



AGENDA NO: A-2

MEETING DATE: June 2, 2016

CITY OF MORRO BAY

HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD

SYNOPSIS MINUTES

The regular meeting of the City of Morro Bay Harbor Advisory Board was held Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 6:00 PM in the Veteran's Hall, 209 Surf ST, Morro Bay, California.

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

Present:	Members:	Gene Doughty Bill Luffee Neal Maloney Dana McClish Lynn Meissen Alan Alward (MBCFO Rep.)
	Absent:	Ron Reisner
	Staff:	Eric Endersby, Harbor Director Polly Curtis, Office Assistant

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CHAIR AND ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

<https://youtu.be/uEfLwbxpMbU?t=2m48s>

Mr. Alward said a seafood advocacy group have worked towards a reduction of monitoring on trawlers in the East Coast, and NOAA has now reduced the required observers from 100% down to 14% for those East Coast trawlers. He also said the Blessing of the Fleet in Morro Bay was a success.

Mr. Luffee said the Friends of the Harbor Department will be paying the trucking costs for a used surplus and free Lifeguard tower from Santa Cruz Harbor and transporting it here; it will be placed near the outfall area at the Rock lot, making a third Lifeguard tower for Morro Bay.

Mr. Maloney said his oyster company performs monthly cleanups in the bay, and the NEP is holding quarterly cleanups when the public can volunteer. He said information can be found on their website www.morrobayoysters.com or call MB Oyster Company if trash is seen in the bay, and he will take their boat out to retrieve it.

Mr. McClish posted a flyer with information on the Yacht Club Summer Sailing Program, and he reviewed the details for classes, saying people can call 772-3981 for information. He said a scholarship for the sailing program was created by the Morro Bay Youth Sailing Foundation, who joined with Legend's bar for a fundraiser in the name of Avery Danley. A free raffle for two scholarships for the Summer Sailing Program will be held during Del Mar School's Open House on May 26 from 5:15 to 6:00 PM.

Mr. McClish also said the Yacht Club will host Safe Boating Day on May 21 for the US Coast Guard Auxiliary which will feature the Coast Guard, Harbor Patrol, Fish & Wildlife, Sheriffs boat, and the Friends of the Morro Bay Harbor Department.

PUBLIC COMMENT

<https://youtu.be/uEflWbxpMbU?t=10m20s>

Mr. John Gillespie, owner of the fishing vessel Wind Walker, commented on his code enforcement issue with Liveboards on his boat on the T-Pier, and requested Harbor Advisory Board assistance.

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

A-1 MINUTES

<https://youtu.be/uEflWbxpMbU?t=16m7s>

Mr. Doughty moved the Revised March 3, 2016 Harbor Advisory Board minutes be approved with the revisions by Harbor Staff. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Alward and carried unanimously.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS, REPORTS, AND APPEARANCES

B-1 Harbor Department Status Report

<https://youtu.be/uEflWbxpMbU?t=19m6s>

Mr. Endersby briefed the Board on the following topics:

Recent Department Activity

Harbor Patrol 27 Emergency Responses

Rescue on Morro Rock, April 7

USLA Lifeguard Academy

MPA Meeting Attended by Kelly and Shaffer, April 20

CIRP Meeting, April 22

New Hire Trude Kyle, Administrative Assistant, April 26

Recent City Council Activity

Decided Against Additional Marine Sanctuary Forums

Certificate of Appreciation to LWC – Pontarelli

Lease Site 87-88/87W-88W for RFP

Upcoming Events

Blessing of the Fleet, May 1

Commercial Salmon Fishing Opener, May 1

Dredge Yaquina Arrives, May 1

Miracle Miles for Kids, May 7

Cruisin' Morro Bay Car Show, May 6-8

Amgen Tour of California Starts in Morro Bay, May 18

Safe Boating, May 21

Discussion by the Board and Mr. Endersby.

C. BUSINESS ITEMS

C-1 Update from the Marine Services Facility/Boatyard Ad-Hoc Committee on Committee's Recent Activities

<https://youtu.be/uEflWbxpMbU?t=34m56s>

Mr. McClish reported that he met recently with Mr. Endersby and Mr. Terry Simons, who represents a potential boatyard developer, about possible ideas and improvements on the current boatyard concept plans. He said Mr. Simons had already spoken with the City Manager and the Community Development Manager prior to this, and it was a productive meeting. Mr. McClish said the Committee would like to continue with the Feasibility Study as well as looking at all other business interests and ideas for a marine services facility.

