

AGENDA ITEM: VII-A

DATE: December 19, 2007

ACTION: approved as presented

**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, November 14, 2007

Barry Dorfman, Chair
Jane Wilzbach, Vice Chair
Roger Ewing
Bill Olson
Noah Smukler
Dan Glesmann

- I. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** – The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm.
Members Present: Barry Dorfman, Jane Wilzbach, Bill Olson, Dan Glesmann, Roger Ewing, and Noah Smukler
Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Bill Boucher, Rob Livick, and Cathy Weaver
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Dorfman called for a moment of silence.
- III. **ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:** Dorfman explained The Urban Water Management Plan presentation should be under New Business as it had not been discussed previously except to determine when it should be on the Agenda. He noted it should be Item B under New Business. There were no other changes.
- IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Glassman stated he routinely monitored his home's water quality and was surprised to find that during the State Water Annual Shutdown his water quality had improved.
- V. **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** Letter to City Council from Dorfman (at Boards request) outlining actions they took on the Urban Forest Management Plan. Ewing supplied 4th part of reports on status of Wastewater Treatment Plant and the collection systems of Cayucos & Morro Bay that was done by Marla Bruton and others. Livick stated he had received a petition from Jim Hodges wanting Caltrans to better maintain the Highway One right-of-way.
- VI. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:** Jim Hodges commented that Caltrans does not keep up their landscaping, and the bushes and grass are getting too high. The bushes on west side of Highway One are blocking up to 50% of his view. He submitted a petition to clean up and maintain Highway 1 within the City of Morro Bay and wanted the Board Members to sign. Ewing asked if he had called the property owners on west side of Highway One regarding traffic noise, and suggested he contact Morro Bay Beautiful because they had experience working with Caltrans?
- Joan Solu, private citizen, but also serves on the Recreation and Parks Board, commented that Caltrans needs to beautify the Highway through Morro Bay. Dorfman noted that both speakers brought up an issue that could be included in future Urban Forest Management Plan discussions.

A. Use of Phone Book Recycling Guide: Smukler introduced Peter Crohn from the Integrated Waste Management Authority.

Due to technical difficulties the Board moved to item VII.

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. Approval of Minutes of October 17, 2007. Accepted as presented.

VIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT/INFORMATION ITEMS – No action required. Boucher stated the State Water Shutdown is more than half over and Nitrate levels are running 7.5 mg/l, the maximum allowable level is 45 mg/l. State Water will be back online Monday with full deliveries. A leak in a collection system pipeline was found in the Orcas Way area and temporary repairs were made then, pipe & pump were replaced today. City Council awarded the contract to Specialty Construction for Fire Station 53 Apparatus Bay, ground breaking on Sunday at 11:00 am.

Board moved back to item VI. A.

VI. A. Recycling Guide Presentation. Crohn said the Guide is in the AT&T phone book, which gets to most households in the area. He went through the guide page by page and gave a lot of additional recycling information. The IWMA website is www.iwma.com and the recycling hotline is 800-400-0811. Wilzbach asked if pieces of paper needed to be packaged in some way? Crohn responded no and if anyone questioned whether something should go into trash or recycling put it in the recycling because there was a sorting facility for recycled material. Dorfman asked about the different plastic bags and Crohn said plastic bags could go into recycling, plastic packaging should not.

Back to rest of Directors report.

VIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT/INFORMATION ITEMS: Livick noted the curb ramps being done in the downtown area are almost finished. Wilzbach asked about extending the Harborwalk Project and memorial benches. Boucher explained the Coastal Conservancy might have additional monies and Harborwalk might go past both T-Piers to Beach Street. He also talked about the Memorial Bench Program.

IX. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Board Agenda Work Plan.

1. Agenda of 12/19/07 -- Urban Forest Management Plan. Livick said Morro Bay Beautiful wanted to give them a presentation on their "Butt Project."
2. Agenda of 1/16/07 -- Morro Bay Garbage Service Base Year Adjustment Application.

WORK PLAN APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Caltrans Highway 1 Transportation Enhancement Project Proposal. Livick recommended the Board provide input on proposed City Maintenance of Design Features. Livick introduced Laurie Cummings, project Landscape Architect. She explained they were here to present the Project, which ran along the Strand area from Highway 41 to Yerba Buena Street on the east side only. She stated they have \$900,000.00 to do this project, which will include improved fencing with fence end features. She introduced Julie McGuigan to talk about environmental issues. Julie explained they were looking for community input. Dorfman asked if a Saturday workshop was possible. Questions raised included landscaping and time & place of informational open house. Dorfman said they would get the word out once a time & place was determined. Smukler said controlling urban runoff was important in this project.

B. Urban Water Management Plan. Dorfman explained this would be an Overview and a more detailed presentation of opportunities for water conservation as an element of the plan. Smukler stated that water is key for community health. California Water Agencies put together “California’s Water a Crises We Can’t Ignore” fact sheet. For more information go to www.calwatercrises.org. He also showed the City’s Urban Water Management Plan, Section 6.0 Overview of Potential Water Supply Sources. Smukler introduced Michael Robertson of SLO Green Build to give an overview of his organization and talk about water conservation. Robertson explained the formal relationship SLO Green Build has with the City to provide expertise on water conservation techniques and information on activities in other jurisdictions. Some of the recommendations for water conservation included: future technologies, cisterns and catch water basins; New Zealand’s catch basin system; gray water systems; dual flush toilets; waterless urinals; composting toilets; wastewater treatments; bio reclamation; low impact developments; permeable concrete; rain water gardens; bio swales; eco-shopping; green business programs. Olson questioned the ability to store enough rainwater for a family of 4 to use for a year.

MOTION: Smukler to recommend the City Council continue relationship with SLO Green Build (Glesmann 2nd). Vote:5-0, 1 abstention

MOTION: Smukler to recommend PWAB send letter to the City Council alerting them to the Board wanting the City Council to continue relationship with SLO Green Build, and have the City encourage water conservation measures (Ewing 2nd). Vote:5-0, 1 abstention

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: See work plan grid.

XII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm to the next regularly scheduled meeting of Wednesday, December 19, 2007.