

## AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL

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AVAC meets the 2<sup>ND</sup> Monday of every month, 7-9 p.m. at the PG&E Community Center, 6588 Ontario Road, Avila Beach, CA. Items for each agenda may be submitted to the Executive Committee two weeks in advance of the meeting.

**Public Participation:** *Following discussion of each agenda item by Council, the Chair may allow public comment as time permits. Non-agenda concerns may be raised during the Public Comment period. Please limit remarks or questions to 3 minutes.*

### Officers for 2008

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Sherri Danoff  
Ted Ivarie  
Jayne Morton  
Bob Pusanik  
Ken Thomson  
Lynn Walter  
Sandy Keller (alt)  
Darryl Armstrong (alt)

#### **See Canyon:**

Steve Johnson  
Bill Tickell  
Jack Biesek (alt)

#### **Squire Canyon**

Karin Argano  
John Schug  
Vacancy (alt)

### **Minutes of Monday, November 9, 2008**

7:05 P.M.

#### **Call to order/Roll Call**

Sherri Danoff/Jayne Morton

A quorum was established.

Present: Ann Brown, Jan Taylor, Boyd Horne, Sherri Danoff, Ted Ivarie, Jayne Morton, Bob Pusanik, Ken Thompson, Sandy Keller, John Schug, Steve Johnson.

Excused: Lisa Newton., Rick Rowe, Lynn Walter, Bill Tickell, Karin Argano

**Public Comment** - None

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Sherri Danoff

Minutes for October 13 were approved as presented.

#### **1.0 Treasurer's Report**

Anne Brown

Balance is \$906.17. One bill for \$4.23 presented to be paid.

#### **2.0 County Reports**

##### **2.1 Sheriff's Department**

Sgt. Bryan Beetham

The crime statistics are down 25% from last year. There have been some problems involving the Bob Jones Trail. There were some homeless people camped close by and are being told to leave. There was theft and some gas stolen from cars and one burglary on San Luis St.

Sgt. Beetham clarified that the Highway Patrol takes care of traffic problems, the Sheriff handles crime issues and parking issues are handled by Code Enforcement – phone 781-5600.

##### **2.2 County Supervisor**

Jerry Lenthall

~~Carol~~ Kara Blakeslee has been successful at raising the funds needed for the purchase of Wild Cherry Canyon surface rights. The County has allocated \$350,000 and recently the Coastal Commission has allocated 5 million dollars towards the purchase. ~~Carol~~ Kara has been the one who has spearheaded the project and everyone agreed that AVAC should send a thank you letter of appreciation to her for her efforts in getting this project off the ground. The money is there for the purchase and Supervisor Lenthall feels she will be able to have it confirmed by June of next year.

##### **2.3 Public Works**

Dale Ramey/Ryan Chapman

No report

##### **2.4 Planning**

Ryan Hostetter

Ryan gave the AVAC Board one copy of the Avila Valley Circulation Study for review. It is far to thick to give everyone a copy.

The Schoolhouse Project is almost completed. It will go to hearing in January for the lot line adjustment to protect the area around the schoolhouse.

The Colony Project is being held up for environmental review. They received the letter from AVAC with recommendations on how to treat the ditch ("wet lands") and how to enhance it. Ryan said that all the houses have discretionary permits, which will allow them to be able to address the issue of responsibility for taking care of the ditch..

## 2.5 Housing Element Update

Morgan Torell

Ms. Torell explained very completely about the County's Housing Element. The Housing Element is required by State law and must be updated generally every 5 years. They plan for housing for all income categories; are consistent with all General Plan Elements and the current update must be approved by the State by August 2009. She passed out information covering all the current statistics and pertinent information for each Board member.

## **3.0 Old Business**

### 3.1 Audit Committee Report

Sandy Keller

The book is in proper order and everything balanced.

### 3.2 Bike-Pedestrian Connection to Port

Steve McGrath

The bike and pedestrian connection to the Port is still pretty much in the discussion stages. PG&E gave \$172,000 seed money for the project without any agency being in charge. The County moved up to take charge so it could go forward and assigned it to the Fish and Wildlife Dept. Steve shared he discussed the issue with them and said they have been delaying in making it a viable project. He feels it has once again been brought to their attention and that they need to decide it is viable and needs to go forward.

As a result of the PG&E litigation another \$300,000 was allocated to the project making the total \$472,000 allocated for the project with no leader. The monies are still allocated and available. It is a valuable project but very challenging because there are so many agencies involved. It also involves the Harvest-Harbor Terrace Project, Cherry Ranch trail, the Cal Poly Pier and the bridge, which is a main concern. A suggestion was made that AVAC send a letter of encouragement to the different agencies involved – Parks and Rec., Planning, Public Works and the Harbor District.

