

AGENDA ITEM: VII-A

DATE: September 20, 2006

ACTION: Approved as corrected

**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, June 21, 2006

Vicki Landis, Chair
Barry Dorfman, Vice Chair
Roger Ewing

Bill Olson
Noah Smukler
Jane Wilzbach

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL – The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm.
Members Present: Vicki Landis, Barry Dorfman, Bill Olson, Roger Ewing, Noah Smukler and Jane Wilzbach
Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Frank Cunningham, Janeen Burlingame, and Cathy Weaver

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Landis called for a moment of silence.

III. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA: Landis explained that a section for announcements had been on the Agenda for a few meetings and now wasn't. She asked if there was consensus to formally request that a Section be added for Announcements, and place it between Acceptance of Agenda and Written Communications. There was consensus to accept the agenda and add a Section for announcements.

Smukler noted that he would not be able to attend the July meeting. Ewing said he would also be missing the July meeting. Landis explained for the new members that if they had to miss a meeting to notify staff at Public Services and get a confirmation (i.e. a returned email or phone call (don't just leave a message)), and also shoot her an email.

IV. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: Nancy Castle of the Historical Society wanted to let everyone know about a book signing party happening at Coalesce Book Store on July 2nd from 1 to 4 pm. It was being held for the new book about Morro Bay.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR:
A. Minutes of May 17, 2006

MOTION: Olson, to approve the minutes as presented (Smukler 2nd).

Vote: 6-0

DIRECTOR'S REPORT/INFORMATION ITEMS – No action required. Burlingame gave an overview of the North Coast Transit Plan. She explained the draft findings and analysis were included in the Agenda packet and they could find the full report on the City's website at www.morro-bay.ca.us/transit.html. Burlingame noted that the budget included a six-month pilot program for region wide Sunday fixed route service. San Luis Obispo County Council of Governments had identified the Sunday service as an unmet need that could be reasonably met. Discussion followed on details of service and continued funding; Board Members wanted reassurance that the general fund would not be negatively impacted should the Council of Government decide to continue Sunday service after the pilot program ended; while sufficient details were not available at this time the COG should understand it would need to come-up with other funds to avoid a negative impact on Morro Bay.

Cunningham went over his and Boucher's portion of the Director's Report including information on: Local street maintenance; large public works projects to start in the fall, South Bay Blvd overlay funding and traffic concerns; Increased work load due to Maintenance Supervisor's resignation; creek cleaning, Collection System Plan Update; High School water issues; JPA Study, Main & Quintana bike lane, and ADA improvements at intersections.

VII. OLD BUSINESS – Landis explained a question that had come up at the last meeting about what constituted a quorum. She had talked to the City Attorney and he said PWAB was a 7-member board with one vacancy, and 4 members made a quorum. The City Council will not be filling the vacancy until January of 2007.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Verbal Presentation by Mike Pond, Fire Chief: Regarding the Proposed Sales Tax Initiative. Pond gave some background information and his report on why the sales tax was needed and what those funds could be spent for. There was general discussion on depreciation accounts; oversight committee; General Fund needs; community priority surveys; what percentage would go to Fire Department; repair versus replacement issues; promoting the tax initiative; general tax versus earmarked tax; and the fact that needs exceed expected tax revenues.

B. Verbal Presentation by Jan Di Leo, SLO County Parks Planner: Regarding the Proposed Bike/Pedestrian Connector from City of Morro Bay to Cayucos. She gave some background information about what they've been working on for the last year explaining they were still in the first phase and seeking input. She introduced Dave Miller who went through a power point presentation showing the different sections of the two routes they were looking at, and the pros and cons of each.

Ewing said he would prefer the ocean route but what was proposed to protect the wetland area? Miller explained that even the ocean route would be inland at that point due to the creek. Smukler asked about the projects timeline and funding. Miller went through the regulation process and Di Leo went through the funding sources which included: a Scenic Byways grant, Coastal Conservancy money; some Slo Cog money, and County Parks (Parks money was paying for staff time). Di Leo said more funds would be coming in for the next phase. Dorfman asked which route was the preferred route of the task force. Miller responded that was route 2 A. Discussion followed on what specific pros and cons went into picking that route. Dorfman brought up the maintenance issue and Miller said that hadn't been looked at yet. Wilzbach questioned the projected construction timeline. Smukler suggested some of the construction could be tied in with sewer line improvements. Ewing stated that signage would be important. All of the Board members weighed in with support for the project.

Landis asked if the people just entering the meeting wanted to speak on this item? Marla Brutan suggested the Board be cautious especially about city boundary and development in that area. The bikeway at Quintana and Main has turned out ugly and the City should be cautious.

Richard Sidowski agreed with Brutan about being cautious and County proposed bikeways tended to become roadways.

In case there were questions about the bikeway please contact Jan Di Leo at (805) 781-5200 or www.slocountyparks.org.

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: North Coast Transit Plan; South Bay & Quintana traffic concern; and Green Accords update.

X. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm to the next regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, July 19, 2006, at the Veteran's Hall.