

AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes, Monday January 10, 2011

1. **The meeting** was called to order at 7:05 pm by **Anne** Brown for Boyd Horne absent due to illness.

Present were: Bob Pusanik, Anne M. Brown, Jayne Morton, Sherri Danoff, Ken Thompson, Lisa Newton, Julia Hartzell, Bill Tickel, Ted Ivarie.

Excused: Lynn Walter, Boyd Horne, Jan Taylor, Steve Johnson

2. **The minutes** of the December meeting were approved as emailed.

3. **Public Comment:** none

4. **Treasurer's Report:** **Anne** Brown reported **it** was the same as last month - \$483.82 in account.

5. **County Reports:**

- a. **Sheriff:** Capt. Jay Donovan reported that overall Avila was quiet. There were 52 calls **with** only two arrests. The other calls were minor disturbances such as loud parties and alarm calls.

He asked if anyone has a home alarm system please be sure to update all their information with their alarm company. They need to have the responsible party and a contact person listed in case the owner can't be reached in order to have permission to do what will be necessary. Make sure they have some sort of motion lighting and the street numbers placed where they can be seen easily. He was asked about the Fire Dept.'s lock boxes and he said he was not familiar with them and would find out.

He said Graffiti has increased particularly in Cayucas and Morro Bay. Should you witness someone drawing on a wall call immediately 911. If you noticed some has been done and want to report it call dispatch – 805-781-4550.

- b. **Planning** - Adam Hill introduced the new Planning Director, Jason Giffen who was unanimously voted by the council to the position. He is from San Diego's Planning Dept. and is very familiar with rural areas like ours. He will periodically attend our meetings and that it is important to him for us to let him know our concerns.

Ryan Hostetter reported: the Planning Dept has been working with Public works regarding the Avila Road instability. The Top of the Hill project will be given to the Land use Committee for review. The security building at Diablo is larger than **originally planned**. Plans were modified to increase the size for needed space.

She will get back to us on the questions of why we have to have a permit to access our property drains in SLBE and when will the next Events Ordinance hearing be held.

- c. **Public Works:** Frank Honeycutt gave a report on the status of the clean up of the land slides on the Avila Rd. The immediate clean up has been done and concrete rails have been put in place to keep any more debris from falling onto the road. There are three sections of the hillside that are very unstable and engineers have been consulted and permits have **been given** to complete the

short term projects such as creating debris basins. The road has remained open during this time. They are asking the Roads Dept. for permission to hire equipment and people to do the extensive work need to secure the hillsides. It will take approximately three months to complete the project and there will be road closure at this time. It is not only going to be inconvenient for cars but also the bicyclists and joggers and he asked everyone to be careful during this time.

Bob Pusanic said that SLBE received a phone ordering us to open our gates and asked who has the authority to give this order. Acting Fire Chief Rob Lewin answered the question by explaining that when there is an unusual event such as the recent severe storms the SLO County emergency plans go into effect.

d. CALFIRE: Acting Chief Lewin stated that the new budget is going to put a strain on them. Twenty nine million dollars has been cut from Cal Fire. It will be in staffing, replacing vehicles, airplanes and other equipment. It means a whole realignment of the Dept. It is all on the internet if we are interested.

He said that they do issue lock boxes on gates only not on residences – that would be too costly and they have the code needed to unlock them.

On the question of having paramedics he explained there is a lot of work involved and will pursue it if and when the community wants it. Karla Bittner requested the Board to take action on this matter. It will be on the February agenda.

Capt. Jason Cohn said they had 40 calls mostly flood issues. He stated that they were not a distributor for sand bags and has a list of places where they can be obtained.

Three new drivers are coming on board and 8 new rookies who are Cal Poly students. The construction of the new addition to the Fire House will begin soon. All permits, contractors and paperwork are complete.

He was asked why they always take their fire trucks with them when they leave the station. He said because their fire trucks are their all encompassing tool box and they are ready for anything when they get a call.

e. County Supervisor: Adam Hill shared that the major issue has been the weather. The office of Emergency Services was well tuned and handled things well. The most damage was in Oceano and was declared a local emergency which helps them qualify for government funds. Avila Rd. repair will cost between \$125,000 and \$250,000.

The new Sheriff Parkinson was sworn in and he will be coming to one of our meetings.

The new State budget is in and the current main issues are planning priorities and economic charities.

6. Old Business:

- a. Nominations of 2011 Officers and acceptance:
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| Chairman- | Anne Brown |
| V-Chairman- | Boyd Horne |
| Secretary- | Open |
| Treasurer- | Jayne Morton |

Motion was made and passed to accept the nominees listed. Awaiting nominations for secretary.

- b. Area Representation: The list was reviewed and revised.

c. Avac Area Map: Julie Hartzell gave an in depth presentation about modifying the existing area AVAC represents using copies of Avila area maps. It was referred to the Land Use Committee to review and decide if it is necessary.

d. Harbor District "Thrill craft" position – Jim Hilferty gave the Board members a very comprehensive report on why thrill craft such as the Windjammers jet skis should not be allowed in the Harbor. He explained how other harbors have handled the problem, A recommendation has been made to the Port District to apply to the Coastal Commission for a CDP to implement a management plan where the activities authorized (and any use restriction, etc.) are identified in that plan. The discussion was tabled and will be put on the agenda at the next meeting when there will be more info as to how the Port will handle this issue after their January meeting.

7. Community Liaisons:

a. ABA: no report

b. ABCA: No report

c. ABF: No report

d. Port San Luis: Steve McGrath sent an extensive report to all the Board members before the meeting because he was not able to attend.

e. PG&E/Diablo: John Shoals reported that all went well through the storms and that the license renewal is still in process. The study of the Shoreline Fault is complete and an NRC Public Meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites Jan. 19 at 7pm. AVAC will be given a copy of the report.

8. New Business:

a. Oil drilling in So. County – Charlotte Alexander an Excelaron representative gave video presentation to the Board of their plans to drill for oil in the Huasna Valley. It was just an information only presentation. No response was needed **from the Board.**

9. AVAC Committees:

a. Land Use: No report

b. Diablo: New rep Ken Thompson spent time with John Shoals and has been designated as the person to contact with any questions regarding Diablo. He reported the following: AVAC members helped get the word out about Diablo Open House on Dec. 16 and as a result had a nice turnout. The Shoreline Fault study is released and an NRC Public meeting will be held January 19 at the Embassy Suites. Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact to be available around Feb. 25. NRC Public meeting is planned for March (TBD). – John Shoals will follow up. He feels it would be appropriate for AVAC to invite experts for a presentation 20 minutes or more on key issues, such as Seismic & shoreline issues, etc. The Board felt it would be a good idea and possibly should be scheduled a half hour before the regular meeting and it will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

c. Port: Karla Bittner will be keeping up to date on the clean beach project.

d. Avila Beach: No report

e. SLBE: Ted Ivarie will have a report regarding new alternates at the next meeting. **(Alternatives to what?)**

f. Avila Valley: Heather Hellman wants to learn more about Avila Valley.

g. See Canyon: No Report.

- h. Squire Canyon: No report.**
- 10. Next Meeting: Monday, February 14, 2011.**
- 11. Adjournment: at 9:15 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jayne Morton, Acting Secretary