

MINUTES-MORRO BAY HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING – March 1, 2018
VETERAN'S MEMORIAL HALL - 6:00 P.M.

AGENDA NO: A-1

MEETING DATE: May 3, 2018

PRESENT: Ron Reisner HAB Chair
Lynn Meissen HAB Vice-Chair
Jeremiah O'Brien HAB Member
Gene Doughty HAB Member
Bill Luffee HAB Member
Dana McClish HAB Member
Neal Maloney 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 6:01 p.m., with all members present.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CHAIR AND ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

<https://youtu.be/nSqKdmjgKMw?t=2m16s>

Board Member Luffee updated the Board on the progress of the sea lion dock renovation project hosted by the Friends of the Morro Bay Harbor Department with money raised through donations.

Board Member McClish paused to remember Jim Phillips, who passed away last week. Jim had been a Harbor Advisory Board Member and was heavily active with the Morro Bay Yacht Club, where there will be a memorial service later in the month.

Additionally, the Maritime Museum is still working on their electricity that will be hooked up late April to early May. A new website should be up and running in a couple weeks, and the Museum is looking for more memorabilia to fill the building. Currently, sitting in front of the building is a large anchor donated by Bertha Tyler.

Board Member Meissen announced how pleased she is to see how much eel grass was present at low tide yesterday around Tidelands dock.

In addition, the California Boater Card has gone into effect and our local US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla will be holding a boater card class in April to help persons pass the test to obtain a card. You may contact Danny Hart at dshart6@gmail.com or call 818-389-5268.

Board Member O'Brien stated the Morro Bay Commercial Fishermen Organization has been asked to state their position on offshore oil drilling, whereas, their position has been documented in City of Morro Bay Resolution #07-18, opposed to offshore drilling on the California coast.

Also, Jim Ruddell, "Smoker Jim" from Cayucos passed away in February he was a great member of the community as well as Jim Phillips. It is also nice to hear that Bertha from the Morro Bay Aquarium has donated the anchor to the Maritime Museum.

Board Member Doughty stated February 17-18, the Estero Bay Surf Club held their 28th Annual Big, Bad, & Ugly Surf contest. With over 200 entries, most impressive to watch were the kids.

Board Chair Reisner announced on March 9 at the Community Center is the 29th Annual Dixon's Family Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser to assist children from financially challenged families, to participate in the Morro Bay Recreation's youth and sports programs.

Also, this month the GPS mapping of the mooring fields will take place weather permitting, a lady from Cal Poly has agreed to perform the mapping, which will be compatible with the City's GIS mapping program.

Coming this April 6-8 is the Morro Bay City Wide Yard sale. To become a seller and be added to the map, you must sign up within 18 days at the Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce.

Lastly, there are funds available for replacement of older marine engines. On January 24, 2018 the Air Pollution Control District Board of San Luis Obispo County approved additional funding for the Carl Moyer Incentive Program using a total of \$728,327 to reduce emissions and help local businesses reduce their cost of upgrading to new, clean emitting equipment. For more information go to <http://www.slocleanair.org/community/grants.php> or call 805-781-5912.

Council Liaison Makowetski stated he was extremely pleased with the weekend surf event, weather, and all around joint efforts from the HAB, Harbor, and Estero Bay Surf Club during the surf contest.

Also, in response to a question posed by Mr. Doughty over the weekend, there are plans to install more firepits at the Rock, but only after the discussion goes back to Council for approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The public comment period was opened; seeing none, the public comment period was closed.

A. CONSENT AGENDA

<https://youtu.be/nSqKdmjqKMw?t=25m5s>

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

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

A-2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SPECIAL HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 11, 2018.

MOTION: Board Member Luffee moved the January 11, 2018 Special Harbor Advisory Board minutes be approved. The Motion was seconded by Board Member O'Brien and carried unanimously, 7-0.

B. REPORTS AND APPEARANCES

B-1 HARBOR DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT

<https://youtu.be/nSqKdmjqKMw?t=26m17s>

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

C. BUSINESS ITEMS

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

<https://youtu.be/nSqKdmjqKMw?t=59m40s>

The public comment period was opened for C-1; seeing none, the public comment period was closed.

