

# AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes, Monday May 9, 2011

1. **The meeting** was called to order at 7:02 pm by Anne Brown, Chair
2. Present were: Anne M. Brown, Lisa Newton, Lynn Helenius, John Salisbury, Jayne Morton, Boyd Horne, Sherri Danoff, Ken Thompson, Lisa Newton, Julia Hartzell, Bill Tickel, Ted Ivarie, Bill Ziegler.  
Excused: Bob Pusanik, Lynn Walter, Jan Taylor, Steve Johnson, Bill Tickell, Karin Argano
2. **The minutes** of the April meeting were approved as corrected.
3. **Public Comment:** Karla Bittner received a letter and made it available for those who are interested regarding flood control for the area
4. **Chairs Report/Mail:**  
Excelaron sent a letter updating us on their Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) which will be issued by the County in May. Once the DEIR is distributed, the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines require a 45-day public review period.  
Jim Grant, County Administrative Officer sent a letter regarding the adopted redistricting plan based on the 2010 census that must go into effect by November 1, 2011. There will be public workshops to discuss the plan and hear public comments - One in Atascadero Thursday, May 26 from 7-9 p.m. and one in South County on Wednesday, June 1, 7-9 p.m.  
The Chair reminded the Board about the May 20<sup>th</sup> Community Training for Advisory Councils at the County Library at 8:30 a.m. and training begins at 9:00 a.m.  
Bill Ziegler brought two DVD's to loan to interested member about the two recent presentations from Paramedics and from PG & E's community forums.  
Anne made another request for the nominating committee to find someone to be secretary. She said it makes it confusing to not know who will fill in at each meeting.  
The Board approved the purchase of nameplates for new members for approximately \$50.00
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Jayne Morton reported there were two bills for supplies and one for the website leaving a balance of \$373.59. We received gratefully the grant money from Supervisor Hill for \$600 bringing our balance to \$973.59.
6. **County Reports:**
  - a. Sheriff: Sgt. John Maur - Nothing serious happened last month. There were 54 calls and most of those were theft from cars. He reminded everyone to lock their cars particularly those parked at the Bob Jones trail lot. There is no special increase of officers planned for Memorial Day.
  - b. Planning: Ryan Hostetter said there was nothing new. Two items in #8 on Agenda.
  - c. Public Works: Ryan Chapman – No report
  - d. CALFIRE: Fire Chief Rob Lewin – No report
  - e. County Supervisor: Adam Hill – Rob Lewin has been confirmed as the new County Fire Chief.

The new Sheriff has been doing town hall meetings in various communities and wants to do one in Avila in June or July at the latest. Supervisor Hill said he wants to have it open to the whole community not just AVAC and said the contact person for the presentation is Kathy Martinelli : 781-4540. The Chair said she would contact her and find out what is needed.

The Board of Supervisors has approved the California Valley Solar Project- 250 mega watts and it will definitely be accepted July 12<sup>th</sup>. The Topas Solar Project – 550 mega watts is in the process for acceptance. These projects are a very positive thing for the county. They will help the economy and unemployment.

## **7. Old Business:**

- a. Paramedic Forum Survey Results: Karla Bittner - Thirty-three people, representing all areas of our community attended the forum. By county standards this was good and adequate to support our goal to significantly decrease the average arrival time required to assist in a medical emergency in the Avila area and our recommendations as follows:

1. Reclassify the Avila area from RURAL to URBAN.

Only after a denial of this reclassification would AVAC consider moving forward as follows:

2. Establish and implement a special assessment to pay for additional paramedic/fire personnel at CAL FIRE Station 62. This method requires County approval and a vote by stakeholders.

Karla expressed her frustration at being unable to get to the right person who will be able to let her know how you go about getting reclassified to Urban. As a result she drafted a letter requesting help from Supervisor Hill. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept and send the letter to Adam Hill as presented with the attachments.

