

Avila Valley Advisory Council

Minutes of April 14, 2003 Meeting

Call to Order: K. Bittner called meeting to order at 7:03 PM

Members Present: K. Bittner, T. Ivarie, M. Gooden, L. Newton, J. Salisbury, J. Taylor, R. Kiessig, S. Gooding, N. Matlin, L. Walter, T. Eberhardt, D. Gray, B. Tickell, B. Cockrill

Members Absent: J. Slattery, C. Kiessig, D. Palaia, R. Bollay, G. Gibson

Approval of Minutes: *Motion* (Ivarie/ Tickell) to approve minutes of March 10, 2003 meeting passed.

1.0 TREASURER'S REPORT

Ted Ivarie

Treasurer, Ted Ivarie, presented the financial summary with a current ending balance of \$1,574.78. He also presented a proposed budget for the 2003 year. *Motion* (Ivarie/ Gray) to adopt the budget passed unanimously.

2.0 COUNTY REPORTS

2.1 County Supervisor, District 3

Peg Pinard

James Caruso is home ill this evening. A lot of things are going on in our area: bike trail planning, Avila Beach shuttle utilization and funding, Port Master Plan review continuing and parking and traffic impacts are a continuing concern. Audience asked questions about the bike trail and bike riders running stop signs and made a suggestion to change the name to recreation trail from bike trail. Peg Pinard replied that the name change could have a significant impact on funding.

2.2 Sheriff's Department

Matt Danielson

1) Trespasser found on PG&E property near Lighthouse. He was intercepted within 15 minutes and cited. 2) A few arrests were made in the Perfumo Canyon area last month. 3) Torch Run for Special Olympics is coming through our area on June 3, several deputies will be carrying the torch. 4) A round of applause for Lt. Basti – today is his birthday. 5) A question was asked about the strawberry vendor on Avila Beach Dr.

2.3 County Staff

James Caruso

No report

2.4 Public Works

Rosemarie Gaglione

Draft of the San Luis Bay Dr. Bridge project will be out this week. Waiting for environmental studies to be completed before we hold a public hearing. See Canyon Fruit Ranch has been noticed and has filed for a minor use permit. Owners of signs in the San Luis Bay Drive right of way have been noticed.

2.5 General Services

Jan Di Leo

Reported on several current projects related to bike trails. 1) Cave Landing segment - San Miguelito partners are sharing their geological report with the county. 2) Two portions of Bob Jones trail are currently under discussion. One to change part of the trail so it crosses Avila Bay Dr. at a safer location closer to the park. The other related to part of the trail by the octagonal barn on lower Higuera. Working to identify primary and secondary routes that meet environmental needs and funding constraints. Costs related to the bike trails: Cave Landing - \$378,000; Bob Jones - \$357,000; octagon barn area - \$1,500,000 (have \$700,000).

3.0 Old Business

3.1 Port San Luis Emergency Response plan

Comments about the plan were delivered to the commissioners by several AVAC members.

3.2 Avila Business Association

Karla reported on a meeting she and Ted Ivarie attended with Michael Kidd. The Association is maintaining a master calendar of major events in Avila Valley. The possibility of posting the master calendar to the AVAC website was discussed.

4.0 New Business

4.1 Whitaker-Young Project

Brett Whitaker, Mr. Young and Jason Blakenship, project planner, presented information about the property at San Miguel and First St.: 5 lots involved, subterranean parking is included, commercial property along First St., 9 residential units, coffee house, courtyard/ common area, hope to start building about 1 year from now. Plans will be provided to Avila Beach subcommittee.

4.2 Conversion of Overhead utilities to underground on San Miguel Ave.

The conversion is proceeding smoothly, no need for AVAC involvement.

5.0 Executive Committee/ Communications

Karla Bittner

Ted Ivarie reported on the possibility of scheduling a tour of the Harbor Terrace area. The San Luis Bay Estates could also be included on the tour. There appeared to be consensus for a Saturday morning tour. It is hoped that the tour will help the board understand various proposals for the site and for an update on SLBE build out.

Marguerite Bader reported on a community housing tour scheduled for May 31 to help the community understand what properly planned density can look like.

6.0 STANDING & AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Avila Beach Committee

Lisa Newton & John Salisbury

Archie Maclaren will now chair the Avila Beach subcommittee. Lisa Newton reported that the committee met again about the Hall project and reviewed some inconsistencies in its plans. The committee decided not to vote for or against the project, but requested that individual subcommittee members submit their comments in writing to AVAC and the County Planning Department. Two written comments were received: 1 member is against the proposal and 1 member felt that since the leased parking is legal the Planning Commission should make the determination.

6.2 Avila Valley Committee

Jan Taylor

No report

6.3 San Luis Bay Estates

Nisan Matlin & Sheri Gooding

A meeting was held with Rob Rossi about the general store in Avila Village. Nothing has been resolved to date. The San Luis Bay Estates group suggests that AVAC may want to pursue a general plan amendment relative to Avila Village.

6.4 See Canyon

Bill Tickell & Marylou Gooden

Karla Bittner reported that a complaint was filed in regards to See Canyon Fruit Ranch. Some questions about the Minor Use Permit were presented for review by the See Canyon committee and the circulation committee.

Discussion followed about Minor Use Permits (main objectives of compatibility & safety) and goals/ criteria for special events in Avila. The Avila Business Association is interested in taking responsibility for event planning in Avila. AVAC members suggest that we work together on large events that impact the entire area. AVAC may be able to provide web space for a calendar of events.

6.5 Squire Canyon

Rob Bollay

No report

6.6 Traffic Circulation

Sheri Gooding & Jan Taylor

No items beyond those already discussed in other parts of the meeting.

6.7 Community Liaisons

Flood Zone 9: No meeting in April. David Gray will attend the May meeting. Some questions were asked about Costco project and the county's liability when water is displaced. Suggestion that AVAC write a letter to the Board of Supervisors expressing concerns about flooding.

Port San Luis Master Plan: Hard copy is available for AVAC members, also available on the website. Karla Bittner reported on her attendance at a recent meeting addressing the plan. Several AVAC members shared their concerns about several items in the plan. Comments to the commissioners are due by the end of April. Karla thanked Casey and Harbor Commissioners for their time.

6.8 Diablo Canyon

Dusty Palaia & Sheri Gooding

Karla Bittner reported on the tour of Diablo Canyon that 15 members attended. Karla also reported on the Diablo Canyon hearings where AVAC was not allowed to testify.

7.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marylou Gooden, Secretary