

CITY OF MORRO BAY
HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD
SYNOPSIS MINUTES

The regular meeting of the City of Morro Bay Harbor Advisory Board was held Thursday, May 6, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Veteran's Hall, 209 Surf ST, Morro Bay, California.

I. ROLL CALL

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

II. MINUTES

Mr. Doughty moved the April 1, 2010 Harbor Advisory Board minutes be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded by Ms. Meissen and carried unanimously.

III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Phil Hill thanked the Harbor Advisory Board for doing a good job, and said he is glad there are two members of the liveaboard community seated on the Board, and hopes they continue working for the community.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

IV-1. Introduction of New U.S. Coast Guard Station Morro Bay Chief Morgan

Chief Kevin Morgan introduced himself as the Officer in Charge of Station Morro Bay. He said the Station belongs to the public, and he is here to serve the public. He thanked Mr. Algert and Mr. Endersby for their expertise and assistance during his first month as Chief. He asked the Board if they had any questions.

Mr. Doughty asked Chief Morgan where he was stationed prior to Morro Bay. Chief Morgan said he was stationed in Sausalito for the previous seven years, and prior to that was stationed in Fort Bragg for four years, and Alaska before that assignment. Mr. Luffee asked if he had an "open door policy." Chief Morgan said yes, if he is not underway, the public can call him at 772-2167 or stop by to talk. Mr. Phillips asked how he likes Morro Bay so far. Chief Morgan said he loved it, and is happy to be able to walk from the market to his house in two minutes, whereas that was impossible in San Francisco. He said as for the weather, he is used to fog and wind over the past ten years.

Mr. Phillips asked about two incidents recently of a possible lost kayaker and another person who had a broken leg onboard his boat. Chief Morgan gave a detailed description of both of those incidents. Mr. Phillips thanked Chief Morgan for his service and for coming to the meeting and introducing himself.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

IV-2. Liveboard Association Update

Mr. Drew Jacobson is the president of the Morro Bay Liveboard Association. He related a successful man-overboard rescue story about Tom Gallagher, and explained how important liveboards are as the eyes and ears on the bay. Mr. Jacobson reported that the Liveboard Association is still active and ongoing, saying they were pleased that the two-year inspection was passed. He congratulated Ms. Serda for her seat on the Harbor Advisory Board, as she was one of the original members of the Liveboard Association.

Ms. Serda thanked Mr. Jacobson for his comments, and said she hopes to live up to their expectations. She said she also appreciates the cooperativeness of the liveboard community, and said she has never lived in a “neighborhood” quite like this. Mr. Luffee asked Mr. Jacobson if the Liveboard Association had any specific agenda at their last meeting. Mr. Jacobson said yes, that the pump-out at Tidelands dock gets a lot of use and is difficult to keep clean. Mr. Endersby agreed, saying no one at the Harbor Patrol looks forward to the job of fixing and cleaning the pump-out, and he would appreciate any assistance or suggestions from the Liveboard Association.

V-1. Harbor Department Status Report

Mr. Endersby reviewed the following items:

Liveboards

Beach Lifeguard Academy

Junior Lifeguard Program Fundraiser

United States Lifesaving Association Beach Safety Week

Sea Lion Abatement

Mr. Algert reviewed the following items:

Budget Hearings

Rent Credits for New Businesses on Embarcadero Lease Sites

Municipal Parking Lot Ordinance – Launch Ramp Parking Station

Army Corps of Engineers Dredging Projects

Salmon Season – Sport and Commercial

VI. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Ms. Serda asked Mr. Algert about the new tour boat in the bay. Mr. Algert said the company is called Lost Isle Adventures and is run by Alan and Wendy Rackov. He said they plan to give Natural History and Ecology of the Bay tours, and they are currently based at Virg’s.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

June: City Budget Workshop Review

Introduce Owners of Lost Isle Adventures

Cancellation of July 1, 2010 Harbor Advisory Board Meeting

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM

Submitted by,

Polly Curtis
Harbor Department