

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

AGENDA NO: A-1

MEETING DATE: November 1, 2018

PRESENT: Ron Reisner HAB Chair
Lynn Meissen HAB Vice-Chair
Peter Griffin HAB Member
Gene Doughty HAB Member
Dana McClish HAB Member
Cherise Hansson HAB Member
Mark Blackford HAB Member

STAFF: Eric Endersby Harbor Director
Lori Stilts Harbor Business Coordinator

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

<https://youtu.be/E3B4xVCxWHs?t=42s>

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m., with a quorum present.

Harbor Advisory Chair Reisner introduced two newly appointed Harbor Advisory Board Members, Cherise Hansson and Mark Blackford.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CHAIR AND ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

<https://youtu.be/E3B4xVCxWHs?t=133>

Board Member McClish announced the Morro Bay Maritime Museum is tentatively scheduled to open at the end of the month in conjunction with Harbor Festival and are currently working on many historical displays. In addition, the Museum would appreciate local old fishing photos if anyone has some to donate for display. Also, Member McClish added, during Harbor Festival there will be the annual Harbor Fest Cup sailing race.

Member Griffin stated he is looking forward to the Harbor Festival.

Member Doughty stated it's been a typical summer on the bay, halibut are plentiful. Long range forecast looks like an El Niño for this winter, and not too early to check your pennant lines.

Chair Reisner announced the 10th Annual Morro Bay Sings event coming October 20, 2018 featuring your favorites from the 40 & 50's music, with silent and live auctions, food prepared by Tognazzini's and the Galley Restaurant. Tickets are \$50.00 per person, with \$40.00 going directly towards the Community Foundation of Estero Bay's mission.

PUBLIC COMMENT

<https://youtu.be/E3B4xVCxWHs?t=505>

The public comment period was opened and closed with no comments.

A. CONSENT AGENDA

<https://youtu.be/E3B4xVCxWHs?t=8m49s>

A-1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD ON, August 2, 2018

MOTION: Board Member McClish moved the August 2, 2018 Harbor Advisory Board minutes be approved. The Motion was seconded by Board Member Doughty and carried unanimously, 7-0.

B. REPORTS AND APPEARANCES

<https://youtu.be/E3B4xVCxWHs?t=9m21s>

B-1 HARBOR DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT

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

Member Meissen voiced her concern with the lack of communication given to the Morro Bay Yacht Club and the public regarding the Harbor Department charging for non-emergency tows.

C. BUSINESS ITEMS

<https://youtu.be/E3B4xVCxWHs?t=2744>

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

The public comment period was opened and closed with no comments.

Committee Chair McClish stated the boat storage and funding for the Marine Services Financial Feasibility study was approved to go forward by the City Council.

There was discussion by the Board.

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

<https://youtu.be/E3B4xVCxWHs?t=2905>

Public comment period was opened and closed with no comments.

Board and Committee Chair Reisner stated there is nothing to report at this time.

Chair Reisner asked Board Member Blackford to serve on the Finance & Budget Ad-Hoc Committee, which he accepted.

C-3 UPDATE FROM THE EELGRASS AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE'S RECENT ACTIVITIES AND REVIEW, INPUT AND RECOMMENDATION OF ANCHOR QEA'S DRAFT MORRO BAY CONCEPTUAL EELGRASS PLAN

<https://youtu.be/E3B4xVCxWHs?t=2984>

Public comment period was opened and closed with no comments.

Committee Chair Meissen expressed her gratitude to the eelgrass committee members generosity with their time and knowledge.

Chair Meissen stated the next steps are to get feedback on the proposed conceptual eelgrass plan from City Council and the Morro Bay National Estuary Program (NEP) before any more time or money is spent on consultants. The plan is scheduled to be presented to the NEP Board on September 9, and the Eelgrass Ad-hoc Committee will meet again on September 26, 2018.

Board Chair Reisner requested the committee to summarize for the public the reason for creating an eelgrass mitigation plan.

Lexi Bell, Executive Director of the Morro Bay NEP and Committee Member, gave a brief history of NEP and clarified their eelgrass monitoring process. Committee Member Bell explained the NEP Board Members will review the draft eelgrass plan on September 9th to determine what role they can commit to in participating in and with the plan, acknowledging that NEP is not a regulatory body.

Discussion by the Board and Committee Members on how and what path to take on obtaining Council direction.

Council Liaison, Matt Makowetski spoke in favor of submitting the plan to Council for direction.

C-4 INPUT ON THE HARBOR DEPARTMENT LEASE MANAGEMENT POLICY UPDATE PROCESS, AND NOMINATION OF TWO HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS TO SERVE ON A LEASE MANAGEMENT POLICY UPDATE GROUP

<https://youtu.be/E3B4xVCxWHs?t=5987>

The public comment period was opened and closed with no comments.

Harbor Director Endersby presented the staff report for item C-4 and received input from the Board. Consensus by the Board to add Ground vs. Building lease to the list of warranting “directive” or “implementation” documents.

Members Hansson and Blackford were nominated and accepted to serve on the Lease Management Policy update group.

C-5 ORAL UPDATE AND QUESTIONS/ANSWER ON STATUS OF LEASE SITES 37W (MEYER’S MORRO BAY MARINA), 69-70/69W-70W (MORRO BAY AQUARIUM, 90/90W (OTTER ROCK CAFÉ) AND 141 (UNITED STATES COAST GUARD)

<https://youtu.be/E3B4xVCxWHs?t=7304>

Harbor Director Endersby presented the staff report for item C-5 and responded to Board inquiries.

D. DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

<https://youtu.be/E3B4xVCxWHs?t=9581>

There was consensus to add the following to future addenda items.

Identify/review responsible parties for cleanliness of waterfront ground lease sites, public restrooms, and light posts

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

Review of TBID Assessment Funding

E. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next Regular Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 4, 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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