

AGENDA ITEM: VII-A

DATE: October 15, 2008

ACTION: _____

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, September 17, 2008

Roger Ewing, Chair
Jane Wilzbach
Noah Smukler, Vice-Chair
Matt Makowetski
Bill Olson
June Krystoff-Jones
John Zweemer

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL – The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.
Members Present: Roger Ewing, Matt Makowetski, Jane Wilzbach, June Krystoff-Jones, Noah Smukler, and Bill Olson
Members Absent: John Zweemer
Staff Present: Rob Livick, Dylan Wade, Jim Hayes, and Cathy Weaver.
- II. MOMENT OF SILENCE: Ewing called for a moment of silence.
- III. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA: Ewing asked that New Business be moved up before Old Business.
- IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Smukler talked about the Coastal Clean Up on Saturday. Krystoff-Jones asked if staff had received any response to the Adopt a Tree letter that went to Planning Commission. It was noted that Planning Commission signed it along with Morro Bay Beautiful and it was distributed to City Council Members.
- V. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: Olson brought in an article he found on the internet about the City of Millbrae digesting restaurant grease to help power their sewer plant.
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: None
- VII. CONSENT CALENDAR: Approval of Minutes of August 20, 2008.

MOTION: Olson to approve minutes as presented (Ewing 2nd).

Vote: 6-0

VIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT/INFORMATION ITEMS – No action required. Livick explained the Roundabout project was starting up again. Lopez and Sons is to start next Monday and continue for four to six weeks. Questions asked included: Are customers going to be able to access businesses at that intersection? Timeline for resurfacing Morro Bay Blvd and Main St. Will the Harbor Walk Project be finished before Harbor Festival? Update on State Water Shutdown. What will the water from the Men's Colony cost? What will Desalination Plant be used for; salt water or well water? Wade went over the

Desalination Plant improvements. Was a cost analysis done on the new improvements? What steps are next on the Nitrate issue? Is it possible to use fish emulsion or sludge mulch instead of fertilizers? What plantings are going into dirt area in Harbor Walk project? Question on status of the MTBE issue.

Ewing wanted it in the record that the Board had received the letter written to Harvey Packard from Marla Jo Bruton and Richard Sadowski.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Sanitary Sewer Management Plan. Wade gave his presentation on Chapter 6. Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) Control Program. Questions raised included: It was noted the report focused on commercial businesses, but what was the City doing to reach the residential population? What percentage of the problem were the commercial enterprises? Where can residents take their grease for disposal? How large is the collection crew? Jim Hayes, Collection System Supervisor, addressed a question stating the FOG Program was started in 2002 and was routinely updated. Facilities that don't comply, what penalties do we use? Are there grant funds available for educational materials? Is there room for community support and/or volunteer labor?

IX. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Board's continued discussion of Street Trees from the August 20, 2008 meeting. Livick passed out copies of the tree ordinance, major vegetation removal, and the letter regarding the "Adopt A Tree Program" forwarded to the City Council. He explained he had not found a definition for Heritage or Landmark Trees. Ewing wanted to eliminate the Heritage Tree identification and stick to Landmark Tree so there was no confusion. It was determined that the Board needed to do some research (i.e., what other cities used, size, height, type, etc.). Livick explained that when he received direction from the City Council he could do some research. He also mentioned 'Findings' the Council used when they designated the Eucalyptus Grove to Landmark status. Discussion included getting started before the rainy season started, and kicking off the Adopt A Tree Program with a tree planting in City Park on November 22nd, 2008. Olson commented that the City had to protect existing trees to make sure this stayed a viable program. Krystoff-Jones said the program needed to be budgeted so funds were available to plant and maintain trees. Smukler said he was hoping they could parlay the \$5,000.00 that Morro Bay Beautiful donated into more money (donations, grants, matching funds, etc.). He said they needed to keep tabs on HR5867 Energy Conservation for Trees Act (federal bill, if passed could provide funding). Livick said Councilmember Winholtz had committed a portion of her contingency funds to plant trees, and he said the 388 trees downtown that were pruned cost \$35,000.00, but would help reduce storm damage cost this coming winter. Livick said he would adopt & replant the three trees in front of Public Services that were lost from storm damage last winter. Smukler said the Catalina Island Oak Tree impressed him; it was planted around the Library. Krystoff-Jones volunteered to help with researching tree types for different locations.

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: In October: Stormwater Management Plan Status Update, Sanitary Sewer Management Plan, North Main Street Class 2 Bike Lanes. Smukler suggested a future showcase of Adopt A Tree & Stormwater Plan – Education Program.

XII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm to the next regularly scheduled meeting of Wednesday, October 15, 2008.