

MINUTES-MORRO BAY HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING – October 5, 2017
VETERAN'S MEMORIAL HALL - 6:00 P.M.

AGENDA NO: A-2

MEETING DATE: November 2, 2017

PRESENT: Ron Reisner HAB Chair
Lynn Meissen HAB Vice-Chair
Neal Maloney HAB Member
Owen Hackleman HAB Member
Gene Doughty HAB Member
Bill Luffee HAB Member
Dana McClish HAB Member

ABSENT: None

LIAISON: Matt Makowetski Council Member

STAFF: Eric Endersby Harbor Director
Lori Stilts Harbor Business Coordinator

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. with all members present.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CHAIR AND ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

<https://youtu.be/Qyp53xOewx8?t=2m45s>

Board Member Luffee stated this past weekend was the 8th Jesse King memorial paddle race benefiting the Morro Bay Jr Lifeguard program and Friends of the Morro Bay Harbor Department where \$1000.00 was raised. Additionally, Member Luffee announced Morro Bay Science Explorations with the Estuary Program is presenting 3 programs on 10/12/17, Eelgrass and the Estuary, 2/8/18 Sea Level Rise Impacts and Management and 6/7/18 Sea Otters and Morro Bay. Link for more information: <http://www.mbnep.org/events/>

Board Member McClish stated the Harbor Festival is this Saturday, and in the water will be two events, The Central Coast SurviveOars Dragon boat races and the Harbor Fest Cup hosted by the Morro Bay Yacht Club. Also, the prestige US Sailing Championship of Champions is October 5-8 in Oyster Bay, NY. Among the top-notch sailors are a couple of students from UCSB who will be representing the Morro Bay Yacht Club racing sonars. <http://www.ussailing.org/racing/championships/adult/cofc/>

Board Member Doughty informed the Board the bay is doing well with abundance of anchovies and pelicans.

Board Chair Reisner announced on October 14, 2017, the Community Foundation of Estero Bay is holding their 9th annual Morro Bay Sings the Eagles to support low income families to participate in sports and enrichment programs. The event features dinner and both a silent and live action. For more information go to www.communityfoundationesterobay.org/events.

PUBLIC COMMENT

<https://youtu.be/Qyp53xOewx8?t=10m20s>

The public comment period was opened.

There was no public comment.

The public comment period was closed.

A. CONSENT AGENDA

<https://youtu.be/Qyp53xOewx8?t=10m41s>

A-1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD ON, AUGUST 3, 2017

MOTION: Board Member Doughty moved the August 3, 2017 Harbor Advisory Board minutes be approved. The Motion was seconded by Board Member Meissen and carried unanimously, 7-0.

B. REPORTS AND APPEARANCES

<https://youtu.be/Qyp53xOewx8?t=11m23s>

B-1 HARBOR DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT

Director Endersby announced the City has given a conditional offer of employment to Scott Collins as our new City Manager, and provided his professional background.

Director Endersby presented the staff report for B-1 and responded to Board Member inquiries.

C. BUSINESS ITEMS

<https://youtu.be/Qyp53xOewx8?t=47m22s>

C-1 UPDATE FROM THE MARINE SERVICES FACILITY/BOATYARD AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE'S RECENT ACTIVITIES

Board Member Maloney left the dais at 6:22 PM.

Committee Chair McClish stated there is no report at this time.

C-2 UPDATE FROM THE FINANCE & BUDGET AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE'S RECENT ACTIVITIES

<https://youtu.be/Qyp53xOewx8?t=48m22s>

Committee Member Reisner recapped the recent meeting between two members of the Committee and Director Endersby. The meeting included planning for the upcoming year and the Boards opinion that the Harbors infrastructure needs are substantially underfunded and recommendations regarding revenue potentially earmarked for Harbor infrastructure needs.

