

Avila Valley Advisory Council

Minutes of August 11, 2003 Meeting

Call to Order

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

Members Present: K. Bittner, , M. Gooden, L. Newton, J. Salisbury, , J. Taylor, N. Matlin , D. Palaia , L. Walter, , D. Gray, B. Tickell, , R. Bollay,

Members Absent: T. Ivarie, J. Slattery, R. Kiessig, S. Gooding, T. Eberhardt, B. Cockrill, G. Gibson

Approval of minutes: Minutes of the July 14, 2003 meeting were approved without any amendments or changes

1.0 TREASURER'S REPORT

Ted Ivarie

Karla Bittner reported there was no activity last month.

2.0 COUNTY REPORTS

2.1 Sheriff's Department

Lt. Basti & Matt Danielson

Lt. Basti presented a plaque to Ken Smith commemorating his Special Olympics participation. Officer Danilason reported that it has been a very quiet summer. During the past month there were events at the golf course and a few isolated arrests.

2.2 County Supervisor, District 3

Peg Pinard

Notice of preparation for EIR for Harbor Terrace has been sent. Supervisor Pinard pointed out some concerns that might be discussed by AVAC: harbor's interaction w/ community, parking fee issues, commercial use's impact on parking, harbor restaurant's competition w/ town of Avila, pier issues. John Salisbury received all of the changes he had requested for his winery project. Turned out to be a win-win for everyone.

2.3 County Planning Staff

James Caruso

Refer to report under new business

2.4 Public Works

Rosemarie Gaglione

No report

3.0 OLD BUSINESS

3.1 Avila Sign Development Report: An individual was severely injured several weeks ago in a motorcycle accident related to an illegal sign in the right of way. John Salisbury introduced Larry Bittner who made a presentation about sign development for Avila Valley. Avila has the opportunity to develop a sign plan with a consistent message. (sun, recreation, lodging, shopping) He suggests we spend some money to develop a plan, define our image & target market, develop a slogan, coordinate timing and implement the plan when appropriate.

3.2 Port San Luis Master Plan: Representatives from the Port and RRM were present to explain the timeline for the master plan. Draft issue of EIR will be released in mid-September. Public review of that phase will close at end of October. There will be more opportunities for additional comments beyond that point. Peg Pinard suggests that any comments also be cc'd to James Caruso. AVAC members requested that the circulation issues related to the Harbor Terrace project be reviewed by the circulation committee. James Caruso reminded AVAC that the comments will need to be submitted before September 2 in order to be considered. Rob Bollay, Lynn Walter, Sheri Gooding, Karla Bittner and Nisan Maitlin will meet as a group and submit comments.

3.3 Avila Inn/ Hertel & Sons: Have requested a 3rd extension on permit. Development group of SLBE feels that the extension will not be a problem.

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Avila Grocery: Brian Starr made a presentation about the Avila Grocery building renovation. Rudy Bachman would like to add a second floor to make the project financially viable. There have been some difficulties because of the market's historical designation. Mr. Starr presented some options that might preserve the original look of the building, but also allow for a second floor. More information will follow next month.

4.2 San Luis Bay Area Plan Update

James Caruso

Community Advisory council training will be held on Saturday, August 16 at the SLO City/ County library for any advisory council members. All are welcome to attend.

On September 22, 7:00 PM, next Diablo Canyon spent fuel storage meeting will be held. More information is being requested about the traffic study in See Canyon and the impact of special events.

The county is undertaking a "clean-up" of the Coastal Area Plan. (Do not want to get into a major rewrite of the area plan, but instead fix and streamline what we have.) The goal is to stop incrementalizing all the small projects that potentially have a large impact on the valley.

Whittaker/Young & Fetco projects are going to hearings soon.

5.0 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE/COMMUNICATIONS

Karla Bittner will not attend the September meeting. Communications will be sent to Ted Ivarie & Marylou Gooden. Good letter from League of Women Voters about affordable housing in the county.

6.0 STANDING & AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Avila Beach Committee

Lisa Newton/John Salisbury

Committee would like to hear the analysis of the architectural historian in regards to Avila Grocery and resolve a few issues about deliveries. New plan for a condo project on corner of 2nd Street was well received. Memorial bench proposed by Damon Campbell was discussed. There are concerns about the trash that could accumulate. It was suggested that we might be able to designate some of the existing benches for a donation instead of adding new benches. There are some concerns about some of the lighting in town being too bright.

Motion (Salisbury/ Bollay) to approve Hole in the Clouds project passed with one abstention (Tickell).

Peg Pinard reviewed some history about the Avila Business Association's use of money from Unocal. (4 members of the community & 3 members of ABA) to work out a marketing plan for Avila to help the town rebound.

6.2 Avila Valley Committee

Jan Taylor

No report

6.3 San Luis Bay Estates

Nisan Matlin

SLBE store operator is still up in the air.

6.4 See Canyon

Bill Tickell

Waiting for Dr. D's application.

6.5 Squire Canyon

Rob Bollay

No report

6.6 Traffic Circulation

Jan Taylor/Sherri Gooding

Have a meeting scheduled to clarify traffic circulation study

6.7 Community Liaisons

Flood Zone 9

David Gray

No report this month

Port San Luis

Karla

Bittner

See 3.2 above

6.8 Diablo Canyon

Dusty Palia

Voted last month to suggest that the safety committee meetings be moved to San Luis Obispo area. Dusty Palia will attend the next safety hearing.

7.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

None presented

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Marylou Gooden, Secretary