

**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 1, 2012 at 6:00 PM in the Veteran's Hall, 209 Surf St, Morro Bay, California.

**ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER**

Present:	Members:	Brett Cunningham Gene Doughty Jeff Eckles Bill Luffee Dana McClish Jim Phillips
	Absent:	Lynn Meissen
	Staff:	Eric Endersby, Harbor Director Lori Stilts, Harbor Business Coordinator

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CHAIR AND ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Carla Borchard, City Council liaison to the Harbor Advisory Board, informed the Board this would be her last meeting. She wanted to thank all members of the Board for serving on the Board and giving her the opportunity to be here representing the City Council. Chairman Phillips thanked Ms. Borchard on behalf of the Board and staff.

**A. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A-1 MINUTES**

Mr. Doughty moved the October 4, 2012 Harbor Advisory Board minutes be approved as submitted. The Motion was seconded by Mr. McClish and carried unanimously.

**B. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**B-1 Harbor Department Status Report**

Harbor Director Endersby briefed the Board on the following:

**Nick Howell Memorial Bench  
State Park Marina Dredging  
Reserve Recruitment  
North T-Pier Repair  
Central Coast Women for Fisheries Sculpture  
PG&E Seismic Imaging Project**

**B-2 Report on Status of Boatyard Development Project**

Mr. Endersby briefed the Board that this has been a high priority to the Board and City Council, but that funding has always been the primary unresolved issue.

Mr. Cunningham asked if the greater cost of these permits had to do with environmental issues. Mr. Endersby responded that depending on what habitat requires mitigation in addition to permitting with the Coastal Commission and Army Corps of Engineers the cost of hiring a consultant to get through the process would be a large cost of the project.

Mr. McClish asked what agencies or Green Port for funding staff has looked into. Mr. McClish further stated that being a harbor town having a boatyard is a necessity. Mr. Endersby replied that certainly staff could explore alternative funding sources. Chairman Phillips also agreed with Mr. McClish.

Mr. Cunningham agreed with Mr. McClish and Chairman Phillips and stated that boatyards are profitable if ran correctly, with the Santa Barbara boatyard as a prime example. Mr. Cunningham would like to table the topic for further discussion. Mr. McClish agreed this should be a continued conversation.

Chairman Phillips, Mr. Cunningham, and Mr. Luffee stated that they would like to keep the boatyard as an open agenda item. Mr. Endersby agreed to leave it on as old business and discuss it as information comes available.

Mr. Eckles stated that he knows the Harbor Department is short staffed and that perhaps in 90 days staff could come back with a scaled down version of what has been proposed in the past with the funding and other challenges included.

Mr. Luffee asked Ms. Borchard if she knows where the City's interest lies to get a future boatyard built. Ms. Borchard stated that the City Council is in receipt of the Harbor Advisory Board's request to consider re-convening the New Futures Group and that the boatyard could come into play on the power plant property.

Chairman Phillips asked Mr. Endersby if it would be feasible for Staff to bring a report back in 90 days with possible phasing ideas for this project. Mr. Endersby responded in the affirmative.

Chairman Phillips concluded with asking to bring this issue back possibly in March with a plan to phase the project. Mr. Cunningham agreed as long as funding options are included.

**B-3 Report on Property Boundaries from Harbor Department to Morro Creek**

Mr. Endersby briefed the Board on the topic of the property boundaries from approximately the Harbor Department to Morro Creek:

The property boundaries from our office to North Embarcadero were shown on a map projected on an overhead projector with the boundaries outlined. Chairman Phillips asked how long the lease is with Dynegy for the gear and storage yards. Mr. Endersby responded that he believed it was 20 years and possibly 50 years but didn't have the lease information in front of him.

Endersby identified the various public property and power plant property ownership lines in and around the plant property.

**C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**D. NEW BUSINESS**  
None.

**E. DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**Mar: Boat Yard/Haul Out**

**May: Harbor Leases**

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Submitted by,

Lori Stilts  
Harbor Business Coordinator