

AGENDA ITEM: A-1

DATE: October 18, 2012

ACTION: APPROVED

SYNOPSIS MINUTES - MORRO BAY PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING – AUGUST 16, 2012  
VETERAN’S HALL – 6:00 P.M.

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

PRESENT:	Matt Makowetski	Chairperson
	Bill Olson	Board Member
	Richard Rutherford	Board Member
	Stephen Shively	Board Member
ABSENT:	Ron Burkhart	Vice-Chairperson
STAFF:	Andrea Lueker	City Manager

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

Chairperson Makowetski asked Rob Livick to give an update on the Cal Trans bush trimming on Highway 1 near San Jacinto and Yerba Buena. Livick explained the shrub removal is part of a maintenance project and read a recent press release by Cal Trans. The contractor is Madrone Landscape with expected completion by end of summer. For more information contact Cal Trans at 549-3318 or 549-3189.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chairperson Makowetski opened public comment period.

Jennifer Ford, resident of Morro Bay, addressed for reconsideration of the City’s Pavement Management Plan and the lack of pedestrian safety when walking in the neighborhood especially regarding street potholes and road conditions. Ford asked the Board to reconsider and review the plan and make sure residents have a voice and are better represented.

Chairperson Makowetski closed public comment period.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A-1 Approval of Minutes of May 23, 2012 - Recommendation: Approve minutes.

MOTION: Rutherford moved to approve the May 23, 2012 minutes. The motion was seconded by Olson and carried unanimously. (4-0).

A-2 Director’s Report/Information Items - Recommendation: Receive and file.

Rob Livick reviewed the Director’s Report with Boardmembers discussing the status of the WWTP Upgrade Coastal Commission appeal. Information is available at the WWTP Upgrade page on the City’s website and Livick invited the Board and public to attend a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) meeting.

Boardmembers also discussed with Livick monthly water production data and the various sources of State water, brackish water and salt water. Livick also gave an update on the street rehabilitation work on Main Street and contractor work being done.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

## NEW BUSINESS

C-1 Review of the Morro Bay Northern Waterfront Implementation Plan to Include Morro Rock Parking Lot - Recommendation: Review and discuss proposal and provide recommendation(s) to City Council.

Livick presented the staff report.

Boardmember Shively questioned why the Public Works Advisory Board was reviewing what seems like a Parks and Recreation project. Livick responded that it is based on direction to staff from City Council to bring this item to the advisory boards including Recreation & Parks Commission, Harbor Advisory Board and Public Works Advisory Board.

Boardmember Olson stated this important tourist area should emphasize tourists versus locals, since tourists more typically frequent this area. Boulders are too large and obstruct the view. This is a very windy area for BBQ and picnic spots. He does not support a fence railing due to view obstruction. Concrete benches are not comfortable and need to be kept clean. He also does not support volleyball courts due to space and whether they would get sufficiently used. He stated these would likely get more use from locals which could be located someplace else as this area should focus on tourists.

Chairperson Makowetski stated that although he agrees with Olson mostly, he differs on the issue of basketball courts as he is found them to be highly used each time he has been there.

Boardmember Shively stated that he agrees with Olson regarding the boardwalk railing as that could hinder view. Shively also stated the BBQ pit needs to be looked at as maybe vendor could be moved elsewhere. The boardwalk although a nice feature really goes nowhere. He stated the asphalt of the parking lot could become a cost and maintenance issue. Shively also stated this is a nice plan and agreed with Olson's comments emphasizing tourists who frequent these areas and the wind factor. Shively stated an asphalt parking lot would be a nice addition as well as handicap access. Shively also stated that trash maintenance could be handled by the street sweeping services.

Boardmember Rutherford agreed that the boulders do cut off the view.

Chairperson Makowetski stated this plan would go well with the ramp stairs or Harborwalk project but expressed concern about funding. Makowetski stated it is important to be a waterfront friendly town and supports having a bridge right across the creek in order to tie in North Morro Bay with the Embarcadero area. He agrees with the issues regarding parking, wind and supports the volleyball courts idea. He is concerned about potential for increased trash and vehicular runoff and the need to mitigate those issues.

Boardmember Olson expressed concern if the Rock parking lot is paved and the potential for closing the parking area during bad weather as State Parks does with the Coleman Drive parking lot.

Chairperson Makowetski opened Public Comment period.

Bill Woody, resident of Morro Bay spoke regarding the Rock Parking Lot Plan he and his wife, Toni Woody, designed. He emphasized that their goal with this plan was, since the Rock is a unique coastal feature, to make it a more family friendly place, increase tourists and hopefully help the economy of this area. He is open to suggestions for revision and stated he is doing this for free.

Linda Merrill, resident of Morro Bay, asked if a workshop could be scheduled to allow people to look at the plan to give suggestions and prioritize points of the plan.

Livick stated workshops will be held as part of the master planning process.

Chairperson Makowetski closed Public Comment period.

MOTION: Shively moved to accept the proposal and pass on with the concerns brought up by the individual PWAB Boardmembers to City Council.

The motion was seconded by Rutherford and carried unanimously. (4-0).

C-2 Review of Street Sweeping in the City of Morro Bay, contract and status - Recommendation: To continue the current street sweeping practices secured by the City of Morro Bay under contract until January 31, 2015.

Livick presented the staff report noting the issue of residential neighborhoods with poor street conditions with no curb and gutter and the street sweeper pushes along the road edge which disturbs the pavement due to lack of asphalt berm.

Livick discussed with Boardmembers the Stormwater permit requirement in regards to street sweeping and the best management practice (BMP).

Boardmember Olson stated he agrees with the conclusion on page two.

Chairperson Makowetski recommended providing more street sweeping services in the commercial areas which get higher use. If the sweeper is doing more harm to some of the residential areas, it may be more beneficial to keep the schedule to the downtown and Embarcadero areas and limit sweeping in the residential areas that don't have that firm street base. This may save money on future street maintenance costs as well as save money in the yearly sweeping contract.

Boardmember Rutherford asked whether cost savings could be diverted to a fund to pay for curb or road edge installations. Livick clarified this is general fund money and cost savings are absorbed into the general fund.

MOTION: Makowetski moved to continue street sweeping in downtown and Embarcadero areas of town as contracted now and limit street sweeping in the residential areas of town and ask staff to use those additional monies to be saved to be put into a fund for road edging improvements as needed.

The motion was seconded by Shively and carried unanimously. (4-0).

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m. to the next scheduled meeting to be held at the Veteran's Memorial Hall on Thursday, August 16, 2012, at 6:00 p.m.