

Avila Valley Advisory Council

Minutes of Meeting, March 10, 2003

Call to Order

K. Bittner called meeting to order at 7:00 PM and welcomed audience members.

Members Present: K. Bittner, , M. Gooden, , J. Salisbury, , C. Kiessig, J. Taylor, R. Kiessig, S. Gooding, D. Palaia , L. Walter, D. Gray, B. Tickell,

Members Absent: T. Ivarie, L. Newton, S. Slattery, N. Matlin, T. Eberhardt, R. Bollay, G. Gibson

Approval of minutes:

Motion (Taylor/ Tickell) to approve minutes of February 10, 2003 meeting passed.

1.0 TREASURER'S REPORT

Ted Ivarie

A budget will be presented at the next meeting.

2.0 COUNTY REPORTS

2.1 County Supervisor, District 3

Peg Pinard

No report

2.2 Sheriff's Department

Matt Danielson

Private residence burglarized in Avila, still under investigation. Pirate's Cove continues to have drug & alcohol related problems, it is patrolled regularly. Spring Break is coming up shortly. Increased patrols will be available to handle the extra load.

2.3 County Staff

James Caruso

James distributed several copies of Local Coastal Plan, Framework for Planning & San Luis Bay Area Plan. Dr. DiVincenzo's project will be reviewed by AVAC in the future. Staff reports will be forwarded to the Chair in the future to help with follow-up on AVAC's recommendations. J. Caruso cautions that there are often many changes made between the initial plans submitted and what is actually built.

S. Gooding asked a question about how the possibility of a terrorist attack could impact the hearings underway. James explained that it is often hard to fit some of the analysis into the CEQA process.

Karla Bittner asked a question about the Hall parking situation in Avila. James explained that since the Specific Plan did not say no to the idea of a lease, staff concluded that the decision was not an override because there is a process allowed in the Coastal Zone for leasing off site parking. John Salisbury expressed concerns about how the Specific Plan was interpreted. Recommendation from Planning Department: At such time as Halls can meet the Coastal Land Use Ordinance for leased parking the Halls will be able to finish off and occupy the residence on the 2nd floor of the building. The use as residential will end if the lease is terminated. Several board members asked for more clarification. The Avila subcommittee agreed to meet before the next meeting and bring back a specific recommendation to the board.

2.4 Public Works

Rosemarie Gaglione

Department is moving ahead with the San Luis Bay Bridge project. Waiting for several reports from archeologists before a public hearing is held. Shrubbery by the bike path was cut back to increase visibility. One board member asked about the possibility of a light on San Miguel at the terminus of the bike path. Sheri Gooding reported that there are some plans underway to change the route of the bike path in that area. Russ Kiessig asked a question about the egress at Cave Landing Rd. What would it take to stabilize that road? R. Gaglione reported that the previous studies indicated that the costs would far outweigh the benefits because of the instability of the area. Dave

Flynn's traffic workshop was canceled for lack of interest. Rosemarie is willing to bring the information back to the board and present it at several board meetings if desired.

Special Report

RRM Design Group made a presentation about the Port Public Hearing Draft that is now available for review. It is a long-range plan that is available on the website, portsanluis.com, at the South County Library, at the Harbor District and through AVAC. First formal presentation of the plan will be at the public hearing on April 9, 7:00 PM, at the Avila Civic Association Building. Hearing will also be televised via cable. Comments can be submitted at the meeting, through the website and will still be accepted after April 9. RRM hopes that the document will be adopted and in place by the end of the summer. Input is encouraged. J. Caruso made 2 suggestions: 1) Ask Port District to make a presentation to AVAC 2) When it becomes an Local Coastal Plan amendment then it could be presented to AVAC.

3.0 Executive Committee/ Communications

Karla Bittner

Karla recognized Boyd Horne as a member of the Avila Valley Civic Foundation. Thanked Casey Neilson, Port representative for his attendance at the meeting. Reported about her attendance to the "It Takes A Region Conference", Avila is not unlike SLO County because we are both on the cusp of development.