Committee Chair McClish stated the committee has no new activities, except the review of Council's input to the recent boat storage agenda item. Council's comments of concerns:

Security

Screening with the fence

High rate

Boats only

Zoning issue

Lighting – no power there yet

Funds go back into the lot

Locals first

Year down the road, if space available, possible Rvs

Discussion and questions by the board. Director Endersby clarified the status of the Marine Services Financial Feasibility Study RFP.

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

<https://youtu.be/nSqKdmjqKMw?t=1h7m45s>

The public comment period was opened for C-2; seeing none, the public comment period was closed.

Committee Chair Maloney stated the committee has not met this month, however, tomorrow the committee does have a meeting scheduled with the City's new Finance Director, Jennifer Callaway.

Director Endersby updated the Board on the Harbor Enterprise Fund Fiscal year 18/19 budget process and where the committee might be helpful with the process.

The Board discussed and proposed questions to be considered for tomorrow's finance meeting.

Director Endersby updated the Board on the Harbor Departments current grant funding applications and grants awarded.

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

<https://youtu.be/nSqKdmjqKMw?t=1h24m52s>

Committee Chair Reisner stated there is no current activity.

Director Endersby explained meetings will take place in Washington DC at CMANC regarding the status of the proposed Marine Sanctuary and the Trident Wind Farm proposal.

Director Endersby noted item C-3 was skipped, Chair Reisner acknowledged the mistake and will hear that item next.

Board Member O'Brien briefed the Board on current talks between the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Trident Winds to move their proposed borders into the Monterey's boundary lines.

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

<https://youtu.be/nSqKdmjqKMw?t=1h29m39s>

The public comment period was opened for C-3; seeing none, the public comment period was closed.

Committee Chair Meissen stated the committee has not met but looking forward to working with Anchor QEA.

Discussion by the Board.

C-5 UPDATE FROM THE WORKING WATERFRONT AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE'S RECENT ACTIVITIES
<https://youtu.be/nSqKdmjgKMw?t=1h31m25s>

The public comment period was opened for C-5; seeing none, the public comment period was closed.

Director Endersby presented staff notes from the recent Joint Planning Commission and Harbor Advisory Board Subcommittee meeting from January 11 and announce the upcoming full joint PC/HAB meeting tentatively scheduled for March 22, to go over staff notes and conclusion to what both bodies will recommend be inserted into the general plan/local coastal plan update.

Committee Chair Doughty stated a conflict of interest complaint had been filed by an Embarcadero leaseholder against him with regards to serving on the Working Waterfront Ad-Hoc Committee due to his business interests in the Harbor. Mr. Doughty denied having a conflict of interest and insists he has acted in an honest and trustworthy manner and never influenced a Council decision for his own personal gain. At the recommendation from the City Attorney, Mr. Doughty stated he is stepping down from the Working Waterfront Ad-Hoc committee.

Mr. Doughty stepped down from the dais and addressed the Board by way of public comment with his recommendations to be included in the current working waterfront discussion.

Discussion and input by the Board and Director Endersby for recommendations to be presented at the upcoming Joint PC/HAB meeting.

C-6 REVIEW OF REVISIONS TO MORRO BAY MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 15.56.020 FOR HARBOR ADVSIORY BOARD INPUT ON VESSEL IMPOUNDMENT
<https://youtu.be/nSqKdmjgKMw?t=2h1m44s>

The public comment period was opened for C-6; seeing none, the public comment period was closed.

Board Member Doughty returned to the dais.

Director Endersby presented the staff report and gathered input and answered questions from the Board.

There was Board consensus to accept the Directors red-line changes to Municipal Code section 15.56.020 regarding vessel impoundment.

D. DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
<https://youtu.be/nSqKdmjgKMw?t=2h20m34s>

Chair Reisner requested to change the description of two previously declared items.

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

Wind Energy Generation off the Coast of Morro Bay Creation of an Embarcadero Business District
to Fund Harbor Infrastructure
Morro Bay Maritime Museum Overhead Powerline Undergrounding

E. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m. The next Regular Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 5, 2018 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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