

CITY OF MORRO BAY
HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD
SYNOPSIS MINUTES

The regular meeting of the City of Morro Bay Harbor Advisory Board was held Thursday, June 7, 2012 at 7:00 PM in the Veteran's Hall, 209 Surf ST, Morro Bay, California.

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

Present:	Members:	Brett Cunningham Gene Doughty Jeff Eckles Bill Luffee Lynn Meissen Jim Phillips
	Staff:	Eric Endersby, Harbor Director Polly Curtis, Office Assistant

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Chairman Phillips asked for a moment of silence dedicated to former Harbor Advisory Board member Michele Rowley Leary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CHAIR AND ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Eckles said the Fourth of July Fundraiser will be at Stax; raffle tickets available for the 100th bottle of wine sold. Website: morrobay4th.org. Ms. Meissen said sailing lessons are available at the Morro Bay Yacht Club weekly on Mondays as well as weekend classes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Phillips asked a member of the audience to step forward and introduce himself: Mr. Eric Wilkins introduced himself as our area's environmental scientist for the Department of Fish and Game, Natural Resource Marine Region, Regulatory Review Division, and described the scope and area of his work to the Board.

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

A-1 MINUTES

Mr. Luffee moved the May 3, 2012 Harbor Advisory Board minutes be approved as submitted. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Eckles and carried unanimously.

A-2 HARBOR DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT

Mr. Endersby briefed the Board on the following topics:

State Park Marina Dredging
North T-Pier Repairs
Lifeguards and Junior Lifeguards
Fishing Season Activity
HAB Vacancy

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS

B-1 Review of the Morro Bay Northern Waterfront Implementation Plan to Include Morro Rock Parking Lot

Mr. Endersby reviewed the history of the Northern Waterfront Implementation Plan (NWIP) Concept C. City Council requests the Harbor Board to provide a recommendation on the development of the Rock parking lot. Mr. Endersby referred to the proposed detailed concept plan by local residents Bill and Toni Woody. He also referred to the designs by RRM Design Group. He noted that there is currently no City funding or resources for the project.

The Board discussed the various designs and concept plans, and expressed concerns over the volleyball area, railings infringing on view, narrow roadways, leaving the area natural, and the significant cost in total development. Mr. Eckles said improvement to the Rock area is necessary for the local economy, and stated the importance of catering to tourists. He said the current dirt parking lot is full of potholes, which should be covered with decomposed granite along with some asphalt.

Chairman Phillips agreed something should be done with the parking area, and would like to see it spruced up as well as have a place to sit in a park-like setting. However, he said the priorities for funding that have been important to the Harbor Advisory Board are a boat haul out and repair yard. He asked Bill and Toni Woody to step forward and present their conceptual plan.

Ms. Toni Woody, long-time resident of Morro Bay, said they are licensed design engineers, and have done design work for many hotels, motels, and homes over the past 40 years. They are donating their time to Morro Bay to offer a concept design for the Morro Rock area. Ms. Woody said they would like to see improvements to the Rock area but also leave some elements as they are now; they have made no proposal for any buildings to be added. She said the current area is a bad reflection on Morro Bay, which at the very least needs to be cleaned up. Their concept plan includes a new roundabout, asphalt road, concrete boardwalk, barbecue and picnic areas, concrete benches, a parcourse/fitness trail, as well as volleyball courts. Ms. Woody asked the Board and public to give them any other suggestions, since this is far from a final design and it is completely modifiable.

MOTION: Mr. Eckles moved to incorporate the conceptual plan designed by the Woody's into the larger Morro Bay Northern Waterfront Implementation Plan, Concept C. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Luffee.

After further discussion by the Board, the Motion was amended to include the final words, "subject to modification."

AMENDED MOTION: Mr. Eckles moved to incorporate the conceptual plan designed by the Woody's into the larger Morro Bay Northern Waterfront Implementation Plan, Concept C, subject to modification. The Amended Motion was seconded by Mr. Luffee, and carried by a vote of 5 to 1, with Ms. Meissen opposed.

B-2 Discussion of Informational Signs/Kiosks to Enhance Visibility of Sportfishing Operations and Other Water-Related Businesses on the Morro Bay Waterfront

Mr. Endersby reviewed the meeting with representatives of Virg's Sportfishing and Central Coast Sportfishing, who expressed concern for the lack of signage to direct people to their businesses. He said the two suggested locations for signs/kiosks were at the South T-Pier and at the Giant Chessboard on the Embarcadero. As directed by City Council, once the areas are agreed upon, they will move forward with planning and permitting through Public Services.

After discussion by the Board, Chairman Phillips asked Ms. Sharon Moores of Virg's Sportfishing to step forward and present her ideas. Ms. Moores said she saw kiosks while in Hawaii, and during discussions with Mr. Endersby came up with the idea of using an old wheelhouse as the kiosk. She said along with the two sportfishing operations, all other water sports operations would be allowed to post their directions and information on the kiosk.

MOTION: Mr. Cunningham moved recommending to City Council to move forward with the proposed project of informational signs/kiosks for sportfishing operations; to use the agreed upon locations, and that all planning and permitting fees should be waived. The Motion was seconded by Ms. Meissen and carried unanimously.

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

D. NEW BUSINESS

D-1 Harbor Department FY12/13 Draft Budget Review

Mr. Endersby reviewed the Draft Budget for fiscal year 2012/2013 for the Board. He said the Harbor Department has balanced expenditures to revenues and the proposed budget is balanced. Discussion by the Board.

D-2 Consideration of Changing Harbor Advisory Board Meeting Start Time to 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Endersby asked the Board to discuss the option of changing the Harbor Advisory Board start time to 6:00 p.m. to provide more consistency with the City's other Boards and Commissions. Discussion by the Board.

MOTION: Mr. Eckles moved that the Harbor Advisory Board change their meeting start time to 6:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Cunningham and carried unanimously.

D-3 Cancelation of July 2012 Harbor Advisory Board Meeting

Mr. Endersby said the Harbor Advisory Board has consistently in the past cancelled their July meeting. Discussion by the Board.

MOTION: Mr. Luffee moved to cancel the July 5, 2012 Harbor Advisory Board meeting. The Motion was seconded by Ms. Meissen and carried unanimously.

E. DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

**Aug: PG&E Seismic Testing Permitting Process Update
Patriot Sportfishing Bait Barge
Launch Ramp Parking Pass Review**

Future: Boat Yard/Haul Out

F. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 9:07 PM.
Submitted by,

Polly Curtis
Harbor Department