

CITY OF MORRO BAY
HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD
SYNOPSIS MINUTES

The regular meeting of the City of Morro Bay Harbor Advisory Board was held Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Veteran's Hall, 209 Surf ST, Morro Bay, California.

I. ROLL CALL

Present:	Members:	Brett Cunningham Gene Doughty Michele Leary Bill Luffee Jim Phillips Elaine Serda
	Absent:	Lynn Meissen
	Staff:	Rick Algert, Harbor Director Polly Curtis, Office Assistant

II. MINUTES

Mr. Cunningham moved the February 4, 2010 Harbor Advisory Board minutes be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Doughty and carried unanimously.

III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

IV-1. State Park Marina Maintenance Dredging Project

Mr. Algert briefly reviewed the State Park Marina maintenance dredging project, and the current work by Anchor QEA. He said Anchor QEA is working on three areas at the present time:

1.) Sediment Characterization, 2.) The Project Description, and 3.) the CEQA Document.

IV-2. Proposed Policy for Applying for Public Agency Liquor Licenses on City Managed Tidelands Lease Sites

Mr. Algert said a tenant on the Embarcadero requested that the City file a written request to the state liquor board (ABC) to allow for a special issue liquor license to be issued to qualified City tenants. City Council referred the request to the Harbor Advisory Board so a public hearing could be held to solicit public comment, on the concept of developing a general policy so that the liquor license would be made available to any bona fide eating establishment on Tidelands lease sites that meet policy qualification criteria. He said some of the potential benefits to the City include increased rental revenues from increased gross sales, and improved business traffic. Some of City Council's concerns were public safety and possible negative affects to other businesses in the City.

Mr. Algert said the term "special issue" allows publicly owned lands to allow for a new liquor license if it is in the public's interest, and the fee for the license is \$6,000. He said the license cannot be sold or transferred to any other location.

Discussion ensued by the Board. Mr. Phillips moved that the Board recommend that City Council direct Staff to develop a policy to allow, under Section 23824 of the Business and Professions Code, liquor licenses to be issued to qualified City tenants. There was no second, and the motion died.

Further discussion ensued by the Board regarding the need for more information, and asking Mr. Algert if a representative from the ABC state liquor board would be able to attend the April Harbor Advisory Board meeting. The Board agreed by consensus to re-agendize the item for their April meeting, and invited the public and any Embarcadero leaseholders to attend in order to make comments at the public hearing.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

V-1. Harbor Department Status Report

Mr. Algert reviewed the following items for the Board:

Dredging Project Completion

Dredge Yaquina May 2010

Fee Parking at the Launch Ramp

Upcoming Lien Sale March 23, 2010

Lifeguard Towers

Lifeguard Applications

Harbor-Fire Department

V-2. Quarterly Lease Site Development Review

Mr. Algert reviewed developments of the Harbor Lease Sites.

VI. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

None.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

April: Proposed Policy for Applying for Public Agency Liquor Licenses on City Managed Tidelands Lease Sites

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM

Submitted by,

Polly Curtis
Harbor Department