

MINUTES-MORRO BAY HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING – November 2, 2017
VETERAN’S MEMORIAL HALL - 6:00 P.M.

AGENDA NO: A-1

MEETING DATE: December 7, 2017

PRESENT: Ron Reisner HAB Chair
Lynn Meissen HAB Vice-Chair
Neal Maloney HAB Member
Jeremiah O’Brien 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

<https://youtu.be/t9v8Z2ZJyiA?t=1m12s>

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/t9v8Z2ZJyiA?t=2m36s>

Board Member O’Brien stated a few shrimp and squid boats have shown up here locally and are doing well. Unfortunately, one of the squid boats experienced an accident with a fatality of one of the crew members. In addition, the West Coast experienced a bad albacore year with the hope it not becoming a trend in the future. Also, the Kelsey See Canyon Winery has dedicated a Zinfandel named the “Alma” to a Maritime series of wine, with 15% of sale proceeds going to the Morro Bay Maritime Museum.

Board Member McClish said the owners of Kelsey See Canyon Winery are Keith Kelsey and his family, who used to own Sylvester Tugs and believes that wine may be available at the December 4, Advisory Board appreciation night.

Board Member Doughty stated the bay has red tide, all the baby anchovies have moved on and we still have a bunch of pelicans. Bay overall looks pretty good.

PUBLIC COMMENT

<https://youtu.be/t9v8Z2ZJyiA?t=6m55s>

The public comment period was opened.

Ray Fields, San Luis Obispo resident, stated he and his wife are starting a pedal taxi service and thinks the Embarcadero would be a great place to operate, and understands he doesn’t have a leasehold on the waterfront, but would like to apply for a business license to start the process.

Discussion by the Board.

Joe Cichoski, operator of the Morro Bay Boatyard, stated he heard the Harbor Advisory Board is imposing a new tax to businesses on the waterfront and how it will impact his business?

Director Endersby explained that possibly Mr. Cichoski is confused with tonight’s agenda item C-6 and further stated there is no tax being implemented.

The public comment period was closed.

A. CONSENT AGENDA

<https://youtu.be/t9v8Z2ZJyiA?t=14m3s>

A-1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

MOTION: Board Member Maloney moved the September 7, 2017 Harbor Advisory Board minutes be approved. The Motion was seconded by Board Member O'Brien and carried unanimously, 7-0.

A-2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 5, 2017

MOTION: Board Member Meissen moved the October 5, 2017 Harbor Advisory Board minutes be approved with corrected typo. The Motion was seconded by Board Member McClish and carried unanimously, 7-0.

B. REPORTS AND APPEARANCES

<https://youtu.be/t9v8Z2ZJyiA?t=15m34s>

B-1 HARBOR DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT

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

C. BUSINESS ITEMS

<https://youtu.be/t9v8Z2ZJyiA?t=33m17s>

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

The public comment period was opened.

The public comment was closed.

Committee Chair McClish stated the committee has not meet, but looking forward to the progress of boat storage in the triangle lot and previewing Robert Sherwood's case study "How to Make a Small Boat Yard Viable."

Discussion by the Board and Director Endersby.

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

<https://youtu.be/t9v8Z2ZJyiA?t=35m12s>

The public comment period was opened.

The public comment was closed.

Committee Chair Maloney stated the committee has not met, but will provide an update under item C-8.

C-3 UPDATE FROM THE EELGRASS AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE'S RECENT ACTIVITIES, AND DISCUSSION OF EELGRASS COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT PLAN RECENTLY PREPARED FOR HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT

<https://youtu.be/t9v8Z2ZJyiA?t=35m50s>

The public comment period was opened.

The public comment was closed.

Committee Chair Meissen stated the committee met yesterday to discuss the Humboldt Bay Eelgrass

Comprehensive Management Plan. The committee's points of interest were the pre-project check list, how will Humboldt perform their mitigation and how is the plan working? Chair Meissen reached out to the City of Humboldt for an explanation on their mitigation process. It was also determined since the plan was adopted only a week ago it would be hard to establish how the plan is working.

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/t9v8Z2ZJyiA?t=52m17s>

The public comment period was opened.

The public comment was closed.

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/t9v8Z2ZJyiA?t=52m31s>

The public comment period was opened.

The public comment was closed.