## **4.0 Community Liaisons -**

### 4.1 Avila Business Assoc., Avila Beach Civic Assoc., Avila Beach Foundation, Port, Diablo

#### **ABA-**

Steve Johnson

Fish and Farmers Market is over and was the most successful year they have had. The Hospice Concourse went very well. There will be several events coming up – the Alpah and American Heart Association fundraiser benefits; a family day on the promenade and an Avila Beach Art and Wine family event in October 2009.

The Avila sign is in the process of being completed.

#### **ABCA-**

Anne Brown

The Civic Center has been busy. The Halloween Party was very scary and successful. They had over a 100 people participate and lots of youngsters. They will probably have it again next year. The voting was held there and went well. There was a successful three day cribbage tournament with 60 people. Sunday Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> a ~~reception will be held for our Supervisor elect Adam Hill and Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup> will be the annual~~ Christmas Party with Santa Claus. It is also time to renew your membership in the ABCA.

#### **ABCF -**

Boyd Horne

Rick Cohen has been selected to be the new executive Director of the Foundation and Boyd has been asked to be a Trustee on the Board.

The Foundation approved \$48,600 for 10 grants this year. 1) \$3500 for Avila Sign 2) \$15000 for Program Coordinator of Community Center 3) \$5000 for Front St. Clean-up by Achievement House 4) \$1500 for restore the antique Avila Dodge Fire Truck 5) \$9500 Junior Life guard 6) \$7100 Pali Kai Jr. 7) History - Archiving all photographic photographs of Avila Beach. 8) \$1500 Community calendar renewal 9) \$3000 Local trolley 10) \$500 Look into and develop a plan of creating art in Avila Beach. Supervisor Lenthall said that there will be a resolution honoring Mr. Horne for his dedication in founding the Foundation and his continual involvement on either Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> or the 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Port San Luis –**

Steve McGrath

The Lighthouse Keepers have been successful in raising grant money of 1.3 million for restoration funds. The Gateway Project hopefully will be completed by mid December.

The Port has been involved in fisheries and helping them in cooperation with Morro Bay. The fishery industry is severally severely challenged right now. They are running 10% of what it was 10 years ago creating a large and complex issue of maintaining the infrastructure that is needed to support the fishery industry such as the new quota requirements, the time fisherman can fish etc.

The Port had a study session with the Harbor Commission regarding the Harbor Terrace Project. They looked at all the issues and the studies that had been made and Steve feels it is time to start moving forward with the project and will keep us posted on the how it is evolving.

There was some question about the condition of the Avila Pier and its maintenance. The pier is 23 years old and is continually watched carefully. It is checked daily. It is 1700 feet long and has 100- 1,000 or more pilings. There are 6 pilings in the process of being replaced. The landings and gratings are designed to do

what they are doing and they are not sinking. The Port does not have any interest in seeing the pier collapse and is very aware what is needed.

**PGE Diablo –**

Patricia Wilmar

The Community center is getting new carpeting which is the first step for getting it refreshed.

The County has a chance to be the Area for the Center for Solar Energy. PGE is under contract for 977 mg watts of solar power for the nation which would make the county at the forefront of the solar energy movement. A suggestion was to have an energy savings presentation by PG&E in the future.

Supervisor Lenthall thanked PG&E for their very instrumental participation in the BI-annual Emergency Drill held recently. He suggested that AVAC send a letter of appreciation to Pat Wilmar for her very informative and helpful participation.

**5.0 New Business-**

5.1 Appoint Nominating Committee

Sherri Danoff

Ted Ivarie volunteered and accepted the chairmanship of the committee and will chose choose committee members.

**6.0 Executive Committee Communications-**

6.1 Letter from Director of Planning and Building

Sherrie Danoff

Read a letter regarding Avila's vacation ordinance in response to the Presidents letter .requesting information. AVAC will be notified when the meeting date is to discuss the issue.

The President stated the importance of checking to see if there is a staff report available for any community project. When there is a public hearing date a staff report is made.

**7.0 AVAC Committees**

7.1 Land Use Committee

Sherri Danoff

Bob Pusanik will chair a committee to review the Circulation Study. The Event Ordinance is still not ready to recommend anything.

7.2 Diablo Committee – No report

Sandy Keller

7.3 Port Committee – No report

Darryl Armstong

7.4 Avila Beach Committee- No report

Lisa Newton

7.5 San Luis Bay Estates Committee- No report

Ted Ivarie

7.6 Avila Valley Committee – No report

Boyd Horne

7.7 See Canyon Committee – No report

Bill Tickell

7.8 Squire Canyon – No report

Karin Argano

**8.0** December 8th meeting will be nominations and the election of officers.

**8.1 Meeting Adjourned** at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
Jayne Morton, Secretary