

Chairman Phillips asked the Board for any questions directed to Mr. Algert, followed by comments from the public. The Board members asked questions of clarification on several topics: the state of the Harbor Enterprise Fund; the Cost of Living increase; the services offered in other harbors compared to Morro Bay harbor; parking fees at the boat launch ramp; and the type of machine to use to collect monies at the boat launch parking lot. Chairman Phillips opened discussion to the public.

Ms. Denise Jacobson, Mr. Phil Hill, Mr. Steve Yarling, Ms. Skye Smart, Mr. David Anderson, Ms. Elaine Serta, and Mr. Drew Jacobson, all current liveaboards in Morro Bay, expressed concerns for higher fees for liveaboard services. They detailed the usage of water, trash, and restroom facilities; the number of liveaboards vs. permitted liveaboards on private moorings; the possible mooring transfer fee; the fees charged by Morro Bay Marina; and the pumpout situations in the bay.

The Board then discussed further the options for raising fees, and the comparison of Morro Bay facilities to other harbor facilities and services.

MOTION: Ms. Meissen moved that the Harbor Advisory Board recommend to City Council to increase all liveaboard fees by the cost of Consumer Price Index (CPI) annually, until such time that harbor facilities and services are improved; then the item can be revisited. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Luffee, and passed by a vote of 6 to 1, with Mr. Doughty voting “no.”

The Board discussed parking fees in the launch ramp for boat trailer spaces only, the types of machine to be used to collect fees, overnight parking, the amount to charge per calendar day, boat sizes, ticketing, and the good facilities at the launch ramp. Mr. Algert expressed his concern for the impact on Harbor Department staffing for monitoring and ticketing, requesting the process be kept as simple as possible.

MOTION: Mr. Cunningham moved to recommend to City Council to implement a parking fee of \$1.00 per hour with a maximum of \$10.00 per day for boat trailer spaces only at the boat launch ramp, using an automated machine. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Doughty and carried unanimously.

The Board agreed by consensus to continue the Item on the possible mooring transfer fee until a future meeting so that Staff may supply additional information to the Board.

IV-2. Boat Yard Development Project Review

Mr. Algert reviewed the current status of the boat yard project, the conceptual design by RRM, and the State Ocean Protection Council call for applications for a Fisheries Challenge Grant Program 2009. He said the City submitted the proposal, “Morro Bay Low Impact Development (LID) Boat Haul Out and Large Vessel Service Yard Final Feasibility and Project Planning.” He said the OPC funding for the grant program was sourced by Bond Act monies, which have been currently frozen by the governor due to the state budget crisis; though the funds may possibly be available by the end of the calendar year.

The Board discussed the issues such as project funding and costs; the Environmentally Safe Habitat (ESH) designation; the future discussions with the Coastal Commission; and the current concept design by RRM. The Board agreed by consensus to request the proposed “60/70-ton haul-out with Travel Lift” be upgraded to a 100-ton Travel Lift on the concept design.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

V-1. Harbor Department Status Report

Mr. Algert briefed the Board on the following topics:

Tall Ship Lynx April 2, 2009

C-MANC Washington Week

Dive Training for Harbor Patrol

Abandoned Watercraft Abatement Fund Grant

National Estuary Derelict Vessel Abatement Grant

Summer Beach Lifeguards

VI. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

None.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

April:

- Liveaboard Ordinance Sub-committee Report**
- Consideration on Amendment to the Liveaboard Ordinance**
- Review of City LCP Policies South of Tidelands Park Relating to Waterfront**
- Uses and Discussion on Whether Commercial Vessels are Prohibited by**
- City Policy**

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

Submitted by,

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