4. 0 STANDING & AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 Avila Beach Committee

Lisa Newton & Seamus Slattery

Jane Slattery reported that the Civic Association is in the process of finalizing the grant to remodel the Civic Association building.

4.2 Avila Valley Committee

Jan Taylor & Carol Kiessig

Karla Bittner reported that a subcommittee has been formed to review the lodge project (125 unit conference center) proposed by Dr. DeVincenzo.. The EIR will be available to review first, then the subcommittee will review the next steps.

4.3 San Luis Bay Estates

Nisan Matlin & Sherri Gooding

David Gray reported on a meeting with developer Rob Rossi in which the possible Avila Village store was discussed. An in-depth report will be presented within 60 days.

4.4 See Canyon

Marylou Gooden & Bill Tickell

No report

4.5 Squire Canyon

Rob Bollay

No report

4.6 Traffic Circulation

Jan Taylor & Sherri Gooding

Sherri Gooding reported on the recent meeting of the Circulation subcommittee. She distributed a report of the 6 possible areas that the subcommittee views as priorities: Avila area emergency evacuation plan, coordination for San Luis Bay Drive Bridge replacement, reduced Diablo employee traffic, temporary special events traffic, safety of bike path crossing to Avila Beach, and signs along San Luis Bay Drive. Audience and board members asked questions about: emergency evacuation plans, egress from the area, roads to use for emergency access, how the traffic from Diablo Canyon is staggered, K. Bittner requested specific information about the employee traffic plan at Diablo, the importance of considering several different kinds of natural disasters, how will safety personnel get to the Port and Diablo Canyon in the event of an emergency without having to use the congested roads, kinds of signs that wineries are allowed to use. R. Gaglione volunteered to attend the subcommittee meetings.

4.7 Community Liaisons

Flood Zone 9: David Gray explained the area covered by Flood Zone 9. There is money available to reduce the potential of flooding by removing extra vegetation in the creek. Land Conservancy will assist with permits & will work with the CA Conservation Corps. R. Kiessig does not agree with some of the Zone's interpretations.

4.8 Diablo Canyon

Sherri Gooding

Karla Bittner reports that Neil Tardiff would like to serve on the committee. Sherri Gooding distributed minutes of their first meeting. Missy Hobson asked if it would be possible for a Diablo Canyon representative to attend the subcommittee meetings. Items reviewed included the status of the intervenors and 7 recommendations of the subcommittee: AVAC should continue its role of intervenor; AVAC should not commit to or encourage support of any litigation; AVAC should increase contact with PG&E to become more informed about Diablo; AVAC should become involved in emergency evacuation planning; AVAC should send a letter to the CA Attorney General; AVAC should encourage public participation in the March 23 & 24 NRC hearings; AVAC members please review the "draft AVAC statement to NRC" and email comments to Sherri Gooding or Lynn Walter.

5.0 OLD BUSINESS

5.1 Port of San Luis Emergency Response Plan: Karla Bittner would like to take on the responsibility of Port liaison. Russ Kiessig reported on his research into the Port's Study. He requests more input from board members via email. Karla Bittner observed that we must remember that what happens at the Port also impacts Avila, both areas are intricately related.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

John Salisbury reported that the Central Coast Agritourism Council will be meeting on March 19 at 10:00 AM.

Karla Bittner thanked Bill Almus and Ken Smith for their attendance at the meeting. She asked if anything new has come up about the Tank Farm site. Unocal is still reviewing reports and doing several assessments and looking at plant and ecological inventories as background to an eventual EIR. The lot line problems related to the site of the Avila Grocery was described.

7.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Russ Kiessig has 2 copies of the Diablo Canyon evaluation of the Emergency Response Plan and several copies of the Lodge plan available for distribution.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marylou Gooden, Secretary