

MINUTES-MORRO BAY HARBOR ADVISORY
BOARD MEETING – DECEMBER 7, 2023
VETERAN'S MEMORIAL HALL – 5:30 P.M.

AGENDA NO: A-1
MEETING DATE: March 7, 2024

PRESENT:	Cal Myers	Chair
	Cherise Hansson	Vice-Chair
	Mary Witkowski	Member
	Gene Doughty	Member
	Christopher Vaile	Member
	Jeremiah O'Brien	Member
ABSENT:	Sean Green	Member
STAFF:	Ted Schiafone	Harbor Director
	Lori Stilts	Harbor Business Coordinator

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

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The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m., with a quorum present.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CHAIR, ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER & LIAISON ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PUBLIC OUTREACH
REPORTING

PRESENTATIONS

https://youtu.be/ZJoHC5P5_Bs?si=dFKpz26T_-UhYqzI&t=896

Friends of the Morro Bay Harbor Department update and current fundraising opportunities, Bill Luffee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

https://youtu.be/ZJoHC5P5_Bs?si=xz74olbuYRILDFjv&t=1416

The public comment period was opened.

Jeff Eckles, resident of Morro Bay and former HAB Chair thanked the Board, Friends of the Morro Bay Harbor Department and Harbor staff for all that they do and is in favor of letting the kids jump off the pier into the bay outside the navigable channel.

The public comment period was closed.

A. CONSENT AGENDA

https://youtu.be/ZJoHC5P5_Bs?si=nEPCRwZMzrJ0THL2&t=1763

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 August 3, 2023.
RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.
- A-2 Approval of Minutes from the Harbor Advisory Board meeting held on September 7, 2023.
RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

A-3 Approval of Minutes from the Harbor Advisory Board meeting held on October 5, 2023.
RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

A-4 Harbor Department Status Report.
RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file report.

MOTION: Board Member Witkowski moved to approve the consent agenda. The Motion was seconded by Board Member Vaile and carried, 6-0-1 with Member Green absent.

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

B. BUSINESS ITEMS

https://youtu.be/ZJoHC5P5_Bs?si=u_ovcNbmoz60nJ-F&t=1815

B-1 HARBOR DIRECTOR – DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

Director Schiafone gave an oral report on recent Harbor affairs.

The public comment period was opened.

Bill Luffee, endorsed keeping control of the State Park Marina and the feasibility of dredging the marina.

The public comment period was closed.

B-2 UPDATE FROM THE COMMERCIAL VESSEL FEES AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE'S RECENT ACTIVITIES

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Committee Member Myers presented the Ad-hoc committee's report and responded to questions.

Recommendations:

- Create a new tiered pricing for larger commercial vessels
- If and when new commercial/industrial uses are established in Morro Bay, policies and procedures to be created to handle the new uses

Committee Member Myers elected to bring the report back with additional fee information before closing out the Ad-Hoc committee.

The public comment period was opened.

Council Member Landrum requested clarification on commercial fishing verses offshore wind use fees.

The public comment period was closed.

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

https://youtu.be/ZJoHC5P5_Bs?si=BFbQQNhwpYUt_nqG&t=4298

Committee Member Myers presented the Ad-hoc committee's report and responded to member inquiries.

Recommendations:

- No need to prohibit swimming and jumping off T-Pers
- Liability insurance be required for all vessels using the Harbor

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

C. DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

https://youtu.be/ZJoHC5P5_Bs?si=nURP9YjJoOBI5BNJ&t=5687

Cherise requested a parking ad-hoc committee be brought back in February 2024.

Director Schiafone stated he would speak with the City Manager to confirm the ad-hoc committee could be considered.

D. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Lori Stilts
Harbor Department