

AGENDA ITEM: VII-A _____

DATE: 4-21-2010 _____

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**CITY OF MORRO BAY
PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY BOARD
SYNOPSIS MINUTES**

(Complete audio- and videotapes of this meeting are available from the City upon request)

Veterans Memorial Hall
Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

209 Surf Street, Morro Bay
Wednesday, March 17, 2010

Matt Makowetski, Chair

June Krystoff-Jones, Vice Chair
Bill Olson
Susan Shaw

Jenny Brantlee
Richard Rutherford
John Zweemer

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Members Present: Matt Makowetski, June Krystoff-Jones, Jenny Brantlee, and John Zweemer

Members Absent: Bill Olson, Susan Shaw, and Richard Rutherford

Staff Present: Rob Livick, Janeen Burlingame and Cathy Weaver

II. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Makowetski called for a moment of silence.

III. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA: Accepted as presented

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Brantlee announced the upcoming Spring Cleanup starting with Morro Bay Beautiful's Yard Sale on April 10th and 11th, followed by Clean Up Week from April 12th through the 16th.

V. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: Council Person Noah Smukler gave a presentation on a Downtown Enhancement Project being done jointly with Cal Poly's City and Regional Planning Graduate Class and the City. He explained the Council's appointed subcommittee had been looking at different visioning documents that were put together over the last 30 years, and they would compile that information into one document. A number of meetings are planned: A stakeholders meeting will be held March 18th, 2010, 6:pm at the Yacht Club; on April 5th the Cal Poly Class will be doing an inventory; April 14 – will be a Community Workshop, 5 pm at the Community Center; April 28th – will be a Community Workshop, 6 pm at the Community Center; and the June 7th, 2010, Planning Commission Meeting, the Cal Poly Students will attend. Noah said he could be reached at 772-7668 for more information.

Presentation by the Citizens Tree Committee regarding Landmark Trees and the Master Street Tree List. Tree Committee Chair Noah Smukler gave some background information on the Tree Committee. Noah introduced two other Tree Committee Members who would add to the presentation. Taylor Newton, a landscape professional, defined what a Landmark or Heritage Tree could be. Questions raised included: Of those 20 types of trees is the Committee looking at adding more or deleting some; Brantlee noted she was on the Historical Society and would love adding Landmark trees to their Historic Walking Tours; Krystoff-Jones suggested the City at least provide consulting for designation of private trees or some kind of outreach; what is meant by specimen tree; Brantlee suggested a Calendar of Historic Trees.

MOTION: Makowetski to forward recommendation from the Community Tree Committee to the Planning Commission (Brantlee 2nd). Krystoff-Jones suggested it be cleaned up first, take out the inconsistencies, make it more concise; and just move the concept forward; keep the Public Works Advisory Board in the loop so we see the changes they take to the Planning Commission.

MOTION: Makowetski revised his motion to approve the Community Tree Committee's concept with the following addendums: make the report more concise; provide staff consulting support for private tree designations; educate private owners on how to take care of Landmark trees; and add the definition of a specimen tree. (Brantlee 2nd).

Vote: 4-0

Noah Smukler gave a report on the City's Master Tree List for City Trees. He also introduced Wally McCray who gave some background information on how the City's Master Tree List came about.

MOTION: Makowetski to approve The Tree Committee's recommended Master Tree List as a concept plan; with the Committee making the list more concise as needed and specifying reasons why trees are on the list (Zweemer 2nd). Brantlee noted there was a list on page one that needed to go with the tree list. It was determined that the Community Tree Board would do more work on the list and then bring it back.

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. Approval of Minutes from the February 17, 2010, Meeting – MOVED AFTER FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

VIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT/INFORMATION ITEMS: Makowetski asked about the State Water Delivery numbers, water conservation measures, and the new historical water information and ability to pay water bills online. Brantlee asked if new home owners could access the past water usage information? The Morro/Chorro water/nitrate issue? Krystoff -Jones asked how many property owners are we talking about? Makowetski thanked Livick for street repairs done on Bonita.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Consideration of Proposed Transit Service Changes. Burlingame gave her staff report presentation. Her recommendation was that the Public Works Advisory Board recommend the City Council approve changes to Morro Bay Dial-A-Ride and trolley services as outlined in Exhibits A, B and C.

The three options being considered are:

- Reduce MBDAR service hours (not recommended);
- Establish year round fixed route trolley service and reduce MBDAR service hours (\$24,000 of general accumulation funds);
- Establish year round fixed route trolley service and eliminate MBDAR service. Start on May 3rd (\$5,600 of general accumulation funds).

Burlingame introduced Susan Brown from the Transit Service office, and Eliane Guillot from SLO Council of Governments. Questions raised included: Is there a taxi service that serves Morro Bay? Could the City provide help getting seniors qualified for the ADA Transit Service? Where would the stop on Piney Way be? Would there be flagged stops in addition to regular stops? What does fare box recovery ratio mean? How do people pay for their ride? Why are we using trolleys instead of Dial-A-Ride vehicles? Will any jobs be lost? Will Run-A-Bout pick up the slack in our ridership?

MOTION: Makowetski for the Public Works Advisory Board to recommend the City Council approve changes to Morro Bay Dial-A-Ride and trolley services as outlined in Exhibit A, B and C (Krystoff-Jones 2nd). Vote: 4-0

MOTION: Krystoff-Jones for the Public Works Advisory Board to recommend the City Council approve Option 2 (Zweemer 2nd). Vote: 3-1

Makowetski opened public comment for Barbara Dour, who spoke in favor of the Dial-A-Ride Service. Burlingame explained the public noticing process for this issue.

X. OLD BUSINESS: None

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Main and San Jacinto Intersection (Brantlee), Bike Plan Update (Livick), Lost Water and how we rebate those costs (Wade), South Bay and Quintana Intersection Update (Livick). Fairs for Transit Services (Burlingame). City Facility Tour (Staff), Storm Water Management Plan Status Report (Livick), Water Conservation (Wade), Collection System Repairs (Randall). Pavement Management Plan (Livick)

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. Approval of Minutes from the February 17, 2010, Meeting

MOTION: Brantlee to approve minutes as presented (Makowetski 2nd)

Vote: 4-0

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting at the Veteran's Hall on Wednesday, April 21, 2010, at 6:00 pm.