

# Avila Valley Advisory Council

## Minutes of March 8, 2004 Meeting

### Call to Order

K. Bittner called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**Members Present:** K. Bittner, T. Eberhardt, M. Gooden, L. Newton, J. Salisbury, A. Brown, J. Taylor, R. Kiessig, S. Gooding, N. Matlin, T. Ivarie, B. Tickell

**Members Absent:** J. Scott, D. Palaia, L. Walter, C. Whipps, B. Cockrill, K. Argano

**Approval of minutes:** Motion (Taylor/ Salisbury) to approve minutes of February 9, 2004 meeting passed

### 1.0 TREASURER'S REPORT

T. Eberhardt

1 expenditure of \$62.65 to pay for Web site; current balance is \$1293.65

### 2.0 COUNTY REPORTS

#### 2.1 Sheriff's Department

Deputy Scott

Deputy Scott reviewed the County traffic studies performed in 1996. 85% of traffic study result was 55 mph, which makes it legally difficult to lower the speed limit to 45 mph. Deputy Scott will contact CHP to get some help with extra patrolling & stops in the area. Vandalism on the sea wall during February, otherwise things have been relatively calm.

#### 2.2 County Supervisor, District 3

Peg Pinard

A. Riley attended in Peg Pinard's place, no report.

#### 2.3 County Planning Staff

James Caruso

Planning Department is planning a 4-hour Advisory Training session on April 24. See Canyon Minor Use Permit for special events is in review. Avila Beach has 6 projects under review or in post approval process. The Avila subcommittee is a very hardworking group. They are meeting every 2 weeks to deal with all the projects.

### 3.0 OLD BUSINESS

**3.1 Midblock Passage: Rob Rossi** presented information about some of the background and current situation of the Midblock Passage project. 2 story building that involves commercial & residential use & a pathway for public use. Project has been redesigned several times. Fully parked for residential component, but in lieu fees will be paid for commercial component and will vary depending on the commercial tenants. Some questions still exist about roofing material and configurations of residential areas. Lisa Newton made a report based on Avila subcommittee's discussion. Some of the conditions relate to slope and in lieu parking and agreement with neighbor, J. Gardner.

*Motion* (Newton/ Salisbury) AVAC approve Rossi's plan for the Midblock Passage with the following conditions: subject to the written agreement with neighbor, J. Gardner and no in lieu parking beyond the residential portion of the project. Passed unanimously.

**3.1 . Avila Trolley: Boyd Horne** thanked AVAC for the letter supporting the trolley which currently only runs on weekends. Additional letters of support have also been obtained. Supervisor Pinard supports the trolley and would like to have it come under the supervision of one unified transit agency. More meetings are scheduled to continue discussion and work out details for a transition plan.

#### 3.2 Port San Luis EIR Comments: Draft letter was sent to the board members.

*Motion* (Gooding/Taylor) to approve the letter to Port San Luis on draft EIR recommendations passed unanimously.

### 4.0 NEW BUSINESS

**4.1 Traffic calming San Luis Bay Drive/ Avila Beach: R. Gaglione** has been removed from our area due to budget restraints. She submitted a written report for the board answering some of the questions AVAC members had posed in the past.

## **5.0 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE/COMMUNICATIONS**

Karla attended a session for advisory committee chairs last month.

**5.1 Board Vacancies/ Squire Canyon & Avila Valley** - 1 representative has been approved from Squire Canyon. We still need members from the 2 areas.

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

**6.1 Avila Beach Committee: (Lisa Newton/John Salisbury)** - quite a few projects are currently under review. Process has been changed to save time. If the items are not acceptable the projects are returned to the developers for revision. Projects may have to come back to the committee 3 or 4 times before they are forwarded to AVAC. Subcommittee is now meeting every 2 weeks.

**6.2 Avila Valley Committee (Jan Taylor)** No report

**6.3 San Luis Bay Estates (Sheri Gooding)** Permit for general store for Avila Village has been issued, but committee will now check to see if the store will actually be opened. There are many issues involved with SLBE that are not brought forward to AVAC because of time constraints. (for example - Lupine Canyon Rd. is substandard in width and slope even though it is the emergency access to the Port)

**6.4 See Canyon (Bill Tickell)** Minor Use Permit was not well received at the last hearing. May be moved up to the Planning Commission level.

**6.5 Squire Canyon** J. Caruso mentioned that there is currently a CSD issue related to improvements to Squire Knolls Dr. and the power lines.

**6.6 Traffic Circulation (Jan Taylor/Sherri/Gooding):** Have been working to get a permit history on golf course special events. Would like to ask Rob Rossi directly what has occurred in the past. Question about best way to approach inquiry.

*Motion:* (Gooding/ Brown) AVAC send a letter to Avila Beach Resort requesting permits that we have been researching them with the county. Draft will be sent to AVAC before it is sent. Motion passed unanimously.

## **6.7 Community Liaisons**

**Flood Zone 9 (Claire Ronalt):** Will attend a meeting this week and report back next month. J. Caruso reported that SLO City released a report related to the Dalidio project detailing significant & unavoidable drainage issues once the area is paved and built out.

**Port San Luis (Karla Bittner)** – no report

**6.8 Diablo Committee (Sheri Gooding)** Planning Commission final decision did not include public access (something that County had requested), but may be appealed. NRC is expected to license the facility this month. D. Palia reproduced articles from the Tribune related to Yucca Mountain to share with AVAC

## **7.0 PUBLIC COMMENT**

J. Lenthall was in the audience. He reported that his margin of not achieving a majority in the election was very small.

## **8.0 ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:58PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marylou Gooden, Secretary