

# Avila Valley Advisory Council

## Minutes of June 14, 2004 Meeting

### Call to Order

K. Bittner called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Members Present:** K. Bittner, T. Eberhardt, M. Gooden, L. Newton, J. Salisbury, J. Taylor, S. Gooding, D. Palaia, B. Pusanik, L. Walter, T. Ivarie, B. Tickell, K. Argano

**Members Absent:** R. Kiessig, A. Brown, J. Scott, N. Matlin, J. Biesek

**Approval of minutes:** *Motion* (Taylor/ Pusanik) to approve 5/10/04 meeting minutes passed

### 1.0 TREASURER'S REPORT

T. Eberhardt

1 check for copy costs to K. Bittner for \$10.55; current balance is \$1136.85

### 2.0 COUNTY REPORTS

#### 2.1 Sheriff's Department

Deputy Scott & Adams

No report

#### 2.2 County Supervisor, District 3

Peg Pinard

No report; Karla welcomed audience members, Patty Andreen & Jerry Lenthall, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Supervisor candidates.

#### 2.3 County Planning Staff

James Caruso

Provided background on outdoor commercial entertainment permit process and how it may be used by Avila Resort for events with more than 3,000 people. DeVincenzo EIR comments are due back by July 19. Coastal Commission had 4 appeals filed on Diablo dry cask storage, they will be reviewed @ July meeting. Things have been very active in Avila Beach. Last Thursday the People's Self Help Housing project was unanimously approved by the Planning Commission.

### 3.0 OLD BUSINESS

**3.1 Bob Jones Bike Trail Update:** Jan DiLeo & Bob Pusanik - In response to the presentation made last month a subcommittee met and has made the following recommendations: Option 1 is the preferred bike path extension with these modifications: 1) extend path further behind trees & exit onto existing golf cart path 2) Initially only 2 trees would need to be removed. 1 of them could be kept if the path is constructed around the tree. A set of eucalyptus trees should be planted immediately behind the existing trees. 3) 10 foot fence would be placed outside existing trees & landscaped w/ vines & bushes 4) 3 stairways w/ 1 nearest sewer plant to be moved 100 feet to 1<sup>st</sup> St. 5) Existing bike path easement @ San miguel to be closed & abandoned 6) Area between bike path & Avila Beach Dr. landscaped w/ moderate sized plants 7) County should focus on eliminating unnecessary signs & utilize ground markings for direction & information markers 8) Careful attention to safety will be necessary to design merging of the golf cart & bike path 9) Pedestrian controlled signal light should be installed @ 1<sup>st</sup> St. 10) Need for additional bike racks @ Avila Beach

*Motion* (Eberhardt/ Taylor) to recommend Option 1 with modifications listed above passed Jan DiLeo will come back to AVAC with an update and information about the Environmental Review should the 22 trees in the original proposal need to be removed.

**3.2 Adopted See Canyon MUP:** Bill Tickle - Project was approved with 19 events, 125 attendees max, no amplified sound, 2 events per month, only wine, 10 am to 7 pm operation, permit expires if the Kinney's move. Has been appealed and will go to the Board in August.

**3.3 Avila Trolley:** Boyd Horn & Pete Rogers from SLOCOG - PowerPoint presentation highlighting the positive benefits of the trolley and providing information about the route and SLOCOG's involvement. Goals include integrating the trolley with other services and increasing ridership. Proposal to transfer trolley contract to South County Area Transit (SCAT) through a lease arrangement could save approx. \$34,000 yearly. Basic objective = to insure continued operation of trolley.

#### **4.0 NEW BUSINESS**

**4.1 DeVincenzo EIR - 45 day review** - Document is available for review. A subcommittee has been established. Please send comments to James Caruso by July 19. Rest of board is encouraged to review the project carefully. Planning Commission is slated to review the project in October then it will go on to the Coastal Commission.

#### **5.0 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE/COMMUNICATIONS**

**5.1 New Member Board Training Session** - certificates for 2 members who attended training were distributed

**5.2 Community Emergency Response Team Training** - will schedule a workshop in the fall if there are 20 to 40 participants interested. Open to all residents, 5 sessions, 1 night per week.

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

**6.1 Avila Beach Committee (Lisa Newton/John Salisbury)** Oceans 17 project is being redesigned. Friday night Farmer's market is now open - come out & support it!

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

**6.3 San Luis Bay Estates (Sheri Gooding)**

*Motion* to approve (Pusanik/Gooding) Vorie residence tract 2149 since visual mitigation, elevations & landscaping measures were met passed.

No new developments on the general store as yet. Committee may come forth with a recommendation during a future meeting.

**6.4 See Canyon (Bill Tickell)** James reports that 2 weeks ago a preapplication meeting was held for an 8 lot subdivision on the 80 acre See Canyon Fruit Ranch.

**6.5 Squire Canyon (Karin Argano)** - Are working in conjunction with CDF to complete planning for fire & abatement.

**6.6 Traffic Circulation (Jan Taylor/Sherri/Gooding):** In light of the possible impacts of the new developments the committee suggests that we strongly support an update of the San Luis Bay Area Plan since the most recent update was in 1988.

*Motion* (Gooding/ Walter) AVAC is opposed to initiation of any General Plan Amendment that results in increased traffic until completion of an updated San Luis Bay Area Plan for Avila. Discussion followed the motion about the current limitation of resources (human and monetary). Motion was tabled.

**6.7 Community Liaisons**

**Flood Zone 9 (Claire Ronalter)**

**Port San Luis (Karla Bittner)** - budget will be finalized this month. Are facing budget cuts and are now implementing increases in various fees including parking.

**6.8 Diablo Committee (Dusty Palaia)** reported on 2 recent NRC dry cask storage hearings.

#### **7.0 PUBLIC COMMENT**

Boyd Horn reported that Avila Trolley got a State award for innovative transportation.

Audience member asked a question about the San Luis Coastal project in Avila.

#### **8.0 ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marylou Gooden, Secretary