

MINUTES-MORRO BAY HARBOR ADVISORY
BOARD MEETING – MARCH 6, 2025
VETERAN'S MEMORIAL HALL – 5:30 P.M.

AGENDA NO: A-1
MEETING DATE: May 1, 2025

PRESENT:	Cal Myers	Chair
	Cherise Hansson	Vice-Chair
	Jeremiah O'Brien	Member
	Gene Doughty	Member
	Sean Green	Member
	Marshall Witkowski	Member
STAFF:	Yvonne Kimball	City Manager
	Chris Munson	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 - None

PUBLIC COMMENT

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The public comment period.

Bill Luffee, member of the Morro Bay Otter Club, announced the pilot program of a mobile sauna located at Coleman Park.

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 Harbor Department Status Report.

Chair Myers pulled item A-1 for discussion.

MOTION: Board Chair Myers moved to approve the consent agenda. The Motion was seconded by Board Member O'Brien and carried 6-0-0.

B. BUSINESS ITEMS

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B-1 CALIFORNIA MARINE AFFAIRS & NAVIGATION CONFERENCE (CMANC)

Harbor Director Munson presented the staff report for item B-1 and responded to Member inquiries.

The public comment was open and closed with no comments

B-2 CITY COUNCIL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES UPDATE, AND RECEIPT OF HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD INPUT FOR THE UPCOMING GOALS AND OBJECTIVES SETTING PROCESS

https://youtu.be/ipCld_VyGxU?si=RslGIIN8jyS4MuaW&t=1544

City Manager Kimball presented a power point presentation for item B-2 and responded to member inquiries.

Director Munson briefly clarified the board's action item requests that will be forwarded to City Council for approval.

There was Board discussion and goals set for public infrastructure.

MOTION: Board Vice Chair Hansson moved to approve the following Public Infrastructure goals.

1. Public Infrastructure
 - A. Immediate Repairs to Boat Ramp (Phase 1)
 - B. Tidelands Facility Inspections of Public Areas and Lease Sites
 - C. ~~Refurbish/Replace Light Posts on Embarcadere~~
 - D. Address Mooring Inspection and Engineering Needs
 - E. Assess the Feasibility of State Park Marina Dredging
 - F. Continue effort to rehabilitate Coleman Park/bathrooms and erosion along the harbor walk as well as other areas surrounding Morro Rock access.
 - G. Working waterfront, Harborwalk pathway implement HAB recommendation

The Motion was seconded by Board Chair Myers and carried 6-0-0.

Continued Board discussion and goals set for economic vitality.

MOTION: Board Vice Chair Hansson moved to approve the following Economic Vitality goals.

2. Economic Vitality:
 - A. Stay engaged in OSW seeking payment for staff time and resources
 - B & E. Pursue grant funding opportunities for city owned harbor infrastructure
 - C .Paid Parking Program at the Rock
 - D.To pursue creating an ad hoc committee for harbor vitality opportunities with pertinent stakeholders.

The Motion was seconded by Board Chair Doughty and carried 6-0-0.

Continued Board discussion for goals 3 and 4.

3. Housing and Homelessness-none
4. Community Outreach
 - Conduct joint council/advisory meetings
 - Consider advisory reports to Council.

MOTION: Board Chair Myers moved to approve the Housing and Homelessness and Community Outreach goals as is. The Motion was seconded by Board Member Witkoski and carried 6-0-0

The public comment period was opened.

Bill Luffee spoke to the importance of dredging the Back Bay Park Marina and the Coleman Park restroom.

The public comment was closed.

B-3 APPROVAL OF EXCUSED ABSENCE REQUEST FOR BOARD MEMBER WITKOWSKI

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MOTION: Board Member Green moved to excuse Member Witkowski's absence from the February 6, 2025, HAB meeting. The Motion was seconded by Member Myers and carried 6-0-0.

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

C. DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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There was HAB consensus to add to the future agenda list the following:

Create an ad-hoc committee for harbor vitality opportunities.
Commercial fishing slip qualifications.

D. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Lori Thompson
Harbor Department