

SYNOPSIS MINUTES - MORRO BAY PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 20, 2011  
VETERANS MEMORIAL HALL – 6:00 P.M.

Chairperson Makowetski called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT:	Matt Makowetski	Chairperson
	Richard Rutherford	Board Member
	Ron Burkhart	Board Member
	William Olson	Board Member
	Stephen Shively	Board Member

STAFF:	Rob Livick	Public Services Director
	Barry Rands	Associate Engineer

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER  
MOMENT OF SILENCE / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS

Makowetski announced receipt of a letter from Rick Deshler concerning safe route to school on Greenwood Avenue regarding opposition to sidewalks on Greenwood Avenue.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Noah Smukler invited all to attend the Central Coast Stand Up Paddling (CCSUP) Cup, a series of watercraft races to be held this Saturday at the Rock benefitting the Junior Lifeguard Program. For more information, contact Matt Hudgens, owner of CCSUP.

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

A-1 Approval of minutes from the August 18, 2011 meeting

MOTION: Burkhart moved to approve the August 18, 2011 minutes. The motion was seconded by Shively and carried unanimously. (5-0).

A-2 Director's Report/Information Items

Burkhart stressed the need to make the e-request form on the City's website more user friendly especially in regards to entering the phone number.

Livick stated that the e-request form will be undergoing a major revision to encompass requests for all departments, instead of just routine street maintenance requests.

Makowetski reviewed with Livick the information items on the Director's Report.

A-3 Advisory Board Handbook and By-Laws

MOTION: Shively moved to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Burkhart and carried unanimously. (5-0).

B. OLD BUSINESS - None

C. NEW BUSINESS

C-1 Bicycle and Pedestrian Draft Master Plan (Rands) – Recommendation: Approve concept and provide comments as necessary.

Rands presented the staff report giving an overview of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Draft Master Plan including a discussion of existing facilities and program goals such as:

- Introduce a “complete streets” policy into the transportation planning process
- Improve the safety and convenience for cyclists and pedestrians throughout Morro Bay
- To close the gaps in our bikeway network
- To increase the overall percentage of trips made by bicycle and foot to, from and within the City of Morro Bay

Olson addressed the issue of underused facilities and stated that he sees bike paths are not often used or he sees bicyclists using the Boardwalk with their bikes instead of designated paths. Olson also stated if money is being spent on bike paths, then we should get someone to use them.

Makowetski opened Public Comment period.

- Christine Johnson, resident of Morro Bay, spoke in favor of the Draft Bike & Pedestrian Plan and stated this is good for business because it both helps market Morro Bay as a biking destination for tourists and also serves residents by meeting their daily transportation needs. Mrs. Johnson suggested that the City should focus its efforts on the east side San Jacinto corridor as the priority safe route for children biking and walking to Del Mar Elementary School.
- Amy Burton, resident of Morro Bay and Safe Routes to School Volunteer Coordinator, spoke in favor of the Bike Plan. She noted that 2 additional bike racks were added to Del Mar School due to overcrowding and agreed with Mrs. Johnson’s comments. Mrs. Burton stated a revision is needed to the Plan because they did not receive the Safe Routes to School grant. She also suggested the City should focus its efforts on improving the safety of the east side San Jacinto corridor to Greenwood as well as crosswalks and signage on streets west of Greenwood and east of San Jacinto.
- Dan Revoir, Executive Director of the SLO County Bike Coalition and resident of San Luis Obispo asked for PWAB support and recommendation to the City Council of the Draft Bike & Pedestrian Plan to the City Council.

Makowetski closed Public Comment period.

MOTION: Burkhart moved that we recommend to move this forward to the City Council for approval. The motion was seconded by Shively and carried unanimously. (5-0).

D. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: City Facility Tour (Staff), Water Conservation (Wade), Collection System Repairs (Wade).

Board members and staff reviewed future agenda items.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. to a Special Meeting touring City Facilities starting at the Public Services Department on Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. and then the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held at Veteran's Memorial Hall on Thursday, December 15, 2011, at 6:00 p.m.