated to be less than \$500.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Summary of "The End of Suburbia"

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

James J. Colangelo

Digitally signed: I have reviewed this document

James J. Colangelo
CITY MANAGER

THE END OF SUBURBIA: Oil Depletion and the Collapse of The American Dream

"We're literally stuck up a cul-de-sac in a cement SUV without a fill-up" - James Howard Kunstler



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Since World War II North Americans have invested much of their newfound wealth in suburbia. It has promised a sense of space, affordability, family life and upward mobility. As the population of suburban sprawl has exploded in the past 50 years, so too has the suburban way of life become embedded in the American consciousness.

Suburbia, and all it promises, has become the American Dream.

But as we enter the 21st century, serious questions are beginning to emerge about the sustainability of this way of life. With brutal honesty and a touch of irony, *The End of Suburbia* explores the American Way of Life and its prospects as the planet approaches a critical era, as global demand for fossil fuels begins to outstrip supply. World Oil Peak and the inevitable decline of fossil fuels are upon us now, some scientists and policy makers argue in this documentary.

The consequences of inaction in the face of this global crisis are enormous. What does Oil Peak mean for North America? As energy prices skyrocket in the coming years, how will the populations of suburbia react to the collapse of their dream? Are today's suburbs destined to become the slums of tomorrow? And what can be done NOW, individually and collectively, to avoid *The End of Suburbia* ?

Hosted by Barrie Zwicker. Featuring James Howard Kunstler, Peter Calthorpe, Michael Klare, Richard Heinberg, Matthew Simmons, Michael C. Ruppert, Julian Darley, Colin Campbell, Kenneth Deffeyes, Ali Samsam Bakhtiari and Steve Andrews. Directed by Gregory Greene. Produced by Barry Silverthorn. Duration: 78 minutes

