

# Avila Valley Advisory Council

Minutes of Monday, September 13, 2004 Meeting

**Call to Order:** Karla brought the meeting to order @ 7:05p.m.

**Members Present** K. Bittner, T. Eberhardt, M. Gooden, L. Newton, J. Scott, J. Taylor, R. Kiessig, S. Gooding, D. Palaia, B. Tickell, J. Biesek, K. Argano,

**Members Absent:** J. Salisbury, A. Brown, B. Pusanik, L. Walter, T. Ivarie, N. Maitlin

**Approval of minutes:** *Motion* (Gooding/Eberhardt) to approve June 14, 2004 minutes passed  
*Motion* (Newton/Taylor) to approve July 12, 2004 minutes passed with one correction: 4.1 Extensive EIR, draft letter done by Karla subcommittee.

## 1.0 TREASURER'S REPORT

**T. Eberhardt**

Current balance is \$1112.85 *Motion* (Gooding/ Taylor) to accept Treasurer's Report passed.

## 2.0 COUNTY REPORTS

### 2.1 Sheriff's Department

**Commander Robin Weckerly**

Commander Weckerly introduced herself and encouraged members to call (528-6083) if they have questions. Bicycle patrol has now ended in Avila, not much activity this past month.

### 2.2 County Supervisor, District 3

**Peg Pinard**

Possible funding sources for Avila Beach Community Center will be shared soon.

### 2.3 County Planning Staff

**James Caruso**

See other reports below

### 2.4 Public Works/ Road Improvement Fund

**Rosemarie Gaglione**

Rosemarie shared a draft of the Avila Circulation Study and asked for questions from board & audience. Bridge project will start in 2006.

*Motion* (Gooding/Taylor) to recommend approval of the Avila Circulation Study passed.

Rosemarie also shared a document about guidelines for installing crosswalks and signals. Item from new business moved up to this part of the meeting:

### 4.2 New Business- Bellevue School Request for pedestrian light @ See Canyon

Bellevue parent, Denise Allen, presented the reasons why the parents at Bellevue School want a stoplight installed at See Canyon and San Luis Bay Dr. intersection. Rosemarie explained the guidelines the County must follow for installation. Other measures including enforcement by Highway Patrol & Sheriff's Dept. & meetings with staff & parents are more realistic at this time.

## 3.0 OLD BUSINESS

### 3.1 County Permitting Issue for Special Events

**J. Caruso**

James explained history of permitting process. Currently there are 2 ways to get permits: 1 through Planning Dept. and 1 through Tax Collector's Office. Plans are to streamline the process and clarify procedures. A report is due back to the Board of Supervisors by January 2005. James will keep AVAC informed. Peg Pinard clarified the specific guidelines the Board has requested: health & safety & traffic with a simplified and clear permitting process.

## 4.0 NEW BUSINESS

### 4.1 DeVincenzo/ Avila Valley Lodge

**John DeVincenzo**

Peg Pinard provided background: Avila Specific Plan included year round Businesses but the Coastal Commission disagreed, mainly wanted visitor serving facilities. Residents wanted Avila to maintain it's small town feel. Peg pointed out that placing hotels near the freeway is safer for circulation than placing them in Avila itself, especially if use of trolley, bike trails and off site parking is encouraged. Avila Valley Lodge was on the books in 1999. She urges that continuity with previous AVAC board's decisions be considered and included in decision making.

John DeVincenzo and team presented information about the Avila Valley Lodge project including information about site characteristics, planning, aesthetics, visuals, traffic, wetlands, water, wastewater and drainage. Questions and answers followed. Offered to share more information at John Wallace's office for any members who want more details.

Karla explained the timeline- Planning Commission will hear project on October 28, AVAC subcommittee will meet on Sept. 24, AVAC will make their recommendation @ October meeting, Coastal Commission will receive recommendation from County in December and will make a decision in early 2005.

## **5.0 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE/COMMUNICATIONS**

Avila Beach Comm. Foundation - Letter acknowledging award for trolley

**5.1 SL Yacht Club @ Avila Beach Pier** - invitation to AVAC Board to attend boat dock inauguration party, details to follow

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

**6.1 Avila Beach Committee:** Lisa Newton - Rattner property: some changes were suggested by subcommittee - lights, vegetation & height limits. *Motion* (Newton/ Gooding) to approve Rattner project on 1<sup>st</sup> St in Avila Beach passed. 3 other properties will be reviewed at the next meeting.

**6.2 Avila Valley Committee** no report

**6.3 San Luis Bay Estates** no report

**6.4 See Canyon** no report

**6.5 Squire Canyon** no report

**6.6 Traffic Circulation** See previous item -New Business 4.2

### **6.7 Community Liaisons**

**Port San Luis** Free parking is now provided during Farmer's Market

**Flood Zone 9** no report

**6.8 Diablo Committee** Written report distributed by Dusty Palaia

**James Caruso** added these comments: Courtyard @ Avila (1<sup>st</sup> & San Miguel) permit has been issued. Mike Kidd Motel is in the process of being issued, but has some problems with height related to an elevator for disabled patrons. See Canyon- pre application for 80 acres behind Fruit Ranch. Diablo Canyon- PG&E is holding meetings with UC Regents in regards to neutrino project. PUC has decided that they are the SEQA lead agency for steam generator replacement (involves 8 generators). County has asked the PUC to return lead agency status to the County. Negotiations are in process.

**7.0 PUBLIC COMMENT** none

## **8.0 ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Marylou Gooden, Secretary