C-2 Update from the Finance & Budget Ad-Hoc Committee on Committee's Recent Activities

<https://youtu.be/uEfLwbxpMbU?t=43m39s>

Mr. Maloney said the Ad-Hoc Committee has not met since the prior Harbor Advisory Board meeting, but he did meet with Mr. Endersby to discuss the forecast for the next Fiscal Year budget. He reviewed the projected revenues and expenses, and the capital accounts.

Mr. Endersby continued the discussion with budget details, including the Accumulation Fund and the percentages of annual expenses for the Harbor Department. He reviewed the capital projects list, and said the Ad-Hoc Committee will look at the capital facility/equipment forecast and review a plan and funding.

C-3 Update from the Eelgrass Ad-Hoc Committee on Committee's Recent Activities

<https://youtu.be/uEfLwbxpMbU?t=56m46s>

Mr. Maloney said the Ad-Hoc Committee has not met since the last Harbor Advisory Board meeting. He discussed the legislation of SB1363, and possible funding for eelgrass restoration projects. He said the Committee will continue to collect information on eelgrass banking opportunities.

C-4 Update from the Marine Sanctuaries Ad-Hoc Committee on Committee's Recent Activities

<https://youtu.be/uEfLwbxpMbU?t=1h2m8s>

Mr. Alward said the Ad-Hoc Committee has not met since the last Harbor Advisory Board meeting, but he reviewed a report by Committee member Reisner. He reviewed the City Council Agenda Item C-3 and public comment at their meeting of April 12, saying the Council will not support additional future public forums on marine sanctuary issues. Mr. Alward said future county-wide forums may possibly be sponsored by the Morro Bay Commercial Fisherman's Organization, but that is under discussion.

Public Comment:

Mr. Jeremiah O'Brien, Morro Bay Commercial Fisherman's Organization, read a letter from the Tribal Chairman of the Santa Ynez band of Chumash, Kenneth Kahn, which stated opposition to Congresswoman Capps' support of the proposed Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary nomination.

Discussion by the Board, members asked Mr. Alward to keep the Board informed on possible future public forums, and the Board will keep the public updated.

C-5 Updated Draft Work Plan for 2016/2017 City Council Goal Objectives for Harbor Advisory Board Review, Input and Recommendation

<https://youtu.be/uEfLwbxpMbU?t=1h12m36s>

Mr. Endersby reviewed the background of Council Goal Objectives, and requested the Board's recommendations on each Objective as related to the Harbor. He said this is a work in progress and is still under revision. He said three Objectives have been added, which he is seeking the Board's input on tonight, and those are as follows:

- a. Human Observer Requirement in Groundfish Fishery
- b. Working Waterfronts
- c. Eelgrass Mitigation

Mr. Endersby reviewed the first new Objective: Support changes in the human observer requirement to participate in the trawl sector to the West Coast Groundfish Fishery. Discussion by the Board.

He reviewed the second new Objective: Create a "Working Waterfront" policy for Morro Bay, and pursue "Working Waterfront" designations or guidelines. Discussion by the Board.

He reviewed the third new Objective: Consider pursuing changes to eelgrass regulation and mitigation in Morro Bay to the benefit of the resource and community. Discussion by the Board.

Mr. Maloney with Board consensus recommended changing the language in the third goal to include, "Eelgrass Banking."

Public Comment:

Mr. Jeremiah O'Brien, representative of the Directors of the Morro Bay Community Quota Fund, gave the Board a brief overview of the Catch Share Program and the Quota Fund for Groundfish in the trawl sector only.

Further discussion by the Board and Mr. Endersby on all the goals and objectives listed for the Harbor Advisory Board review.

MOTION: Mr. Alward moved that the Harbor Advisory Board endorse the "Updated Draft Work Plan for 2016/2017 City Council Goal Objectives for Harbor Advisory Board Review, Input and Recommendation" as presented on May 5, 2016 by Staff with the amendments made during the course of the review by the Harbor Advisory Board, including the language on "Eelgrass Banking." The Motion was seconded by Mr. McClish and carried unanimously.

D. DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

<https://youtu.be/uEfLwbxpMbU?t=1h53m52s>

Consensus by the Board to Add:

Goals and Objectives – Working Waterfront Designation
Measure D

Previously Declared:

Commercial Slip Qualification Relief for Crab Permit Holders
City Code Enforcement for Boats on Trailers on Private Property
Back Bay Water Use Public Forum
Coast Guard Building Location Plans
Inspecting Marine Sanitation Devices on All Vessels in Morro Bay Harbor

E. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Submitted by,



Polly Curtis
Harbor Department