

AGENDA NO: A-1

MEETING DATE: February 7, 2013

CITY OF MORRO BAY

HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD

SYNOPSIS MINUTES

The regular meeting of the City of Morro Bay Harbor Advisory Board was held Thursday, December 6, 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
 Lynn Meissen
 Jim Phillips
 Eric Endersby, Harbor Director
 Polly Curtis, Office Assistant

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CHAIR AND ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Meissen said the new sailing vessel ocean-racing calendar is on the Yacht Club website for PHRF eligible vessels. Mr. McClish said the Central Coast Maritime Museum is underway restoring the Tug Alma, with a goal toward displaying her with the other vessels. Chairman Phillips reminded everyone that the rescheduled Lighted Boat Parade will take place this Saturday, December 8.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Bill Blue, local fisherman, said he owns and fishes two qualified fishing vessels. He is requesting the Board to consider changing the Harbor Rules and Regulations to allow fishermen owning more than one qualified vessel to keep either one in their assigned slip. Mr. Blue said there are four or five other commercial fishermen in this same situation. Mr. Randy Kann, local commercial fisherman, said he also fishes two qualified vessels, but alternates the boats from a trailer. He said this is costly and would prefer to alternate the boats from his slip.

Brief discussion by the Board and Mr. Endersby. The Board agreed to agendaize the topic, and will continue the discussion during Future Agenda Items.

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

A-1 MINUTES

Mr. Eckles moved the November 1, 2012 Harbor Advisory Board minutes be approved as submitted. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Doughty and carried unanimously.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS

B-1 Harbor Department Status Report

Mr. Endersby briefed the Board on the following topics:

State Park Marina Dredging Completion

PG&E Seismic Imaging Project

Panga Boats

Harbor Patrol Training: Night Ops and K38 Class

Upcoming Events

Lighted Boat Parade, December 8

Cayucos New Year's Day Polar Bear Dip

B-2 Presentation on National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant for Fishing Community Sustainability Planning and Development

Mr. Endersby briefed the Board on the background, saying that in January 2012, the City applied for and was awarded a \$135,000 grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to execute a Fishing Community Sustainability Plan for the cities of Morro Bay and Monterey. He asked Mr. Rick Algert to continue the topic.

Mr. Rick Algert, retired Harbor Director and current consultant for the City of Morro Bay, said he has been working with the firm who was awarded the contract to research and create the Sustainability Plan, Lisa Wise Consulting (LWC). He reviewed the history of the Community Quota Fund and the Individual Trawl Quota Program (ITQ).

Mr. Algert said a kickoff meeting for the project will be held on January 7, 2013 at the Vet's Hall in Morro Bay at 6:30 p.m., which is a public workshop where the draft report will be presented, and all input is welcome. He reviewed a slide presentation, which outlined the key infrastructure needs of the Community Sustainability Plan: 1) Boat repair/boatyard facilities, 2) Fuel docks and supplies, 3) Ice, 4) Dry storage, 5) Freezer/cold storage, 6) Berthing for commercial fishing vessels, and 7) Processing facilities.

Discussion by the Board. Chairman Phillips thanked Mr. Algert for his presentation.

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

C-1 Continued Discussion of Boatyard/Haulout Ideas and Options

Mr. Endersby briefed the Board on the special City Council meeting last night, where an agreement was reached with Dynegy that included a one-acre portion of property across from Great American Fish Company, which is intended to be used as overflow parking.

Mr. Cunningham said he spoke with the operator of the boatyard in Santa Barbara who is willing to attend a future Harbor Advisory Board meeting to discuss various options for building a boatyard in Morro Bay, as well as Travel Lift sizes, physical footprint requirements, drainage, environmental concerns, etc. Discussion by the Board on phasing in small boat storage, and possible locations for a boat haulout, Travel Lift, and pier.

Motion: Mr. Luffee moved to form a three-member subcommittee of Brett Cunningham, Gene Doughty, and Dana McClish to study the feasibility and alternative sites for a boat haulout and Travel Lift in Morro Bay. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Doughty and carried unanimously.

C-2 Continued Discussion of a Friends of the Harbor Department as a Fundraising Mechanism for Department Projects and Needs

Mr. Luffee said he plans to have a report by the February Harbor Advisory Board meeting. Discussion by the Board on funding programs for a future boatyard.

D. NEW BUSINESS

D-1 Cancellation of January, 2013 Harbor Advisory Board Meeting

Motion: Mr. Luffee moved to cancel the January 2013 Harbor Advisory Board meeting. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Cunningham and carried unanimously.

E. DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Feb: Boatyard/Haulout Subcommittee Report
Discussion of Slip Regulations for Fishermen Owning Two Boats
Friends of the Harbor Department Report
Presentation by Santa Barbara Boatyard Owner, Damon Hulst

Mar: Review of Harbor Lease Sites

F. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.
Submitted by,



Polly Curtis
Harbor Department