

AGENDA NO: A-1

MEETING DATE: March 5, 2020

MINUTES-MORRO BAY HARBOR ADVISORY
BOARD MEETING – December 5, 2019
VETERAN'S MEMORIAL HALL – 5:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Ron Reisner Chair
Mark Blackford Vice-Chair
Gene Doughty Member
Jeremiah O'Brien Member
Dana McClish Member
Cherise Hansson Member

ABSENT: Lynn Meissen Member

STAFF: Eric Endersby Harbor Director
Lori Stilts Harbor Business Coordinator

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

<https://youtu.be/yEoGA4MtHPU?t=38>

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m., with a quorum present.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CHAIR AND ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER, LIAISON ANNOUNCEMENTS

<https://youtu.be/yEoGA4MtHPU?t=134>

PRESENTATIONS

<https://youtu.be/yEoGA4MtHPU?t=548>

Presentation by Morro Bay Tourism Manager Jennifer Little on Morro Bay Tourism and the Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID) as they relate to the Morro Bay waterfront.

PUBLIC COMMENT

<https://youtu.be/yEoGA4MtHPU?t=1754>

The public comment period was opened.

Dan Murphy, who has a boat in Morro Bay, believes the quality of life for Morro Bay residents is being negatively impacted by tourism.

The public comment period was closed.

A. CONSENT AGENDA

<https://youtu.be/yEoGA4MtHPU?t=1850>

Unless an item is pulled for separate action by the Board, the following actions are approved without discussion. The public will also be provided an opportunity to comment on consent agenda items.

Chair Reisner pulled item A-2.

A-1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 5, 2019.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

MOTION: Board Member Doughty moved approval of item A-1. The Motion was seconded by Board Member Hansson and carried unanimously, 6-0.

A-2 HARBOR DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.

Chair Reisner requested more information regarding the lease site updates in item A-2. Director Endersby presented the staff report for item A2 and answered Member inquiries.

MOTION: Board Member Blackford moved approval of the consent agenda. The Motion was seconded by Board Member McClish and carried unanimously, 6-0.

B. BUSINESS ITEMS

<https://youtu.be/yEoGA4MtHPU?t=3986>

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

Chair McClish stated there is no update at this time.

B-2 UPDATE FROM THE FINANCE & BUDGET AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE'S RECENT ACTIVITIES, INPUT ON IMPORTANCE AND PRIORITIZATION OF HARBOR INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS SHOULD FUNDING BE MADE AVAILABLE, AND CONSIDERATION OF UTILIZING A PORTION OF THE CASTLE WINDS COMMUNITY BENEFIT AGREEMENT PAYMENT TO FUND A PORTION OF THE NEEDED COLEMAN PARK RESTROOM REBUILD

<https://youtu.be/yEoGA4MtHPU?t=4026>

Director Endersby provided an update on the Harbor Department's current fiscal budget.

Chair Reisner explained that Staff has asked the Board to rank the importance of the four infrastructure needs identified in the staff report using the provided score sheet.

Director Endersby provided background on the needs and funding for the Coleman public restroom rebuild and requested Board input on consideration to use a small portion of the Castle Winds Community Benefit Agreement payment to fund a portion of the rebuild.

MOTION: Board Member Blackford moved the Harbor Advisory Board recommends as appropriate the allocation of up to \$40,000 of the Castle Winds Community Benefit Agreement funds as matching funds to the State Parks Grant of \$200,000 for the rehabilitation or replacement, as determined by Staff, of the Coleman Restroom Project. The Motion was seconded by Board Member McClish and carried unanimously, 6-0.

Director Endersby presented the results of the Board's infrastructure needs ranking scores.

Ranking #1 - Maintaining existing commercial fishing-serving infrastructure such as the City's 50

slips and two t-piers, ice machine and miscellaneous items.

Ranking #2 - Existing Harbor Department infrastructure and capital needs such as the Harbor Office, storage/work yard and patrol boat replacement.

Ranking #3 - Maintaining existing general public-serving landside waterfront infrastructure such as public restrooms, observation piers, parking lots, sidewalks and the like.

Ranking #4 - Maintaining existing general boating public-serving infrastructure such as day use docks, the launch ramp and miscellaneous items.

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

<https://youtu.be/yEoGA4MtHPU?t=5649>

Member Hansson requested the Eelgrass committee submit a plan of action for the Board to weigh in the near future.

B-4 UPDATE ON HARBOR DEPARTMENT LEASE MANAGEMENT POLICY UPDATE PROCESS, AND HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD REVIEW AND INPUT ON DRAFT POLICY DOCUMENT

<https://youtu.be/yEoGA4MtHPU?t=5994>

The public comment period was opened.

Dan Murphy, requested Harbor Patrol pick up trash on the Sandspit, reduce use of the Harbor Patrol boats to help minimize climate change and for the Harbor Office to address jet aircraft traffic over the bay.

The public comment period was closed.

Director Endersby presented the staff report for item B-4 an update on harbor department lease management policy, requested input and responded to Member questions.

B-5 DISCUSSION AND PRIORITIZATION OF RESULTS OF HARBOR DEPARTMENT STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, OPPORTUNITIES AND THREATS ("SWOT") ANALYSIS AS DISCUSSED BY THE HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD ON NOVEMBER 7, 2019

<https://youtu.be/yEoGA4MtHPU?t=7270>

The Board took a short break.

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

Director Endersby presented the staff report for item B-5 the results of the SWOT from November 7, 2019.

Chair Reisner requested the Board use the provided score sheet and prioritize the SWOT goals from the bullet-point summation list attached to the agenda staff report.

Members shared their SWOT priorities and provided feedback.

Chair Reisner stated he would tabulate the score sheets and provide the list of priorities at the February HAB meeting.

There was continued Board discussion.

C. DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

<https://youtu.be/yEoGA4MtHPU?t=8851>

There was Board consensus to add the following to future agenda items:

Eelgrass Committee to propose an action plan to be included in the GPLCP update
Allocating Board Members to specific areas to increase public engagement
Discussion of the Castle Wind Community Benefit funds

Director Endersby provided an update on the Lighted Boat Parade and weather conditions.

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

D. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m. The next Regular Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in the Veteran's Memorial Hall located at 209 Surf Street, Morro Bay, California.

Recorded by,

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