

MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 27, 2016  
JOINT MEETING OF THE MORRO BAY  
CITY COUNCIL, PLANNING COMMISSION  
AND HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD  
MORRO BAY VETERAN'S HALL  
209 SURF STREET – 4:00 P.M.

PRESENT:	Jamie Irons John Headding Christine Johnson Noah Smukler	Mayor Councilmember Councilmember Councilmember
	Robert Tefft Gerald Luhr Michael Lucas Joseph Ingraffia Richard Sadowski	Planning Commission Chair Planning Commissioner Planning Commissioner Planning Commissioner Planning Commissioner
	Bill Luffee Dana McClish Gene Doughty Lynn Meissen Joe Conchelos	Harbor Advisory Board Chair Harbor Advisory Board Member Harbor Advisory Board Member Harbor Advisory Board Member Harbor Advisory Board Member
ABSENT:	Matt Makowetski Ron Reisner Neal Maloney	Councilmember Harbor Advisory Board Member Harbor Advisory Board Member
STAFF:	David Buckingham Joe Pannone Dana Swanson Scot Graham Eric Endersby	City Manager City Attorney City Clerk Community Development Director Harbor Director

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was established by the City Council with all but Councilmember Makowetski present.  
A quorum was established by the Planning Commission with all members present.  
A quorum was established by the Harbor Advisory Board with all but Members Reisner and Maloney present.

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA ITEM:

- I. REVIEW OF THE CENTENNIAL PARKWAY AND EMBARCADERO DRAFT DESIGN PLANS  
[https://youtu.be/CX\\_6qrVd2\\_8?t=28s](https://youtu.be/CX_6qrVd2_8?t=28s)

Community Development Director Graham introduced Debbie Rudd and Scott Martin of RRM Design Group, who presented the draft design plans and responded to questions from the Council and advisory boards. (The slide presentation can be found [here](#).)

Following the presentation, Planning Commission and Harbor Advisory Board members had an opportunity to provide individual input.  
[https://youtu.be/CX\\_6qrVd2\\_8?t=47m26s](https://youtu.be/CX_6qrVd2_8?t=47m26s)

PUBLIC COMMENT

[https://youtu.be/CX\\_6grVd2\\_8?t=1h20m49s](https://youtu.be/CX_6grVd2_8?t=1h20m49s)

Fred Brown, Morro Bay, spoke on behalf of chess club participants and requested at least three chess tables be added to Centennial Park.

Rigmor, Morro Bay, suggested a simple design with rounded stairs and no funicular.

Lynda Merrill, Morro Bay, asked for clarification on proposed use of street ends and suggested the design be sensitive to maintenance needs.

Sean Green, Morro Bay, spoke on the importance of improving the view corridor in the central Embarcadero area.

Larry Truesdale, Morro Bay, appreciated the plan was more amenable to pedestrian traffic. He favored the boardwalk design, fire pits, a concert venue, and eliminating vehicle traffic along that portion of the Embarcadero, possibly with a one-way trolley route. He opposed a funicular due to maintenance concerns.

Fred Brown, Morro Bay, asked if the restrooms would be eliminated.

The Public Comment period was closed.

The Council and advisory board members provided closing comments and staff reviewed proposed next steps. It was agreed RRM Design Group would take input received at both the joint and regular meetings and consolidate that information into a single draft plan. That draft plan would be reviewed by the Harbor Advisory Board and Planning Commission to allow further community input, then forward recommendations to the Council.

No formal action was taken by the Council or advisory boards.

ADJOURNMENT

The joint meeting of the City Council and Planning Commission concluded at 5:49 p.m.

Recorded by:



Dana Swanson  
City Clerk