

MINUTES-MORRO BAY HARBOR ADVISORY
BOARD MEETING – September 2, 2021
TELECONFERENCE – 5:30 P.M.

AGENDA NO: A-1

MEETING DATE: November 4, 2021

Harbor Advisory Board conducted this meeting in accordance with Section 3 of California Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-08-21 issued on June 11, 2021, in response to the present State of Emergency in existence due to the threat of COVID-19. This meeting was held via teleconference for all participants.

PRESENT: Cherise Hansson Chair
Gene Doughty Member
Christopher Vaile Member
Mary Witkowski Member
Cal Myers Member
Lynn Meissen Vice-Chair

ASBENT: Lori French Member

STAFF: Eric Endersby Harbor Director
Lori Stilts Harbor Business Coordinator

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m., with a roll call quorum present.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CHAIR AND ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER, LIAISON ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Meissen joined the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

<https://youtu.be/BYyBqFidaAU?t=721>

Newly billeted United States Coast Guard Station Morro Bay Senior Chief Ben Snider was introduced by Director Endersby. Chief Snider briefed the Board on his background and Station's current mission.

PUBLIC COMMENT

<https://youtu.be/BYyBqFidaAU?t=1017>

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

A. CONSENT AGENDA

<https://youtu.be/BYyBqFidaAU?t=1038>

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

- A-1 Approval of Minutes from the Harbor Advisory Board meeting held on June 3, 2021.
RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.
- A-2 Approval of Minutes from the Harbor Advisory Board meeting held on August 5, 2021.
RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.
- A-3 Harbor Department Status Report.

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file report.

MOTION: Board Member Doughty moved approval of the consent agenda. The Motion was seconded by Board Member Vaile and carried 5-0-1 by roll call vote. Member Meissen abstained.

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

B. BUSINESS ITEMS

<https://youtu.be/BYyBqFidaAU?t=1164>

There was Board consensus to move items B-4 and B-3 to the beginning of the business items.

B-4 HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD REVIEW AND INPUT ON CONVERTING SOME OF ALL OF THE COAST GUARD'S FLOATING AIDS TO NAVIGATION IN MORRO BAY HARBOR TO FIXED AIDS.

Director Endersby presented the staff report for item B-4.

Senior Chief Ben Snider spoke to the importance of coordination with the USCG Waterways Management Division.

Director Endersby responded to Board Member inquiries.

Member Witkowski requested if any environmental impact reports were available.

Member Meissen suggested if #4 is removed, possibly adding a light on the South Jetty.

Member Myers suggested keeping the dredging activity in mind when making a decision.

Member Vaile believes adding a light on the South Jetty would not work.

MOTION: Member Vaile moved to recommend the support of the fixed buoy concept pending further details. The motion was seconded by Member Meissen and carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

The public comment period was opened and closed with no comments

B-3 HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD REVIEW, GENERAL INPUT AND RECOMMENDED NEXT STEPS ON THE APRIL 26, 2021 MORRO BAY PUBLIC PARKING MANAGEMENT STUDY BY WALKER CONSULTANTS.

<https://youtu.be/BYyBqFidaAU?t=2822>

Director Endersby presented the staff report for item B-3.

City Manager Scott Collins provided a PowerPoint parking study presentation and responded to Board Member inquiries.

The public comment period was opened.

Bob Fowler, Embarcadero Master Leaseholders Association, stated the Association would like to be part of any committee formed to contribute to the decision-making process.

The public comment period was closed.

Member Doughty stated the Rock parking lot needs to open to local residents, possibly a yearly pass for surfers, opposed paid parking at the Rock and doesn't want it paved.

Member Vaile stated the overflow free parking in the triangle lot could impact the campers and museum parking, would like to see that any parking fees be reasonable, and there may be a problem with employees walking to their vehicles after hours with cash bags.

Member Hansson stressed her concerns regarding parking time limits.

City Manager Collins stated the parking study will tentatively be going to Council for review at the end of October, which gives HAB time to discuss this again to determine if there is general HAB support or not support for the parking recommendations provided.

MOTION: Member Vaile moved to create a Paid Public Parking Ad-Hoc Committee with members Vaile, Myers, and Hansson, and having Member Myers as the Chair. The motion was seconded by Member Hansson and carried 6-0 by roll call vote.

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

<https://youtu.be/BYyBqFidaAU?t=6543>

Committee Chair Vaile stated the committee has met a few times recently.

Member Myers discussed the past documentation.

Member Doughty left the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

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

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

<https://youtu.be/BYyBqFidaAU?t=7491>

Member Myers gave a brief update on the committee activities.

There was Board discussion.

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

B-5 HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT OUTREACH ASSIGNMENT REPORTING, AND CONSIDERATION OF SPECIFIC OUTREACH ON THE TOPICS OF PARKING MANAGEMENT/PAID PARKING ON THE WATERFRONT AND WHETHER OR NOT THE POWER PLANT STACKS SHOULD BE REMOVED.

<https://youtu.be/BYyBqFidaAU?t=7942>

Board Members presented their outreach reports.

Director Endersby stated Council approved staff to hire a facilitator to start the public process to take input on should the stacks stay or should they go and suggested the HAB members gather input during their public outreach.

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

C. DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

<https://youtu.be/BYyBqFidaAU?t=8798>

There were no new items declared.

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
- Eelgrass Committee to propose an action plan to be included in the GP/LCP update
- Discussion of the Castle Wind Community Benefit funds
- Review the RV Camping Program
- Consideration of a RV Camping Program AD-Hoc Committee

D. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m. The next Regular Meeting will be held on October 7, 2021, at 5:30 p.m.

Lori Stilts
Harbor Business Coordinator