

AGENDA ITEM: VII-A

DATE: September 16, 2009

ACTION: Approved as presented

CITY OF MORRO BAY
PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY BOARD
SYNOPSIS MINUTES

(Complete audio- and videotapes of this meeting are available from the City upon request)

Veterans Memorial Hall
Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

209 Surf Street, Morro Bay
Wednesday, August 19, 2009

Bill Olson, Chair	
Matt Makowetski, Vice Chair	June Krystoff-Jones
Jenny Brantlee	Richard Rutherford
Susan Shaw	John Zweemer

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL – The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm.
Members Present: Bill Olson, Susan Shaw, Jenny Brantlee, Richard Rutherford, Matt Makowetski, June Krystoff-Jones, and John Zweemer
Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Dylan Wade, Mike Randall, Bonnie Johnson, and Cathy Weaver
- II. MOMENT OF SILENCE: Olson called for a moment of silence.
- III. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA: Accepted as presented.
- IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Shaw announced that the Morro Bay Community Foundation will be having their 5 mile Fun Run during the Harbor Festival weekend. The money raised benefits Youth Scholarships for parks and recreation. Go to www.active.com for more information, or you can preregister at the Recreation and Parks Department.
- V. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: Monthly Citizens Bike Committee Report. Olson stated Robert Davis told him he could give a presentation at the Public Works Advisory Board meeting in October.

Krystoff-Jones said she was at that meeting and there were safety concerns regarding bikers coming down the hill on Main Street, at Quintana. Stopping and crossing Main Street at that location is not a practical solution. It was noted that young riders tended to go on down the hill and then try to cross at the bike lane next to South-bound Freeway off ramp. She thought stripping and signing could make the intersection and bike path safer. Dylan said he would pass the concern onto the City Engineer. Brantley added there are no crosswalks across Main St for the Harbor Tract neighborhood, and no crosswalk across the southbound on-ramp to Lemos parking lot. Other needed stripping was questioned and Dylan explained best idea is to call or email the City Engineer. Discussion followed about signage proposed, for the Class I bike path from Main Street to the Cloisters, in the Bike Committee report.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: None

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR: Approval of Minutes of July 15, 2009.

MOTION: Rutherford to approve minutes as presented (Makowetski 2nd).

Vote: 7-0

Olson moved New Business A. up for staff convenience.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Morro Bay Municipal Water System and Billing Procedures. Olson presented his staff report, and introduced Bonnie Johnson, from the City's Water Billing Division., who was there to answer questions. Questions raised included: How many units would an average family use? What leads to high water bills? When do you go to the Board for a high water bill? Olson is a member of that Board and said the most common problem they see is automatic sprinklers, cheap sprinkler solenoids fail because they stick open. What do people do if they have a high water bill? What in the bill constitutes the sewer charge? What subsidizes the water fund for the rates being below actual cost of delivery? How many households pay the minimum fee? Are commercial and residential rate structures the same? Could this information/report go in next water bill?

VIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT/INFORMATION ITEMS – No action required. Questions raised on the Directors Report included: Shaw asked for an update on the Waste Water Treatment Plant Flood Study. Have alternate methods been looked at to treat waste water? What does the installation of a bypass pipe and bypass pumping mean for Lift Station 3? Do the other lift stations have this redundancy system also? Does Measure Q have the money to pay for the construction of Fire Station 53? What does the 35% mean for water deliveries? What happens if the minimum water users suddenly use more? Doesn't the desalination plant provide for those high water usage peaks? What should a resident do if they have a pothole that needs fixing? Have we had a 100 year flood event?

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B. Presentation on the Ashurst Well Field Nitrate Study. Olson pointed out this was known as Chorro Valley. Wade stated the Study was on the City's website, and gave his presentation. Questions raised included: What agriculture is happening in this water shed? What is next step? There was a private septic system in question what happened? Is there a criminal component to this issue? Has there been any action taken by the farmers in the Morro Valley? How do the two Valley's compare in their nitrate levels? Information on the superior safety of tap water verses bottled water was discussed.

X. OLD BUSINESS: None

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: San Jacinto Intersection Discussion in September, and Bike Committee presentation in October; Green Building Issues when applicable.

XII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm to the next regularly scheduled meeting at the Veteran's Hall on Wednesday, September 16, 2009, at 6:00 pm.