C-3 UPDATE FROM THE EELGRASS AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE'S RECENT ACTIVITIES

<https://youtu.be/Qyp53xOewx8?t=51m6s>

Committee Chair Meissen stated the Committee met to discuss the Anchor QEA proposal and per the recommendation from the Board Chair Meissen met with Director Endersby to discuss Anchor's scope of work and how it does or does not relate to a Morro Bay eelgrass mitigation policy development.

Discussion by the Board and Director Endersby.

C-4 UPDATE FROM THE MARINE SANCTUARY AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE'S RECENT ACTIVITIES

<https://youtu.be/Qyp53xOewx8?t=57m26s>

Committee Chair Reisner stated there is no activity at present.

C-5 UPDATE FROM THE WORKING WATERFRONT AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE'S RECENT ACTIVITIES

<https://youtu.be/Qyp53xOewx8?t=57m30s>

Committee Chair Doughty summarized the recent public Joint Planning Commission and Harbor Advisory Board Subcommittee meeting that took place on September 8, where the subcommittee members started the discussion to developed policy language for both Measure D and the Working Waterfront for inclusion in the General Plan, Local Coastal Plan, and Zoning Code update.

C-6 HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD WORK PROGRAM FOR THE CITY COUNCIL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES DISCUSSION ON WORK PROGRAM ELEMENTS IDENTIFIED

<https://youtu.be/Qyp53xOewx8?t=59m56s>

Director Endersby presented the staff report.

Discussion and input by the Board for Goal 1, objective (d), Work Plan Element 2, with Board consensus to follow staff recommendation on questions 1 through 8, excluding question 6.

Chair Reisner and Board Member Doughty recused themselves from the discussion regarding Goal 1, Objective (d), Work Plan Element 4, due to their businesses operating in the Tidelands Trust, and left the dais.

The public comment period was opened.

Gene Doughty, Land-Sea Interface, stated he has a mooring company that works on the bay. He expressed concern that more people should be aware of this item. Mr. Doughty went on to say there are a group of young individuals who work on the waterfront that don't make a whole lot of money, including himself and would hate to see this become a great big money-making venture and the process may be cumbersome.

Ron Reisner, Morro Bay resident and Marine Surveyor by profession, state he is concerned about having the opportunity to obtain an exclusive license to conduct marine surveying and the logistics of going to City on a case by case basis to obtain a permit to conduct a marine survey. Mr. Reisner continued to stay he has never had to do that in any port around the world. Mr. Reisner does support the concept of a variety of ancillary business activities that take place in the Tidelands Trust and paying a fee which would go to the Harbor Fund.

The public comment period was closed.

Discussion and input by the Board for Goal 1, Objective (d), Work Plan Element 4 with Board consensus not to accept staff recommendations on questions 2 through 8.

Board Member Luffee left the dais and Board Chair Reisner and Member Doughty returned to the dais at 8:18 PM.

C-7 HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD WORK PROGRAM FOR CITY COUNCIL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES, "OTHER ADDED ITEM 1" REGARDING WATERFRONT LEASE SITE CONTRACTUAL CONFORMANCE

<https://youtu.be/Qyp53xOewx8?t=2h17m18s>

Director Endersby presented the staff report.

Discussion and input by the Board.

There was board consensus to develop and implement the conformance program as presented, including Boards suggestions that included utilizing Cal Poly engineering interns, continuing to use Morro Bay Fire personnel for fire/life safety issues, and consider hiring professional inspectors.

D. DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

<https://youtu.be/Qyp53xOewx8?t=2h45m33s>

Discussion by the Board.

Pending items previously declared:
Goals and Objectives – Working Waterfront Designation
Measure D
Back Bay Water Use Forum
Explore Benefits of becoming a Harbor or Port District

BOEM Update

Update from and current report from the Morro Bay Community Quota Fund

E. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 8:59 PM. The next Regular Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 5, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Veteran's Memorial Hall located at 209 Surf Street, Morro Bay, California.

Recorded by,



Lori Stilts

Harbor Business Coordinator