

MINUTES-MORRO BAY HARBOR ADVISORY
BOARD MEETING – MAY 2, 2024
VETERAN'S MEMORIAL HALL – 5:30 P.M.

AGENDA NO: A-2

MEETING DATE: August 1, 2024

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

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CHAIR, ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER & COUNCIL LIAISON ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PUBLIC

OUTREACH REPORTING

PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT

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The public comment period was opened.

Bill Luffee, Friends of the Morro Bay Harbor Department promoted the upcoming marine swap meet on June 29, 2024.

Drew Jacobson, mooring owner, expressed concerns for the new harbor skiff storage program.

Denise Jacobson, mooring owner, expressed concerns regarding Harbor staff and the recently implemented skiff storage program. She indicated that the program's guidelines are confusing and voiced her apprehension about potential difficulties in accessing her mooring.

Adam Battenburg, mooring owner, expressed support for the skiff program but requested clarification on certain language that he finds concerning.

Joel Silano, liveaboard, questioned the necessity of a new program, suggesting instead that the Harbor Department should focus on enforcing the existing program.

Anastasia Ruttschow, liveaboard, raised concerns that the new program may unfairly burden those who diligently pay their fees and highlighted issues regarding the availability of water resources and proper trash disposal facilities at the Tidelands dock.

Korrin Alpers, liveaboard, suggested specific revisions to the skiff storage agreement, by removing the 30-day modification clause without refunds, modifying the non-transferable sticker, proposed

assigning a sticker number to the mooring holder and requested the agreement be mailed rather than requiring in-person submission.

Jeff Odel, a Morro Bay resident, noted that Bayshore Park currently allows informal storage at no cost. He emphasized that the Board should recognize the city's liability for any accidents that may occur at this location and suggested implementing a storage fee.

Nancy Cooper, mooring owner, raised concerns regarding discrepancies between the promised skiff tie up and the current allocation of storage spaces with the new program, not accounting for two occupants of a mooring needing two skiff storage spaces.

The public comment period was closed.

A. CONSENT AGENDA

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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 February 1, 2024.
RECOMMENDATION: Approve as submitted.

A-2 Harbor Department Status Report.
RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file report.

MOTION: Board Member Vaile moved to approve the consent agenda. The Motion was seconded by Board Member O'Brien and carried unanimously, 7-0-0.

B. BUSINESS ITEMS

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B-1 HARBOR DIRECTOR – DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

Director Schiafone presented an oral department update report and responded to Board Member questions.

The public comment period was opened.

Bill Luffee, Morro Bay resident, commented on the Harbor department's legal fee line item being overbudget, and recouping the cost by passing it on to leaseholders in current negotiations.

The public comment period was closed.

B-2 COMMERCIAL VESSEL FEES AD-HOC COMMITTEE

<https://youtu.be/3HXw1vdLmmQ?si=tWw3f1B56XSLrm2O&t=4195>

Committee member Witkowski requested additional direction from Director Schiafone on what specific fees the committee should be reviewing.

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

B-3 MOORING FIELD AD-HOC COMMITTEE

<https://youtu.be/3HXw1vdLmmQ?si=LCAW09kDt7LX8zfK&t=4470>

Committee Member Myers gave a brief oral report on the committees last meeting.

Committee Member's Vaile and Doughty discussed the major issues and possible remedies the committee will examine.

The public comment period was opened.

Devon Hatcher, Morro Bay resident, expressed interest in establishing a mooring inspection business and inquired if there were any new environmental laws concerning barges and inspection equipment.

The public comment period was closed.

C. DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

<https://youtu.be/3HXw1vdLmmQ?si=rCnnlIttOHWkCuRj1&t=5149>

Member Witkowski requested to bring back the skiff storage program for review. There was Board consensus.

Member O'Brien requested a broader approach concerning the skiff storage program item, which would include the maintenance complaints heard during public comment. Chair Myers and Member Green agreed.

D. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Lori Thompson
Harbor Department