

CITY OF MORRO BAY
HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD
SYNOPSIS MINUTES

The regular meeting of the City of Morro Bay Harbor Advisory Board was held Thursday, March 1, 2012 at 7:00 PM in the Veteran's Hall, 209 Surf ST, Morro Bay, California.

I. ROLL CALL

Present:	Members:	Brett Cunningham Gene Doughty Jeff Eckles Bill Luffee Lynn Meissen Jim Phillips
	Absent:	Mandy Davis
	Staff:	Eric Endersby, Harbor Operations Manager Polly Curtis, Office Assistant

II. MINUTES

Mr. Doughty moved the February 2, 2012 Harbor Advisory Board minutes be approved as submitted. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Luffee and carried unanimously.

III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman Phillips announced that Susan Lichtenbaum passed away on February 26, 2012. He said many people will miss her and her contribution to the Harbor Department and the City of Morro Bay. Thoughts and prayers go out to her family.

Ms. Nancy Castle said Susan Lichtenbaum lived next door to her in one of the adobes on Creston Lane years ago. She said she is very saddened that Sue has left us, and that the community will miss her presence. To honor her, a labyrinth is being created at St. Peter's Episcopal Church on a plot of land with a tree in the center. Ms. Castle is requesting donations from local fishermen and boaters of rope for the border, asking for any length of pieces to total 450 feet, preferably the 1-3" diameter size. Please contact Ms. Castle at 441-5770.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

IV-1. MBNEP Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan Update

Ms. Lexi Bell, Assistant Director of the Morro Bay National Estuary Program, said the program is designed to protect and restore the estuary waters and surrounding areas. She reviewed the draft of the Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan (CCMP) for the Board. She said the plan is about ten years old, and now there are new techniques and approaches to restoration and water quality which have been incorporated into the new Plan. The draft can be reviewed at www.mbnep.org and people can submit comments on the website, or contact the office at 772-3834 until the closing date on April 15, 2012. There will be a final public meeting on the CCMP on March 6, 2012 from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Morro Bay Community Center. The Board asked Ms. Bell about any major upcoming projects. Ms. Bell said there are several ongoing projects, including climate change effects in the estuary, fresh-water flow conservation, rainwater catch and reuse as well as gray water reuse; some of these projects the NEP works with the California Conservation Corps. She said the main staff e-mail address is staff@mbnep.org where you can request to be on the notify list for a newsletter.

IV-2. Hold-Over of South Bay Hookers License Agreement

Mr. Endersby reviewed the situation of the License Agreement, requesting the Board to discuss and approve enacting the hold-over clause in the agreement for a one-month period. Minor discussion by the Board. **Motion:** Mr. Luffee moved to approve the enactment of the hold-over clause for one month for the current License Agreement with South Bay Hookers. The Motion was seconded by Ms. Meissen and carried unanimously.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

V-1. Discussion of Launch Ramp Parking Annual Permit

Mr. Endersby reviewed the background of the pay parking for vessel trailers and towing vehicles at the public boat launch ramp, which was enacted in spring 2010. In spring 2011, the Board recommended an annual permit system for an annual fee of \$100 per vehicle. The first permit was sold on December 23, 2011, and to date there have been 13 permits purchased. He said the bugs seemed to have been worked out of the solar system of the cash machine, and the process is running smoothly. He recommended no changes. Chairman Phillips requested a report after July 1, 2012 on the launch ramp parking permit system.

V-2. Harbor Department Status Report

Mr. Endersby briefed the Board on the following topics:

Power Plant Fuel Tank Removal Project

Sewer Lift Station on Front Street

SPM Dredging

North T-Pier Project

Commercial Slip Qualification Waiver Appeal

Patrol Boat 68 Repairs

C-MANC Washington DC

Harbor Department Reorganization

Events:

SurvivOars FUNdraiser

Miracle Mile for Kids

Blessing of the Fleet, April 22

Celebrate Morro Bay Parade & Morro Bay Kite Festival, April 28

VI. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Mr. Doughty said he thought the repairs to Harbor Patrol Boat #68 was a temporary fix and that a new boat would be necessary as soon as possible. Mr. Endersby said he completely agrees. Councilmember Borchard said there may be possible grant funding sources through Working Waterfronts on the Central Coast; Congresswoman Lois Capps introduced this legislation, titled Keep America's Waterfronts Working Act of 2011 (HR3109).

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

April: C-MANC Washington DC

Harbor Department Staffing Changes

South Bay Hookers License Agreement

May: Harbor Department Budget Review

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Submitted by,

Polly Curtis
Harbor Department