

**MINUTES
RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION
CITY OF MORRO BAY
FEBRUARY 7, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Joan Solu at 5:13 p.m.

In the absence of Chair Winter and Vice-Chair House, Commissioner Solu entertained a motion to select a Chair to preside over the meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Mahan and seconded by Commissioner Hensley to have Commissioner Solu preside over the meeting. M/S/C (Mahan/Hensley).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioners Mahan, Hensley, Hale, Solu, Wenger, Vaughan; Staff Lueker, Woods, Wright.

ABSENT: Commissioner Munoz (excused).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alex Britton, Melissa Martinez, Claire Nordhus, Niko Yaroslaski, Phillip Nordhus, Steven Beasley, Estero Bay Youth Coalition – concerned about second hand smoke at Morro Bay parks and support smoke free outdoor areas.

Christina Lefevre, County Tobacco Control Program – working with members of the Estero Bay Youth Coalition regarding their concerns for smoke free outdoor areas.

Dana Putman, Morro Bay – representing the Surfrider Foundation and concerns with the proposed Boat Access area and Boat Yard.

Sandra Brazil, Morro Bay – Harborwalk is an area to enjoy, not an area for a Boat Yard, industry or nature?

Joey Raccano, Morro Bay – urged Commission to take a look at the Marine Life Protection Act. Estero Bay is a State Marine Reserve.

Pandora Nash-Karner, Los Osos – encouraged the Commission to find a way to make a haul out facility happen. Look forward to the future.

Jim Pauley, Morro Bay – user of the new Harborwalk. Great views, protect the area.

Nancy Castle, Morro Bay – Historical Society is meeting this Sunday at the Episcopal Church. The Fundraiser Follies will be held at the Community Center on February 23rd. Call 441-5770 for more information.

IN REGARD TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 3, 2007 MEETING

It was moved and seconded to accept the Minutes of the January 3, 2008 meeting for file. M/S/C (Hale/Mahan).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Acting Director Woods announced Dixon's Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Friday, March 14th at the Community Center. He reminded Commissioners of the SLOCAPRA Workshop at Hearst Castle on February 23rd.

Commissioner Solu announced Futsal registration begins February 11th and the season will run from March 31st through June 6th. Cal Poly is bringing Major League Soccer to the Central Coast. The Del Mar PTA will hold their Annual Art auction on April 6th.

A. NEW BUSINESS**A-1 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR 2008**

Staff Woods presented the Commission with the task of elections of Chair and Vice-Chair. Commissioner Solu opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Mahan nominated Joan Solu, Commissioner Hensley seconded the nomination. With no further nominations Joan Solu was elected Chair by acclamation.

Chair Solu opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chair. Commissioner Mahan nominated Christi Hale, Commissioner Solu seconded the nomination. With no further nominations Christi Hale was elected Vice-Chair by acclamation.

A-2 ELECTION OF SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE FOR 2008

Staff Woods presented the Commission with the task of election of Senior Representative. Chair Solu opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Hale nominated Norma Vaughan, Commissioner Wenger seconded the nomination. With no further nominations Norma Vaughan was elected Senior Representative by acclamation.

A-3 RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 01-08 'CHILDREN'S OUTDOOR BILL OF RIGHTS'

Staff Woods recommended the Commission adopt Resolution No. 01-08 which would recognize the children's Outdoor bill of Rights and encourages children's participation in outdoor activities and to forward a recommendation to the City Council to adopt the Resolution.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hensley and seconded by Commissioner Mahan to adopt Resolution 01-08 'Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights' and forward a recommendation to the City Council to adopt the Resolution.

The motion passed by the following Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Mahan, Vaughan, Solu, Hale, Wenger, Hensley; Noes: None; Absent: Munoz.

A-4 RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE CONCEPT OF A MEMORIAL NEAR THE HARBOR ENTRANCE BY THE CENTRAL COAST WOMEN FOR FISHERIES, INC.

Staff Woods recommended the Commission review the correspondence from the Central Coast Women For Fisheries, Inc. and approve the concept of a memorial near the Harbor entrance so the group can proceed with fundraising and design. He added they are envisioning a memorial similar to the one found in Gloucester, Massachusetts.

Commissioner Hale commented they are looking at potentially opening up the design process to Cal Poly and Cuesta art departments as a competition.

Staff Lueker stated they will have to come back to the Commission and the City Council for approval of the project.

Chair Solu inquired if they were asking for any City monies.

Staff Woods said they are only requesting approval of the concept at this time so they may move ahead with fundraising. We are not obligating funds.

It was moved and seconded to approve the concept of a Memorial near the Harbor entrance by the Central Coast Women For Fisheries, Inc. M/S/C (Mahan/Hensley).

B. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B-1 DISCUSSION OF COLEMAN PARK SITE VISIT

Staff Lueker reviewed the December 2007 Recreation and Parks Commission and Harbor Advisory Board joint meeting in December 2007 where they heard a presentation from RRM Design Group on the history, zoning, ownership and current conditions of the area from the Morro Bay Power Plant intake structure to Morro Creek and west to the Rock/Target Rock area. The Commission then held a roundtable session with RRM at their January 2008 meeting. Members of the Commission and some Harbor Advisory Board members toured the site in late January. Based on the site visit the following issues were raised:

1. Comments on issues such as development of public access parking for Coleman Beach, development of public or park facilities at Target Rock.
2. If and where a boat repair facility should be planned to be built.
3. If and where a dry boat storage should be planned to be built.

Staff stated more Public Hearings will be held and more comments will be heard. With regard to a time frame she said there aren't implications for taking our time but we do need to make progress. She emphasized that an approved Master Plan is

important when applying for grant funds. Once we get formal approval from City Council on the concept we can proceed with the Master Plan.

Commissioners provided the following comments with regard to information presented at previous meetings and the site visit.

Commissioner Hale:

Is the location in front of GAFCO feasible for a Boat Repair Facility? Will ownership and spacing be a concern?

I would like to understand more about road closure impacts for any location chosen. Length of duration, haulout and transportation issues.

A visual of the project would be helpful. To see the space and use of the space.

What will the capacity be? How many boats, size of boats and number of spaces.

Do we have a timeline? Is holding off an issue?

Will there be zoning issues?

Would like to have a road map to show the progress that needs to be made.

Commissioner Mahan:

Would like staff to provide a list of what they deem to be the three most important aspects of the Park area.

Environmental issues, are we legally entitled to have a boat haul out?

What is the possible location of the road realignment?

Should we work backwards, begin at Target Rock and feature the road closer to the Rock? Perhaps visualize piers or pontoons for fishing.

We need to address the State Marine Reserve issue.

Commissioner Munoz:

He went on the site visit but was not present at meeting to state his concerns.

Commissioner Solu:

We need a specific needs assessment regarding a boat haul out; a report by staff and the consulting firm addressing a Boat Access Facility.

How much space is needed for the various facilities?

What is the environmental stand point regarding a boatyard and cleaning?

What standards must be met for the chemicals used and their proper storage?

I would like to have a second site visit after we receive answers to our concerns.

What is the economic impact of having a boat yard facility?

What is the order of the steps we need to follow?

What is the current zoning and the proposed changes?

It would be helpful to have a mock up.

The Embarcadero extension – can we use that? Has a haul out been explored in that area?

GAFCO, Virg's, Lil Hut, Thai Boat – they are proposing new docks and piers. What impact would that have?

Could boats be hauled out to the Front Street parking lot?

Commissioner Vaughan:

Why not pit the haulout facility and boat yard at Tidelands?

The City used to have a haul out and boat repair yard but it burned down.

No action required

B-2 RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT

Staff Woods reviewed the Recreation and Parks Department Status Report.

It was moved and seconded to accept the Recreation and Parks Department Status Report for file. M/S/C (Hale/Solu).

C. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

C-1 CITIZENS' REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Staff Woods mentioned the correspondence. It included a letter to John and Frances Budlong in response to their letter of October 9, 2007; an update of the January 9, 2008 Citizen's Bike Committee meeting and correspondence from Marla Jo Bruton with regard to removing a tree at Del Mar Park.

It was moved and seconded to accept Citizens' Reports and Correspondence for file. M/S/C (Hensley/Mahan).

D. REPORTS

D-1 YOUTH SERVICES SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER 2008

D-2 SPORTS AND FITNESS SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER 2008

D-3 FACILITIES AND PARK USE SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER 2008

It was moved and seconded to accept the following reports for file: Youth Services for December 2008; Sports and Fitness for December 2008; Facilities and Park Use for December 2008. M/S/C (Solu/Hensley).

D-4 SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Commissioner Vaughan reported the Senior Citizens, Inc. will be replacing the light fixture over the pool table. Emeritus classes are open to the public and are doing very well. It was moved and seconded to accept the Senior Representative Report for file. M/S/C (Solu/Hensley).

D-5 COMMISSIONER REPORTS

No Reports

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

DECLARATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Hale would like more information on the Charter History of the Morro Bay Community Foundation; look at potentially holding Commission meetings at some of the parks and an update on the Morro Bay to Cayucos connector.

Commissioner Solu would like staff to bring back the proposal from the Estero Bay Youth Coalition on Smoke-Free Outdoor Areas.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m. M/S/C (Hensley/Mahan).

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

**BARBARA WRIGHT
ADMINISTRATIVE TECHNICIAN**