

# Avila Valley Advisory Council

## Minutes of May 12, 2003 Meeting

### Call to Order

K. Bittner called meeting to order at 7:00 PM

**Members Present:** K. Bittner, T. Ivarie, M. Gooden, L. Newton, J. Salisbury, J. Slattery, J. Taylor, R. Kiessig, S. Gooding, L. Walter, T. Eberhardt, B. Tickell, B. Cockrill, R. Bollay

**Members Absent:** N. Matlin, D. Palaia, D. Gray, G. Gibson

Chair, Karla Bittner welcomed the students in the audience and thanked them for attending. Carol Kiessig has resigned from the board. Another individual from Avila Valley will need to be recruited.

### Approval of minutes:

*Motion* (Gooding/Bollay) to approve minutes of April 14, 2003 meeting passed.

### 1.0 TREASURER'S REPORT

**Ted Ivarie**

Ted Ivarie, treasurer, presented the financial statement with a corrected previous month's balance of \$1,584.78. Total expenses for April were \$48.63, ending balance \$1,536.15.

*Motion* (Eberhardt/Gooding) to approve expenditure of \$116.35 to reimburse Jan Taylor for 2 years of web expenses passed unanimously.

### 2.0 COUNTY REPORTS

#### 2.1 County Supervisor, District 3

**Peg Pinard**

Dept. of Fish and Game has not yet responded to information request. Shared a map of the Coastal Zone that illustrates the large amount of protected coastal lands and preserves in our county. Watershed management activities are the concern of various groups and are very important to our area.

#### 2.2 Sheriff's Department

**Lt. Basti/ Matt Danielson**

Lt. Basti shared that our county has lowest violent crime rates for counties over 100,000. There were 2 thefts in See Canyon. Reported on support of Special Olympics, torch run and fund raising events. Bike patrol will be in Avila on weekends starting next week. Blues Festival will be held over Memorial Day weekend, Sheriff's Department will provide support.

Lt. Basti presented information on Sheriff's Department role in the event of an evacuation. There are differences in procedures depending on such factors as the nature of the event, how much advance warning is provided, mandatory vs. advisory event and if recovery is needed. As a community we need to work towards preventing problems (defensible space, safety) because prevention is better than evacuation. Evacuations are done very cautiously and under advisement of the supervising agency (varies with the type of emergency). The best information system for an instantaneous disaster is the radio alert system.

Supervisor Pinard stressed that it is important for the Office of Emergency Services to take the lead and coordinate all of the other departments in order to avoid making the situation worse.

#### 2.3 County Staff

**James Caruso**

Several EIR's are in process: Pirate's Cove, John DeVincenzo's project, Port San Luis (big issue for Port = cumulative traffic analysis). An application for special events at See Canyon Fruit Ranch has been received. 1<sup>st</sup> St. & San Miguel St. project is now in application. Avila Grocery has submitted an application for a 2<sup>nd</sup> story.

With regards to the Old Schoolhouse Project (located between Ontario Road and Hwy 101). J. Caruso shared that it is now turning into a rather complicated set of issues. There are concerns related to access of the schoolhouse and the staging area of the bike path. Parks Department does not want any access from the staging area to the schoolhouse. There is a traffic conflict between the separate uses of bike staging area and parking for winery.

John Salisbury presented information/ background about the Salisbury/Merzon Schoolhouse project that started 1 year ago. Hope to create a wine tasting facility, with a small food shop, area for cooking demonstrations and art display. There have been difficulties related to the entrance of the property and access from the bike path. A public hearing will be held in a week to air the differences of opinion.

AVAC board members asked clarifying questions, expressed concerns and offered suggestions.

#### **2.4 Public Works**

**Rosemarie Gaglione**

Nothing new to report, but willing to answer questions.

### **3.0 OLD BUSINESS**

#### **3.1 Avila Business Association**

Michael Kidd presented information about the Avila Business Association: community based organization, membership is open to everyone in the community, goal is to have 100 business & community members by the end of the year, exists to enhance the Avila community and businesses, emphasize Avila as a day destination. Focus is on 3 community events - 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Friday nights fisherman & produce market, Arts on the Plaza on Sundays. ABA is going to provide ongoing calendar of events for the area.

#### **3.2 AVAC Tour of Harbor Terrace, Port San Luis and San Luis Bay Estates**

Tour on May 17 from 10 AM to 12 PM. Meet at the PG&E Community Center.

#### **3.3 Communication to Flood Zone 9**

Karla Bittner reported on a response from Nature Conservancy.

### **4.0 NEW BUSINESS**

#### **4.1 Avila Flood Gate Replacement Project**

Impacts low lying areas of downtown Avila Beach. Scheduled for work somewhere between 2003 and 2005.

#### **5.0 Executive Committee/ Communications**

**Karla Bittner**

EOC is having the last meeting about housing next week.

### **6.0 STANDING & AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **6.1 Avila Beach Committee**

**Lisa Newton**

No meeting held last month. Communications received about a lot line adjustment and underground utilities for San Miguel St. A meeting will be held on Wednesday to discuss several upcoming projects.

#### **6.2 Avila Valley Committee**

Quick discussion about fruit farm. Staff is preparing a report.

#### **6.3 San Luis Bay Estates**

**Nisan Matlin & Sheri Gooding**

No report

#### **6.4 See Canyon**

**Bill Tickell**

No report

#### **6.5 Squire Canyon**

**Rob Bollay**

There was a fire started by a gopher blaster. About 1 acre was burned.

## **6.6 Traffic Circulation**

**Sheri Gooding**

Several issues are currently under review by the committee. They are reviewing EIRs and circulation studies to examine and understand current assumptions.

## **6.7 Community Liaisons**

**Port San Luis** - Karla Bittner reports that the road capacity issue is a complex one that is still under study. Build out of buildings on Harbor Terrace, access improvements and signage were also discussed.

Supervisor Pinard alerted the board about the differences in initial plan and draft plan submitted to County about lease of parking lot. There are questions about timing of when the lease items were inserted, how the process occurred and when the plans were changed.

## **6.8 Diablo Canyon**

**Sheri Gooding**

May 19 is the date for the hearing. No public comment will be allowed.

## **7.0 PUBLIC COMMENT**

## **8.0 ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marylou Gooden, Secretary