

CITY OF MORRO BAY

HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD

SYNOPSIS MINUTES

The regular meeting of the City of Morro Bay Harbor Advisory Board was held Thursday, February 7, 2013 at 6:00 PM in the Veteran's Hall, 209 Surf ST, Morro Bay, California.

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

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| Present: | Members: | Gene Doughty Jeff Eckles Bill Luffee Dana McClish Jim Phillips (Vacant Seat) |
| | Absent: | Lynn Meissen |
| | Staff: | Eric Endersby, Harbor Director Polly Curtis, Office Assistant |

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CHAIR AND ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

Chair Phillips announced that Mayor Jamie Irons will be the liaison for Council and the Harbor Advisory Board. He said Brett Cunningham's term expired, and he has stepped down from the Board. There is a vacant seat for the commercial fishing area of interest. Terms were also expired for Chair Phillips and Mr. Luffee who both returned to the Board after City Council appointment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Nancy Castle, President of the Morro Bay Historical Society, said a presentation will be made by local commercial fisherman Jeremiah O'Brien and his wife Trudy at St. Peter's By-the-Sea Episcopal church this Sunday, February 10th at 5:00 p.m. The O'Briens will talk about their fishing experiences as well as personal stories. Contact Nancy at 441-5770.

Mr. Brian Stacy, local commercial fisherman, requested the Board to agendize the topic of PG&E's seismic survey plans and lack of mitigation to local fishermen.

Mr. Bill Martony, local resident, said it is extremely important for this community to build a haulout facility, and the location could be near the Maritime Museum.

Mayor Jamie Irons said this is his first meeting as liaison to the Harbor Advisory Board, and he will try to participate as much as possible; he looks forward to hearing the Board's input on the Goal Setting Workshop, asking for Board members' participation.

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

A-1 MINUTES

Mr. Eckles moved the December 6, 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

Mr. Endersby briefed the Board on the following topics:

North T-Pier Repair Project

New Harbor Patrol Vessel

Dockwalker Training

CMANC Winter Meeting

CAHMPC Board of Directors Meeting

Mexican Pangas

City of Morro Bay Goal Setting Workshops March 11 & 13

Upcoming and Past Events

Lighted Boat Parade Review (Dec 8, 2012)

Cayucos New Year's Day Polar Bear Dip

Tall Ships Lady Washington and Hawaiian Chieftain Feb 13-18

Website: www.historicalseaport.org

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

C-1 Boatyard/Haulout Subcommittee Change

Chair Phillips said the Subcommittee would need to be changed to an Ad-Hoc committee if the current committee wishes to allow members of the public who are not on the Harbor Advisory Board to participate. He asked for comments from the public.

Mr. Brett Cunningham, former Harbor Advisory Board member, said he is still interested in helping the committee move forward on a boatyard/haulout facility in Morro Bay.

Motion: Mr. McClish moved to disband the existing Boatyard/Haulout Subcommittee and form a Boatyard/Haulout Ad-Hoc Committee. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Doughty and carried unanimously.

D. NEW BUSINESS

D-1 Harbor Department Rules & Regulations; Discussion of Slip Regulations for Fishermen Owning Two Boats

Mr. Endersby reviewed the process of qualifying for a slip by commercial fishermen. He said there is currently no language in the Harbor Rules & Regulations allowing one fisherman who owns two fishing vessels to swap out either boat in his slip. There are three commercial fishermen who now own two boats and have separate slips for each boat.

Mr. Endersby said several changes would have to be made to the Municipal Code, Rules & Regulations, and Rental Agreement, and that this would require City Council approval as well as City Attorney review. He said the exact fiscal impact is unknown, but would likely be minimal provided it was not a large number of slip holders with two boats participating.

Chair Phillips asked for comments from the public. Mr. Cunningham said there is potential for people to cheat out those fishermen waiting for a slip, by selling their boat to another person who gets to stay in that slip. Mr. Endersby agreed, saying the Rules & Regulations will need to be written to keep that issue from occurring.

Discussion by the Board on the number of vessels to allow one commercial fisherman for each slip. Mr. Randy Kann, local fisherman, said allowing just two vessel would be sufficient.

Motion: Mr. Eckles moved that City Council eliminate the single vessel restriction for City slip rentals, and expand to multiple qualified fishing vessels for each slip. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Luffee, and failed to carry by a vote of 3 to 2 against.

Motion: Mr. Eckles moved that City Council eliminate the single vessel restriction for City slip rentals, and allow owners of two qualified commercial fishing vessels the ability to keep either vessel in their slip. The Motion was seconded by Mr. McClish and carried unanimously.

D-2 Election of Harbor Advisory Board Chair and Vice Chair

Motion: Chair Phillips moved to nominate Mr. Eckles as Chair of the Harbor Advisory Board. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Luffee and carried unanimously.

Motion: Mr. Doughty moved to nominate Mr. Luffee as Vice Chair of the Harbor Advisory Board. The Motion was seconded by Mr. McClish and carried unanimously.

Chair Eckles appointed Mr. McClish, Mr. Doughty, and Mr. Cunningham as the three members of the Boatyard/Haulout Ad-Hoc Committee, requesting a report by the committee to be presented at the March Harbor Advisory Board meeting.

E. DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mar: Boatyard/Haulout Subcommittee Report

**Morro Bay Community Quota Fund Report by Mr. Rick Algert
Status of PG&E's Lower-Energy Seismic Testing and Mitigation**

Apr: Review of Harbor Lease Sites

F. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Submitted by,



Polly Curtis
Harbor Department