



AGENDA NO: A-1

MEETING DATE: September 1, 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, August 4, 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
 Ron Reisner
 (MBCFO Rep.)
 Absent: Eric Endersby, Harbor Director
 Staff: Polly Curtis, Office Assistant
 Lori Stilts, Harbor Business Coordinator

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CHAIR AND ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

Chair Luffee announced that on August 6th at 3:00 PM, the Unitarian Church at 220 Lawton Street in San Luis Obispo will show the film, "Best of Big Blue Live" followed by discussions in favor of the Proposed Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary. Presenters include the Chair of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Committee, the Sierra Club, and Chumash leaders.

Chair Luffee announced the Friends of the Harbor Department movie night at the Rock will take place on November 5th this year and the two films will be: "Strange Rumbblings in Shangri-La" and "Vertical Lines."

Mr. McClish announced the Galleon San Salvador, sponsored by the San Diego Maritime Museum and the Central Coast Maritime Museum, will be docked in Morro Bay at the South T-Pier for ten days, through October 9th this year and will be open to the public for tours. Volunteers will spend eight-hours in training, and should contact either of the maritime museums to sign up. Mr. McClish is hoping to notify all the Morro Bay boating community to join together as a fleet to welcome the San Salvador into the bay.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

A-1 MINUTES

Mr. Doughty moved the June 2, 2016 Harbor Advisory Board minutes be approved as submitted. The Motion was seconded by Ms. Meissen and carried unanimously.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS, REPORTS, AND APPEARANCES

B-1 Harbor Department Status Report

Mr. Endersby briefed the Board on the following topics:

Recent Department Activity

Harbor Patrol Statistics

Sinking Bayliner, June 16

Army National Guard Survival Training, June 20

JR Lifeguard Sessions, Morro Bay and Cayucos

Lifeguard Rescues

Lifeguard Tower Zero at Outlet

Lifeguard Competition, Won 5th Year in a Row

Fishing Season: Crab, Albacore, Squid, Baitfish

Recent City Council Activity

Coast Guard Building, Option 1

Approved FY16/17 Budget

Approved Master Lease with Morro Bay Oyster Company LS144/144W

Recent Events

Fourth of July

Rock to Pier Run

Upcoming Events

National Night Out, August 2

C. BUSINESS ITEMS

C-1 Update from the Marine Services Facility/Boatyard Ad-Hoc Committee on Committee's Recent Activities, and Consideration of Proposal Update from Mr. Terry Simons

Mr. McClish summarized recent meetings with Larry Newland of the Central Coast Maritime Museum and with Mr. Terry Simons of Simons Construction Management. He introduced Mr. Simons, saying he will make a presentation to the Board.

Mr. Terry Simons gave the Board a handout updating his progress on a Concept Plan for a multi-use maritime facility on the City's Triangle Lot, which included various designs and drawings [handout not included in the Harbor Advisory Board Agenda packet]. He also presented slides of the Concept Plan, and gave the Board a detailed explanation of all the possible uses and configurations of a multi-use facility in Morro Bay.

Discussion by the Board, Mr. Endersby, and Mr. Simons.

MOTION: Chair Luffee moved to request Mr. Simons bring to the September 1, 2016 Harbor Advisory Board meeting a financial analysis with a phased approach on a boatyard/haulout facility and full maritime center. The Motion was seconded by Mr. McClish, and carried with a vote of 5 to 1 with Mr. Doughty voting no.

Further discussion by the Board, Mr. Endersby, and Mr. Simons.

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

Mr. Maloney said the Ad-Hoc Committee has met twice since the last Harbor Advisory Board meeting, first in June, which was a conference call with Bob Leland of Management Partners Consulting firm. Mr. Leland outlined the firm's major goals, which in part was to look at the fiscal health of the Harbor over the next ten years with major concern of FY2017 when there is no money in the accumulation fund. He was directed to create an analytical tool for the purpose of tracking and forecasting the Harbor budget. The Committee wanted to understand the underlying assumptions Management Partners used to make the forecast.

During the second meeting, Mr. Leland had said the three major indicators were as follows:

1. Where the revenues were headed over the next ten years;
2. What type of influences could affect the Harbor financially; and
3. Capital investments over a long period.

