



AGENDA NO: A-2

MEETING DATE: February 2, 2016

CITY OF MORRO BAY

HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD

SYNOPSIS MINUTES

The regular meeting of the City of Morro Bay Harbor Advisory Board was held Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 6:00 PM in the Veteran's Hall, 209 Surf ST, Morro Bay, California.

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

Present:	Members:	Bill Luffee - Chair Dana McClish Lynn Meissen Gene Doughty Alan Alward Neal Maloney
	Absent:	Ron Reisner – Vice Chair
	Staff:	Eric Endersby, Harbor Director Lori Stilts, Harbor Business Coordinator

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CHAIR AND ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

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Mr. Doughty advised winter is coming and if you have a boat to make sure your pennant lines are secure, we've had boats come loose in the past.

Mr. Luffee thanked the community for coming to the movie night at the Rock. South Bay Wild was there serving tacos. The Friends of the Morro Bay Harbor Department has decided to start a capitol campaign to raise money to build a new Harbor Department building and public restroom.

Mr. McClish stated we have our annual sales of our calendars, "Morro Bay Tides." It's a great calendar with tide charts and Yacht Club events. This is a fundraiser for our youth sailing foundation. With a \$20 donation, you could have one of these calendars and support the youth sailing classes. You can pick them up at our Yacht Club happy hours or go to our website at www.mbysf.org.

PUBLIC COMMENT

https://youtu.be/nUf7_6FxHPs?t=5m23s

Mr. Robert Davis spoke with fondness towards Morro Bay's advisory boards. He stated the Harbor Advisory Board is the working front for Council decisions and they do the heavy lifting that helps the City move its vision forward. Mr. Davis stated he specifically wanted to speak about the Staff Report on the working waterfront. He thinks the working waterfront designation is very

important because that is the core of Morro Bay. He stated the length of the vision from the State Park Marina to the Rock is a little overwhelming, and it would be very hard for the Council to digest. Mr. Davis recommended starting with a definition, and maybe examine visitor expectations. He stated Measure D is about fishing, and he was not sure we should let how we interpret that drive the way we define our working waterfront, and perhaps should look for something broader? He stated the key is the phrase from the staff report which is “clear definition of water dependent.”

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

A-1 MINUTES

No items

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS, REPORTS, AND APPEARANCES

B-1 Harbor Department Status Report

https://youtu.be/nUf7_6FxHPs?t=11m30s

Mr. Endersby briefed the Board on the following topics:

Recent Department Activity

Harbor Patrol statistics

“Super moon”

Baby gray whale

MBPD New Sergeant

Capsized kayak

Overtured Kayak

CPR

Vessel nearly capsized

HPO Training:

K-38 Water Rescue training

Marine Firefighting

Boat fire training drill

Fishing & Hunting:

Recreational Dungeness crab

Last day for recreational rockfish

Waterfowl hunting season

2016 fish tickets due

Recent City Council Activity:

Amendment #1 GAFCO

Past Events:

2nd Annual Movie Night at the Rock

Upcoming Events:

“For Those Who Wait” statue dedication

Lighted Boat Parade

Polar Bear Dip

The Morro Bay Winter Bird

Polly Curtis Retirement

Army Corp Dredging

C. BUSINESS ITEMS

C-1 Update from the Marine Services Facility/Boatyard Ad-Hoc Committee on Committee’s Recent Activities

https://youtu.be/nUf7_6FxHPs?t=26m33s

Mr. McClish stated the committee met regarding the RFQ. The committee has a first rough draft with everyone’s concerns and ideas included and will have it submitted to Council in January. The draft is loose enough to apply to many applicants and attract creativity.

C-2 Update from the Finance & Budget Ad-Hoc Committee on Committee's Recent Activities

https://youtu.be/nUf7_6FxHPs?t=28m30s

Nothing to report

C-3 Update from the Eelgrass Ad-Hoc Committee on Committee's Recent Activities

https://youtu.be/nUf7_6FxHPs?t=28m39s

Nothing to report

C-4 Update from the Marine Sanctuaries Ad-Hoc Committee on Committee's Recent Activities

https://youtu.be/nUf7_6FxHPs?t=28m51s

Nothing to report

C-5 Update from the Working Waterfront Ad-Hoc Committee on Committee's Recent Activities

https://youtu.be/nUf7_6FxHPs?t=29m6s

As the Chair of the committee, Mr. Doughty stated the committee met along with a couple of consultants from Michael Baker International and discussed concerns of what the HAB considered the entire waterfront to be a "working waterfront," and that it's a major component in the Local Coastal Plan. Lateral access seemed to be a concern of Baker's and the committee members were given a wish list to complete.

There was discussion by the Board.

C-6. Review of Revised Centennial Parkway Plaza Concept Plan for Recommendation to the City Council

https://youtu.be/nUf7_6FxHPs?t=32m31s

Mr. Luffee briefed the board on the background of the Centennial Parkway Plaza concept plan.

Mr. Endersby presented his staff report, and queried the board as follows:

1. Do you believe the City should move forward with a plaza concept for Centennial Parkway?

There was discussion by the Board, with the following recommendations/comments:

How much will it cost?

Is this really something we want?

Looks nice, but what about our other plans.

Maybe the first approach should be to close the street from Market to Dorn's?

We do need to tie downtown to the Embarcadero.

Will this push out the boat yard based on cost?

Will traffic flow effect the drive from the launch ramp to the other end of Embarcadero?

Parking seems to be an issue.

Could this be a boat haul instead of a plaza?

