

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

AGENDA NO: A-1

MEETING DATE: September 7, 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

ABSENT: Dana McClish HAB Member

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 six members present.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CHAIR AND ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

<https://youtu.be/HDaW8s-eYey?t=2m1s>

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

<https://youtu.be/HDaW8s-eYey?t=2m1s>

The public comment period was opened.

Douglas Hill, resident of Morro Bay and longtime kayaker, would like to advocate for a low dock, kayak launch. He also, understands the City is in receipt of grant funds to build one in the near future and would like to give input when designed.

Director Endersby provided background information as to the status of the DBW grant funded Launch Ramp development project.

The public comment period was closed.

A. CONSENT AGENDA

<https://youtu.be/HDaW8s-eYey?t=7m13s>

A-1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD ON, MAY 4, 2017.

MOTION: Board Member Luffee moved the May 4, 2017 Harbor Advisory Board minutes be approved. The Motion was seconded by Board Member Meissen and carried unanimously, 5-0.

A-2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD ON JUNE 1, 2017.

MOTION: Board Member Meissen moved the June 1, 2017 Harbor Advisory Board minutes be approved. The Motion was seconded by Board Member Luffee.

Board Member Maloney arrived at 6:10 PM.

The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

B. REPORTS AND APPEARANCES

<https://youtu.be/HDaW8s-eYey?t=9m17s>

B-1 HARBOR DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT

Director Endersby presented the staff report and responded to Board Member inquiries.

Discussion by the Board and Director Endersby.

B-2 CALIFORNIA RESOURCE AGENCY AND BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT PRESENTATION AND QUESTION/ANSWER SESSION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL TASK FORCE ON MARINE RENEWABLE ENERGY AS IT RELATES TO OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY DEVELOPMENT ALONG THE CENTRAL CALIFORNIA COAST

<https://youtu.be/HDaW8s-eYey?t=28m26s>

Chris Potter with the California Natural Resources Agency and the Ocean Protection Council Natural introduced himself and the team of presenters; Jean Thurston, Frank Pendleton, Susan Zaleski, from the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, and Eli Harland from California Energy Commission.

Mr. Potter brief the Board on the Bureau of Ocean Energy Managements Task Force on Offshore Wind and presented his power point presentation.

Ms. Thurston spoke to the technology of how offshore floating wind farms work. More information can be obtained at www.boem.gov/california/

Mr. Harland spoke to the data basin gateway as it provides a way to bring data into a transparent platform for the public to login and see the data that is being used and decisions that are being made regarding possible leasing/call areas. www.caoffshorewind.databasin.org

Discussion and questions by the Board.

Ms. Zaleski spoke to the environmental document under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and in that document, it would analysis the positive and negative potential economic impacts these projects could have.

Questions by the Board.

The public comment period for Item B-2 was opened.

Diane Playan, Morro Bay resident, asked if there would be any effect on marine life, how much fishing areas would be closed and how far out would the turbines be?

Mark Hammerdinger, Commercial Fisherman, stated he doesn't have any problem with renewable energy, but is concerned that Mr. Potter has his landing data and feels it's illegal. He feels from his experience stakeholders seem to be left out of the equation. He stated if some other technology comes in these turbines could become obsolete overnight. He asked if there is electrical flux around the cables in the water and would it effect the fish or water temperature? Also, where are the contracted work boats being staged and manned?

Rick Sauerwein, Morro Bay resident, asked who is the Federal lead agency for NEPA and the lead agency for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)? He understands there will be a programmatic environmental impact statement (PEIS) before the leasing goes out and would like to know how soon the scoping meeting will be for that?

Jesse Campos, Atascadero resident, asked if they would be running DC power back to shore and concerned that they are tied to the floating system and are they American made?

The public comment period for was closed.

C. BUSINESS ITEMS

<https://youtu.be/HDaW8s-eYey?t=1h35m47s>

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

Harbor Director Endersby briefed the Board on a recent meeting with the Chair of the Ad-Hoc committee, a representative from the Maritime Museum and an engineering firm that has expressed interest in this project.

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

<https://youtu.be/HDaW8s-eYey?t=1h37m38s>

Committee Chair Maloney stated there is nothing to report.

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

<https://youtu.be/HDaW8s-eYey?t=1h38m>

Committee Chair Meissen stated there is nothing to report.

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

<https://youtu.be/HDaW8s-eYey?t=1h38m12s>

Committee Chair Reisner stated there is nothing to report

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

<https://youtu.be/HDaW8s-eYey?t=1h38m27s>

Committee Chair Doughty stated we are waiting to hear feedback from City Council and will need to set up a meeting with the Planning Commissioner.

C-6 CONSIDERATION OF ISSUES REGARDING PAID PARKING ON THE EMBARCADERO AND ADJACENT VICINITIES

<https://youtu.be/HDaW8s-eYey?t=1h38m43s>

The public comment period was opened.

Diane Playan, Morro Bay resident, asked what are the adjacent areas and thinks this will only impact the small business that are not as busy as they would like to be and worried about business on the on the Embarcadero and close to.

The public comment period was closed.

Harbor Director Endersby presented the staff report and there was discussion and input by the Board. The board supported the consideration of paid parking on and around the Embarcadero as a revenue-generating concept, and identified a list of issues that it recommended the City address in any future consideration of such paid parking. Chairman Reisner will be writing a letter to the Planning Commission with the board's list of issues.

D. DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

<https://youtu.be/HDaW8s-eYey?t=2h39m10s>

Discussion by the Board.

The Board agreed to add a BOEM follow up item.

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

E. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 8:44 PM. The next Regular Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 3, 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