Mr. Maloney said in the second meeting, Mr. Leland provided the information for his current working forecast model, and went into more depth of the assumptions used to make his forecast, answering all the questions put to him by the Committee. Mr. Leland requested that the Committee continue to supply him with updated information and figures so he can fine-tune his working model, agreeing with the Committee that the outcome is only as good as the information that goes into it. Mr. Maloney said the City will use the outcome of this forecast to make important decisions that will affect the Harbor, and for this reason it is imperative that the assumptions used for the model continue to be updated and accurate.

Further discussion by the Board.

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

Ms. Meissen said the Ad-Hoc Committee was established as an educational committee. She said eelgrass is a very important resource for the bay; it serves many functions in the bay, but throughout the world eelgrass is decreasing in estuaries. Replanting projects have failed.

Ms. Meissen said the Morro Bay National Estuary Program (NEP) informed the Committee of a number of ongoing research projects, mostly done by Cal Poly; some of these projects and studies focus on mapping, water quality, monitoring of the eelgrass and the conditions, genetic research, fish and crab populations in the bay, and Brant geese counts. She said grants from various sources totaling \$86,000 have funded this research and applications are out for further grants.

Mr. Doughty said Cal Poly Professor Dean Wendt, who is in charge of research, sent over a draft manuscript of a study being done by Carly Ewan on the impact of elevated temperatures on eelgrass beds in Morro Bay. He said there are a lot of studies going on at Cal Poly and there should be some informative results.

Mr. Maloney said Senator Monning authored Senate Bill (SB) 1363 which required the Ocean Protection Council (OPC) in coordination with the State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) to establish a program to restore eelgrass in order to mitigate the impacts of global warming on the ocean and on California's coastal plant and animal species. He said the Senate Bill is still to go to the Assembly Floor for a final vote, but there appears to be little or no opposition; this could open up funds for further research.

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

Chair Luffee repeated his announcement of the film and meeting organized by proponents of the Proposed Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary on August 6th at 3:00 PM in the Unitarian Church in San Luis.

C-5 Development of a "Working Waterfront" Policy for Morro Bay

Mr. Endersby reviewed the Harbor Advisory Board Goals Work Plan Elements to help guide the process for developing a Working Waterfront Policy for Morro Bay, which includes first researching and developing a draft Policy for City Council consideration, and then designating a Working Waterfront Policy. Mr. Endersby reviewed his findings from the National Working Waterfront Network's website, which could be used as a guideline for this process.

After Mr. Endersby listed several options for the Board to proceed, there was discussion by the Board.

MOTION: Chair Luffee moved to form a Working Waterfront Ad-Hoc Committee to construct Working Waterfront Guidelines for the City of Morro Bay. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Maloney and carried unanimously.

The Working Waterfront Ad-Hoc Committee members will be: Mr. Doughty, Mr. McClish, and Mr. Reisner.

C-6. Input on Harbor Department Sea Otter Awareness Activities and City Participation In Sea Otter Awareness Week 2016

Mr. Endersby stated that Sea Otter Awareness Week will take place from September 18-24 this year. He proposed one night with speakers and presenters which could include a spokesperson from the Natural History Museum. Harbor Patrol will be involved, as well as possible other agencies such as the NEP, State Parks, Fish & Wildlife and the Sealife Stewards (a new group with State Parks).

Discussion by the Board included suggestions for using interactive signs at kiosks at Target Rock for educational purposes; informing children by using outreach packets to schools; having Camp Keep instructors include sea otter awareness in their program; and possibly posting signs on buoys and the shoreline stating: "Do Not Throw Rocks at Otters."

D. DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Consensus by the Board to Add:

Update on Waterfront Lease Site Improvements/Projects
Working Waterfront Ad-Hoc Committee as Standing Agenda Item

Previously Declared:

Goals and Objectives – Working Waterfront Designation
Measure D
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

Discussion by the Board: Chair Luffee requested to see the Measure D Agenda Item at the upcoming September meeting.

E. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Submitted by,



Polly Curtis
Harbor Department