MOTION: Mr. Luffee Motioned to approve the Plaza Concept as described in the agenda. The Motion was seconded by Mr. McClish and carried with a vote of 4-1, with Mr. Maloney voting no.

2. Do you have any comments on the plaza concept as-presented?

There was discussion by the Board, with the following recommendations/comments:

Needs to be hand, feel and touch items, large-scale amphitheater is too broad.
Not enough wind barrier.
Needs “beachy” landscaping.
Looks too much like a university plaza, there's no feeling in all concrete – less concrete.
Needs more of a Morro Bay feel - looks too much like Pismo Beach.
Better connectivity to downtown.
Less open space, more intimate feel.
Needs Morro Bay type materials, Morro Bay feel and look – timbers and heavy wood.
Water side – keep the transient tie-up dock on the pier.
Fire pits OK, but not on the pier.
Benches needed on the pier.

3. What is your preference for traffic flow on the Embarcadero between Harbor and Marina Streets?

One-way

Two-way

Do you have any comments on traffic flow/orientation/features?

There was discussion by the board, with the following recommendations/comments:

Be sure the waterfront businesses have input.
General consensus to keep two-way, but provide for wider sidewalks, pull-outs for delivery and loading zones.
If one-way, run a pilot trial first.
Consider the upland traffic impacts.
Hotel parking?
One-way bike lane will not work.

All recommendations will be forwarded to the City Council for their consideration at a future meeting.

C-7. Recommendation on 2017/2018 Goals & Objectives for City Council Consideration

https://youtu.be/nUf7_6FxHPs?t=2h5m54s

Mr. Endersby presented his staff report.

There was discussion by the Board.

Consensus by the Board on the nine (9) Harbor Advisory Board Goals:

1. Boatyard Haulout. *Keep-continue pursuing next steps*
2. Eelgrass. *Keep-continue pursuing next steps*
3. Dredging. *Keep - continue pursuing next steps - including to have City manage the State Park Marina and maintain the facility, possibly making this another goal*
4. A. Marine Research Facility. *Keep - continue pursuing next steps*
B. Support Harbor Enterprise Goals. *Support L.E.A.P. and other economic development efforts - remove goal*

- C. Marine Sanctuaries. *Keep - continue having Ad-Hoc Committee to conduct research and fact-finding in order to help inform the City Council in its decision making. This is not a current council goal nor pursue to make it one now.*
5. A. Off-Boat Fish Sales Direct to the Public. *Keep - continue to support, promote and help grow off-boat sales. Not something to bring to council*
B. Harbor Cost Allocation/Budget. *Keep - continue to work at ensuring cost allocation is properly accounting - create a goal objective for City Council to complete a new cost allocation study.*
6. Measure D. *Keep - continue the current working waterfront process to feed measure D input in the GP/LCP/DWSP process.*

Consensus by the Board on the Harbor Advisory Board work program:

- 3e. Downtown/Waterfront Strategic Plan - *Keep*
4d. Public Safety Scrub of Morro Bay Municipal Code - *Keep*
5a. Budget Forecast - *Keep*
6g. Aquarium Project - *Keep*
6j. Maritime Museum - *Keep*
6k. Marine Services Facility - *Keep*
7h. ESH Fencing - *Drop*
8c. Sea Otter Awareness – *Annual event, drop as goal objective*
10c. Records Management - *Keep*
10h. Harbor Maintenance - *Drop*
Other Item (a). Human Observer Requirement in Groundfish Fishery - *Keep*
Other Item (b). Working Waterfronts - *Keep*
Other Item (c). Eelgrass Mitigation - *Keep*

Consensus by the Board City Council's FY16/17 Goals and Objectives:

- Goal 1 – Develop New WRF- *No comments*
Goal 2 – Improve Streets - *Add fish dock alley as an objective, no comments on rest*
Goal 3 – Review and Update Significant City Land Use Plans - *No Comments*
Goal 4 – Maintain Core Public Safety Services – *No comments*
Goal 5 – Ensure Fiscal Sustainability – *Keep A; no comment on remaining items*
Goal 6 – Support Economic Development – *Keep A, C, G, H – and pursue a specific Harbor one, J, K – with a RFQ/RFP approach, M – keep for events only, no comments on remaining items*
Goal 7 – Improve City Infrastructure, Facilities and Public Spaces – *Keep A, B, C, E – with emphasis on improved trash collection and restroom cleaning; drop H; no comment on the remaining items*
Goal 8 – Enhance Quality of Life – *Keep B; Drop C - but keep up the efforts; no comments on the remaining items*
Goal 9 – Improve Water Supply Diversification – *Keep all*
Goal 10 – Improve City Operations – *Keep C; Drop E, H; no comments on the remaining items*

Consensus by the Board - goals to add to City Council: *Goal for HAB to create their own goals.*

C-8. Cancelation of the January, 2017 Harbor Advisory Board Meeting
https://youtu.be/nUf7_6FxHPs?t=3h25m58s

MOTION: Mr. Luffee motioned to cancel the January, 2017 Harbor Advisory Board meeting. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Maloney carried unanimously.

D. DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Previously Declared:

Goals and Objectives – Working Waterfront Designation
Measure D
Commercial Slip Qualification Relief for Crab Permit Holders
City Code Enforcement for Boats on Trailers on Private Property
Back Bay Water Use Public Forum
Coast Guard Building Location Plans
Inspecting Marine Sanitation Devices on All Vessels in Morro Bay Harbor

E. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 9:26 PM.

Submitted by,



Lori Stilts
Harbor Business Coordinator