

**CITY OF MORRO BAY**  
**HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD**  
**SYNOPSIS MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the City of Morro Bay Harbor Advisory Board was held Thursday, November 4, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Veteran's Hall, 209 Surf ST, Morro Bay, California.

**I. ROLL CALL**

Present:	Members:	Brett Cunningham Gene Doughty Bill Luffee Lynn Meissen Jim Phillips Elaine Serda
	Absent:	Michele Leary
	Staff:	Susan Lichtenbaum, Harbor Business Manager Eric Endersby, Harbor Operations Manager Polly Curtis, Office Assistant

**II. MINUTES**

Mr. Luffee moved the October 7, 2010 Harbor Advisory Board minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Ms. Meissen and carried unanimously.

**III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Bill Yates was asked by the Board to give his opinion on the Embarcadero traffic issue. Mr. Yates said he recalled this discussion beginning in 1992, but he did not feel there was a problem with the traffic on the Embarcadero, as he usually only waits 60-70 seconds behind a truck before he can pass. He said this is just his opinion and he will respect the Board's opinion.

**IV. PRESENTATIONS AND ACTION ITEMS**

**IV-1. Discussion of Loading Zones on the Embarcadero (continued)**

Ms. Lichtenbaum reviewed the Item, which has been continued at the Board's request from the October meeting. She said the Board requested more information from Police and Public Services, and Police Chief Olivas is present to update the Board on statistics. Staff recommends the Board review the issues relating to loading zones and deliveries on the Embarcadero as they relate to traffic delays during peak times, and make a recommendation to the City Council as to what kind of action, if any, should be proposed.

Chief Olivas reviewed the procedures for creating a new parking ordinance for delivery trucks on the Embarcadero, and updated the Board on the accident statistics on the Embarcadero, none of which involved delivery trucks.

Discussion by the Board concerning a temporary trial period of delivery truck loading zones with time limits in particular locations; the criteria for continuing or discontinuing such a trial; the potential for a future accident involving pedestrians; business owners generally not wanting a loading zone in front of their business; the problem of monitoring truck traffic possibly by use of volunteers; and the issue of higher traffic on weekends.

Two separate motions were made but died due to lack of a second, or were withdrawn. Further discussion by the Board.

**MOTION:** Mr. Luffee moved to recommend to City Council that no changes be made regarding loading zones on the Embarcadero. The Motion was seconded by Ms. Meissen, and passed with a vote of 5 to 1, with Mr. Doughty opposed.

The Board agreed by consensus that Staff would meet with the Embarcadero business owners to see if merchants would talk to their vendors about voluntary guidelines for setting delivery time guidelines and weekend restrictions.

**V. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**V-1. Harbor Department Status Report**

Ms. Lichtenbaum and Mr. Endersby briefed the Board on the following topics:

**Beach Lifeguard Towers**

**City Council Action**

**Vessel Turn-In Program**

**Lighted Boat Parade December 4**

**Marine Interest Group**

**Lady Washington November 19-21 Docked at Marina Square**

**Cannery Demolition**

**VI. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

Ms. Lichtenbaum said she will report back to the Board any progress with the Embarcadero loading zones after Staff meets with the Merchants' Association. Board members asked Ms. Lichtenbaum about the new owners of the power plant, and she said the sale might not be completed yet, but she will give the Board information when she finds out. Mr. Doughty said the dredge made a good break for surfers with the sandbar, and the entrance channel seems clear. Mr. Endersby said he watched the entrance for a long period of time the other day with 22-24' seas and the waves only broke all the way across the entrance a few times; so the dredging did its job.

**VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**Dec: Cancellation of January 7, 2011 Harbor Advisory Board Meeting  
Boat Yard Project Update**

**Feb: Presentation on the ITQ Program and Community Based Fishing Issues  
State Park Marina Update**

**Mar: News Racks**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Submitted by,

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Harbor Department