Committee Chair Doughty recapped the status on the Joint Planning Commission and Harbor Advisory Board Subcommittee meetings.

Committee member McClish stated he received a notice in the mail from the National Working Waterfront Network regarding a Bill, H.R. 1176 Keep America's Waterfronts Working Act. This bill was introduced back in February and heard today in the House of Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans. The Bill would amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to direct NOAA to establish a Working Waterfront Grant Program.

Discussion by the Board and Director Endersby.

C-6 HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD WORK PROGRAM FOR CITY COUNCIL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES, GOAL 1, OBJECTIVE (D), WORK PROGRAM ELEMENT 4, REGARDING LICENSING/PERMITTING FOR CERTAIN HARBOR/TIDELANDS MARINE-DEPENDENT/SUPPORTING BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

<https://youtu.be/t9v8Z2ZJyiA?t=58m10s>

At 6:59 PM Chair Reisner and Board Member Doughty recused themselves from the discussion regarding Item C-6 due to involvement with Business activities in the Tidelands Trust, and left the dais.

Director Endersby presented the staff report.

The public comment period was opened.

Ron Reisner, Morro Bay resident, stated he believes every legitimate business operating on Tidelands Trust Lands should hold a valid City business license, however, a special permit is not necessary. However, it may be necessary to designate on the City Business licenses those businesses that operate in the Tidelands Trust Lands and perhaps a special fee is appropriate for those businesses that engage on Tidelands Trust Lands.

Gene Doughty, Los Osos resident, stated a City Business license does not require the business to have liability insurance and is concerned of the financial impact it will cause the small businesses on the bay if the City requires these businesses to purchase liability insurance in the future.

The public comment was closed.

Discussion and input by the Board.

There was Board consensus to implement certain requirements for businesses operating in the Tidelands Trust with and through the City's business license process.

Chair Reisner and Board Member Doughty returned to the dais at 7:44 PM.

C-7 HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD WORK PROGRAM FOR CITY COUNCIL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES, GOAL 1, OBJECTIVE (D), WORK PROGRAM ELEMENT 10, REGARDING LEASEHOLDER INCENTIVES FOR DIVERSIFYING THE CALIBER OR TYPE OF PRODUCTS OR SERVICES THEY SELL

<https://youtu.be/t9v8Z2ZJyiA?t=1h44m17s>

Director Endersby presented the staff report.

Discussion by the Board and Director Endersby.

Board member McClish left the dais at 7:57 PM.

There was Board consensus to let the market decide types of products leaseholders sell.

The public comment period was opened.

Ray Fields, San Luis Obispo resident, liked the Board's discussion referring to the last agenda item requiring a business license to operate on the waterfront and his business is fully insured.

The public comment was closed.

C-8 HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD WORK PROGRAM FOR CITY COUNCIL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES, GOAL 1, OBJECTIVE (E), WORK PROGRAM ELEMENT 1, REGARDING AN INTERNAL "GUT CHECK" OF THE HARBOR ENTERPRISE FUND COST ALLOCATION PLAN FOR ACCURACY

<https://youtu.be/t9v8Z2ZJyiA>

Director Endersby presented the staff report.

The public comment period was opened.

The public comment was closed.

Discussion by the Board and Director Endersby.

MOTION: Board Member Reisner moved the following:

1. By the end of calendar year 2017, Harbor Staff and HABs Budget & Finance Ad-Hoc Committee perform an in-depth review and analysis of the plan and its elements, and develop a list or spreadsheet of questions, concerns and discrepancies.
2. Staff and Committee bring questions and concerns to the new Finance Director, Jennifer Callaway, for discussion and clarification.
3. Results of meeting with Finance Director and staff/Committee analysis brought to the HAB in February for input and recommendation into the FY18/19 budget-setting process.

The Motion was seconded by Board Member Luffee and carried unanimously, 6-0.

D. DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

<https://youtu.be/t9v8Z2ZJyiA?t=2h35m54s>

Discussion by the Board.

Consensus by the Board to conduct a Special Harbor Advisory Board meeting on November 16, at 5:30 PM to discuss activities in the Back Bay.

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 Quote Fund

E. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM. The next Regular Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Veteran's Memorial Hall located at 209 Surf Street, Morro Bay, California.

Recorded by,



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