

MINUTES-MORRO BAY HARBOR ADVISORY
BOARD MEETING – February 3, 2022
TELECONFERENCE – 5:30 P.M.

AGENDA NO: A-1
MEETING DATE: March 3, 2022

Harbor Advisory Board conducted this meeting in accordance with Assembly Bill 361 (2021-22) and Government Code section 54953 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
	Sean Green	Member
	Cal Myers	Member
	Jeremiah O'Brien	Member
	Christopher Vaile	Member
ABSENT:	Mary Witkowski	Member
STAFF:	Eric Endersby	Harbor Director
	Lori Stilts	Harbor Business Coordinator

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

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

<https://youtu.be/4BK-ggeopX0?t=44>

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CHAIR AND ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER, LIAISON ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS

<https://youtu.be/4BK-ggeopX0?t=95>

New Members Green introduced himself and provided background on his interest in serving on the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

<https://youtu.be/4BK-ggeopX0?t=1219>

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

A. CONSENT AGENDA

Unless an item is pulled for separate action by the Board, the following actions are approved without discussion.

A-1 Approval of Minutes from the Harbor Advisory Board meeting held on December 2, 2021.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

A-2 Harbor Department Status Report.

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file report.

MOTION: Board Member Myers moved approval of the consent agenda. The Motion was seconded by Board Chair Hansson and carried 5-0-1 by roll call vote, with Member Green abstaining.

B. BUSINESS ITEMS

<https://youtu.be/4BK-ggeopX0?t=1331>

B-1 UPDATE FROM THE PARKING MANAGEMENT/PAID PARKING AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE'S RECENT ACTIVITIES

Committee Chair Myers briefed the board on the committee's latest outreach to the Embarcadero community and leaseholders.

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

B-2 UPDATE FROM THE MARINE SERVICES AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE'S RECENT ACTIVITIES

<https://youtu.be/4BK-ggeopX0?t=2046>

Committee Chair Vaile confirmed the committee will discontinue efforts to establish a boatyard at this time and focus on other working waterfront-related marine services needs.

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

B-3 UPDATE FROM THE FINANCE & BUDGET AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE'S RECENT ACTIVITIES

<https://youtu.be/4BK-ggeopX0?t=2322>

Committee Vice-Chair Myers and Director Endersby spoke on the status of the revetment grant and explained after the first submission it was discovered the grant required a hard cost funding match. Without the match in the current budget, the application for the grant could not move forward in this current grant cycle.

Member Green volunteered to help the committee with grant writing in the future.

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

B-4 HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT OUTREACH ASSIGNMENT REPORTING

<https://youtu.be/4BK-ggeopX0?t=2744>

Chair Hansson requested members to provide an oral update pertaining to their public engagement contacts and possibly add any new groups.

Member Doughty - Recreational Fishing and Mariculture Businesses

Member O'Brien - Commercial Fishing, Morro Bay Rotary & Lions Clubs, Friends of the Morro Bay Harbor Department, City of Morro Bay Recreation Department and added the Chamber's Government Affairs Committee.

Member Vaile - Quota International, Cal Poly Sailing, MB Youth Sailing Foundation and Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board and added Los Osos Middle School & MB High School.

Chair Hansson - Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce, Embarcadero Leaseholders, Local Schools and added Tourist Business Improvement District.

Member Green - Planning Commission and Cal Poly.

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

B-5 CITY COUNCIL'S ADOPTED 2021-2022 GOALS AND ACTION ITEMS – GAP ANALYSIS OF THE HARBORWALK PUBLIC SPACE
<https://youtu.be/4BK-ggeopX0?t=3973>

Director Endersby presented the staff report and requested HABS input on the Harborwalk gaps shown from the City of Morro Bay Plan Morro Bay Lateral Access Technical Memo document.

MOTION: Member Doughty moved to accept the pathway plan from the Lateral Access Technical Memo, Figure 5A as presented. The motion was seconded by Member O'Brien and carried unanimously 6-0 by roll call vote.

There was Board consensus to keep Harborwalk signage modest.

MOTION: Member Myers moved to accept the pathway plan from the Lateral Access Technical Memo, Figure 5B as presented with a review to improve the safety aspect. The motion was seconded by Member Vaile and carried unanimously 6-0 by roll call vote.

MOTION: Member Hansson moved to accept the pathway plan from the Lateral Access Technical Memo, Figure 5D as presented, but request the Morro Bay Yacht Club to take down their privacy fencing and increase the sidewalk in front to 8 ft along their property. The motion was seconded by Member Myers.

There was Board discussion.

The Motion carried unanimously 6-0 by roll call vote.

There was Board consensus to leave the Harborwalk gap along South past the public boat launch ramp.

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

B-6 REVIEW OF PREVIOUSLY DECLARED HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS LIST TO RETAIN OR REMOVE ITEMS FROM CONSIDERATION
<https://youtu.be/4BK-ggeopX0?t=8460>

Director Endersby presented the staff report and requested HAB to provide input on removal or retention of previously declared agenda items.

MOTION: Member Myers moved to remove the following items from the Declared Harbor Advisory Board Future Agenda Items:

- Goals and Objectives – Working Waterfront Designation
- Measure D.
- Explore Benefits of Becoming a Harbor or Port District.
- Review of TBID (Tourism Business Improvement District) 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.

The motion was seconded by Member Vaile and carried unanimously 6-0 by roll call vote.

MOTION: Member Vaile moved to retain the following items from the Declared Harbor Advisory Board Future Agenda Items:
Wind Energy Generation off the Coast of Morro Bay
Creation of an Embarcadero Business District to Fund Harbor Infrastructure
Review the RV Camping Program
Consideration of an RV Camping Program Ad-Hoc Committee
The motion was seconded by Member Myers and carried unanimously 6-0 by a roll call vote.

B-7 ELECTION OF HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR, AND ESTABLISHMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIR AND MEMBER APPOINTMENTS
<https://youtu.be/4BK-qgeopX0?t=9350>

There was Board discussion to determine Chair and Vice Chair.

MOTION: Board Member Vaile moved to nominate Member Hansson as Chair of the Harbor Advisory Board for 2022. The Motion was seconded by Board Member Doughty and carried 5-1 by roll call vote, with Member Myers voting no.

MOTION: Board Member Vaile moved to nominate Member Myers as Vice-Chair of the Harbor Advisory Board for 2022. The Motion was seconded by Board Member Hansson and carried unanimously 6-0 by roll call vote.

Ad-Hoc Committee participation was clarified as below:

Paid Parking – Chair Myers, with Members Vaile & Hansson
Budget & Finance – Chair Witkowski, with Members Myers & Green
Marine Services – Chair Vaile, with Members O'Brien & Myers

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

C. DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
<https://youtu.be/4BK-qgeopX0?t=9990>

There was Board consensus to add discussion of potential Vistra Battery Project Community Benefits to the HAB's declared future agenda items.

D. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. The next Regular Meeting will be held on March 3, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

Lori Stilts
Harbor Department