



**CITY OF MORRO BAY  
PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY BOARD  
AGENDA**

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*The City of Morro Bay is dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of the quality of life.  
The City shall be committed to this purpose and will provide a level of municipal service and safety  
consistent with and responsive to the needs of the public.*

**Special Meeting - Tuesday, November 1, 2011  
Public Services Department – 3:00 P.M.  
955 Shasta Avenue, Morro Bay, CA**

Matt Makowetski, Chair

Ron Burkhart  
William Olson

Richard Rutherford  
Stephen Shively

ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER  
MOMENT OF SILENCE / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**A. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the audience may address the Board only on items described in the Special Meeting Agenda. (Government Code § 54954.3(a).)

**B. PUBLIC SERVICES CITY FACILITIES TOUR**

The Special Meeting will start at the Public Services Department before boarding the City's trolley for the tour.

**B-1 Public Art Proposal for Painted Mural on City Park Bus Shelter**

Recommendation: Review the proposal from the Morro Bay Public Art Foundation to paint a mural on the City Park bus shelter and recommend to the City Council as to whether or not it should endorse the proposed mural and accept its placement on the City Park bus shelter.

**B-2 Tour of Public Services Facilities and Morro Bay Transit Route**

**C: ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourn to the next regular meeting on Thursday, December 15, 2011 at 6:00 P.M.

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AGENDA NO: B-1

MEETING DATE: November 1, 2011

## Staff Report

**TO:** Public Works Advisory Board **DATE:** October 26, 2011  
**FROM:** Janeen Burlingame, Management Analyst  
**SUBJECT:** Public Art Proposal for Painted Mural on City Park Bus Shelter

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the PWAB review the proposal from the Morro Bay Public Art Foundation to paint a mural on the City Park bus shelter, including additional work tasks relating to the bus shelter, and recommend to the City Council as to whether or not it should endorse the proposed mural and accept it's placement on the City Park bus shelter.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact to the general fund as funds for the project are to come from the Regional Transit Authority and private donations.

### **DISCUSSION**

The City Council approved a Public Art Policy at its February 27, 2006 meeting setting forth a standardized policy and procedure for the acceptance of donated artwork offered to the City that is on City owned property. Attached is a copy of the Public Art Policy. In October 2010, the Board considered a proposal from the Morro Bay Public Art Foundation to paint a beach and ocean scene on the outside of the City Park bus shelter and an underwater scene of a giant kelp forest and fish on the inside of the bus shelter.

The Board recommended that the City Council endorse the proposed mural and the City Council approved the proposed mural and accepted it's placement on the City Park bus shelter. After the Council's approval of the proposed mural, the funding for the project fell through and the Art Foundation began seeking donations to be able to complete the project.

With the recent changes to the north coast routes for the Regional Transit Authority (RTA), the agency decided to provide some funds to get the mural project started. In August, staff from the RTA, the Art Foundation, the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments and the City met at the bus shelter to discuss a new concept the Art Foundation wanted to pursue instead of the original beach, ocean and underwater concept that was originally approved by Council. As the new concept was a big departure from the approved concept, it would have to go back through the Public Art Policy process.

Attached is a description of the new art mural concept from Morro Bay Public Art Foundation, including a rough sketch of the new design concept. In addition, the mural will be coated with an anti-graffiti coating that protects the paint from tagging and allows for easy graffiti removal. The Morro Bay Public Art Foundation will maintain the mural with an annual power wash and anti graffiti re-coating.

### **CONCLUSION**

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Prepared By: J. Burlingame

Dept Review: \_\_\_\_\_

**City of Morro Bay**  
**PUBLIC ART POLICY**

Approved by Morro Bay City Council on February 27, 2006

**PURPOSE**

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**DEFINITION OF PUBLIC ART**

For the purpose of this policy, public art will be artwork located in public places (indoor or outdoor) owned by the City of Morro Bay.

**REVIEW PROCEDURE**

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**SELECTION CRITERIA**

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  - 3. Appropriateness of the site.

**ACCEPTANCE**

- A. If the City Council votes to accept the donated artwork, the artist shall enter into a donation agreement. Upon execution of the agreement by the artist, title of the artwork shall pass to the City.
  
- B. The City in its sole discretion may remove from its collection any donated artwork. In such event the City shall make reasonable efforts to contact the artist who donated the artwork and offer to return the artwork. If the artist cannot be located after reasonable efforts, or the artist declines to accept the return of the artwork, the City may determine the disposition of the artwork.

TO: Janeen Burlingame, Management Analyst

FROM: Nancy Barta, Morro Bay Public Art Foundation

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The painting style is trompe l'oeil or "trick of the eye. An example of such a painting is shown below. It is a trick of your eyes – realistic murals that make you feel as if you're in another place! At the present time the feedback I get from the riders is that they feel as though they are sitting in a prison cell.



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If you have any questions, please call Nancy Barta, 772-0250.

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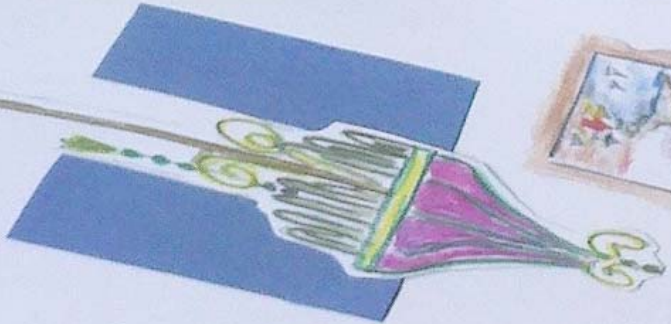
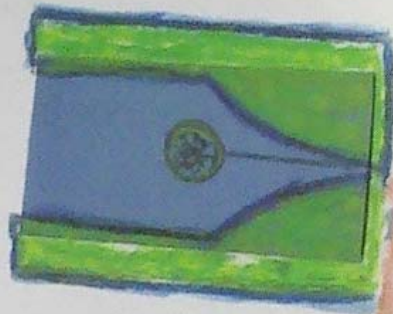
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