

Avila Valley Advisory Council Minutes of July 14, 2003

Call to Order: K. Bittner called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Members Present: K. Bittner, T. Ivarie, L. Newton, J. Salisbury, J. Taylor, R. Kiessig, S. Gooding, T. Ivarie, N. Matlin, D. Palaia, L. Walter, D. Gray.

Members Absent: All others

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve minutes of June 9, 2003 meeting passed.

Treasurer's Report: Ted Ivarie

No transactions reported this month, however bill received for PO Box which will be reflected next month. Balance remains \$1,430.30.

COUNTY REPORTS

County Supervisor, District 3: Peg Pinard

Ms Pinard introduced Adrienne Riley her new legislative assistant.

After the last AVAC meeting Ms. Pinard met with The Land Conservancy about their plans for funding upgrades to the Marre Wier. Ms Pinard posed questions that weren't part of the scope of last month's presentation, for example, keeping the metal in place but using it as a structure to set a rock facing in place to make it more aesthetically pleasing. As a result of her meeting, Ms Pinard said that AVAC should expect another presentation on the weir project containing additional ideas.

The bike path status was discussed; a survey is still needed for the portion of bike path that doubles as a service path, tracking car/service vehicles vs. bicycle usage. County is waiting on written authorization to perform this survey on Rossi's property. Regarding bicycle use of the bridge, the county and Rossi are discussing liability issues. Also, the county is waiting on the list of easements and utility crossings under the bike path that traverses Mallard Green in San Luis Bay Estates.

Sheriff's Department: Matt Danielson

On July 4th there were only 2 minor arrests, all in all a safe holiday. The bike patrol program has expanded and provided lots of coverage on the 4th. No word on the Labor Day fireworks. On August 2/3 there will be an outrigger boating club celebration where additional Sheriff forces will be deployed.

Lt. Bassi announced that the SLO County crime rate was down overall, the lowest in the state. He attributes this to community support and funding and making crime and injury prevention a priority.

County Planning Staff: James Caruso

In the August AVAC meeting Mr. Caruso will be introducing the "cleanup" of the San Luis Bay Coastal plan. Some of the items that need to be addressed or incorporated are traffic issues and the mandate of the DREAM initiative.

Update of projects: The Salisbury appeal will occur August 5th in the am. Pirates Cove EIR is still in progress, the developer's geologist saying that it is stable, two county-hired geologists disagree. Archeological issues have become a larger constraint based on the results of findings in the archeological surveys. The DiVencenzo conditional use permit will come to AVAC at the next meeting in August. The Diablo EIR is progressing, the consultant is providing draft sections of the report to Mr. Caruso who will make it available at the appropriate time. Avila Inn asked for the 3rd extension, July 28th is the planning commission hearing.

Public Works: Rosemarie Gaglione

Ms. Gaglione showed pictures of how the right of way could be measured from the centerline of the road or from any other point, depending on the impediments or special considerations for terrain or structures. The county will remove signs in the right of way soon. This includes realtor signs.

The topic of how traffic capacity was factored into the planning and permitting of projects that were either part of the general plan or are new and/or modified from the General Plan. Basically, if a proposed project was not part of the original circulation study, the county assesses what can be done or paid for by the applicant to accommodate or temper the proposed impact to traffic.

Old Business

John Salisbury is the chairman of the agribusiness association's sign committee.

The emergency response plan for the Port was issued final, which incorporated the AVAC comments as coordinated by R. Kiessig.

New Business

Mr. Campbell has asked the County for a commemorative bench to be placed at 188 Front Street in the right of way. The county has referred this to AVAC for decisions on the layout and look of such a bench. The Avila Beach sub-committee has this action.

Executive Committee/Communications

K. Bittner announced that David and Lori Cantu, Bill Cockrill and Lynn Walter are now members of the circulation committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Civic Association Building sub-committee: Lisa Newton

There is a community workshop on August 5th to consider the options of repair, remodel or replacement of the civic association building. The availability of funds to entirely replace this building is why it is being considered seriously. Everyone is encouraged to attend and provide input.

Avila Beach Subcommittee: John Salisbury

There are 25 artists now and a waiting list of 24 to get in to the Art in the Plaza event on Sundays. The fish market is on hold due to having to go to the health department for permits. Changes to the Whittaker-Young project on 1st and San Miguel was reviewed and approved. Motion (Nelson/Salisbury) passed to send letter to county from AVAC to that effect.

Avila Valley committee:

No report

San Luis Bay Estates committee:

No report

See Canyon committee:

Mr. Caruso reported that the fruit farm minor use permit will need this committee to review.

Squire Canyon committee:

No report

Circulation committee:

Motion passed (Gooding/Kiessig) that AVAC have a significant role in reviewing special events or temporary events.

Diablo Canyon committee:

Motion passed (Gooding/Palaia) to write letter to CPUC documenting AVAC support of moving all meetings of the Diablo Canyon Safety Committee to SLO County and for having one technically competent person representing SLO county residents on the committee.

Public Comment:

No comments

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Walter, acting secretary