- b. Bob Jones Bike Trail Alternatives: John Salisbury – Stan Larson joined John in presenting a map showing a proposed plan for a route of the Bob Jones trail to go underneath the freeway bridge. Cal Trans wants to go over the freeway and the general consensus is that it will be cost prohibitive plus impractical. There is plenty of room for the path to go under and is a safer and prettier route. They have been having ongoing discussions with the various agencies and are going to present their idea to them. John will keep us posted on their progress and suggested that maybe we should ask Cal Trans to come back to revisit the issue.

## **8. New Business**

- a. Nordstrom Residence in SLBE: Ted Ivarie – The Heron Crest Architectural Committee in SLBE was contacted and reported back to Ted that everything was in conformance with their CCR's and Design Guidelines. The primary concern was the Visual Impact from Avila. There will be a partial visual sighting and it was agreed that there was not enough view to make an issue of it.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the proposed residential construction project outlined in a letter from the Heron Crest Architectural Committee.

While recommending approval of the plan as submitted, the San Luis Bay Estates Group would like to underscore the need for continuing attention for adherence to all planning that has impact on the view shed. Such factors include but are not limited to exterior color, exterior lighting after sunset, and preservation of existing trees and other screening vegetation.

b. The Top of the Hill Planned Development for Tract 3021 in Avila: Anne Brown - The planner, Ryan Hostetter reported that this plan has gone through many revisions and that Mike Hodge, the applicant, has been cooperative and easy to work with both the AVAC committee and her.

The Committee recommends to AVAC that Tract 3021 Planned Development be approved with conditions:

- 1, Confirm compliance with Public Works and Avila CSD for drainage and sewer lift issues.
2. Provide concrete sidewalk/curb/gutters along 2<sup>nd</sup> St.
3. "Deed-restrict" the studio to "lower income".
4. Establish CC&Rs include "vacation rental use" to one unit and "deed-restrict" the studio.
5. Review solar access study to comply with Avila Specific Plan.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the plan with conditions.

#### **9. Community Liaisons:**

a. ABA(Karin Argano): No report

b. ABCA (Anne Brown): Pancake breakfast July 45<sup>th</sup>: 8:00 a.m. to 11 a.m.

c. ABF (Rick Cohan): There is a new website [www.avilaalerts.com](http://www.avilaalerts.com) for information important to the community such as things that might disrupt community activities or roads. The Trolley is now running for Avila Farmers Market until 8:00 p.m.

d. Port San Luis (Steve McGrath): No report

e. PG&E/Diablo (John Shoals): They are having a Reactor outage again May 2<sup>nd</sup> to June 4<sup>th</sup>. This adds 1000 additional workers and more traffic. There will not be any special buses. The workers will leave at different intervals and traffic will be heavy at times but there will be breaks. It was brought to her attention that the traffic has been speeding. John will address the speeding issue with his management team. The outages are done every 18 months.

Tracey Vardas reported that SLO County has emergency procedures in place and all are working together. The Reverse 911 system is being expanded. They are continuing doing emergency exercises. An Evacuation Plan which is to be completed by May 24<sup>th</sup> when it will be given to the Board of Supervisors. It is brought up to date every 10 years when the new census is taken and this plan is based on the 2010 census. It will show how long it will take to evacuate the area based on population. They are in the process of hiring a contractor to make a study to come up with calculations on how to improve implementing an evacuation in case of earthquake, floods etc.

Calculate timing it will take to evacuate during the day compared to night – carloads of people, available transportation, three day weekend and special events traffic impact. The evacuation centers are: North to Camp Roberts – south to Santa Maria Fair Grounds. Diablo will hold their employees until evacuation is completed.

**9. AVAC Committees:**

- a. Land Use (Sherri Danoff) The Events Ordinance will be heard June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Planning Commission.
- b. Diablo (Ken Thompson): No report
- c. Port (Karla Bittner): The Port's trailer park is scheduled for closure. There are three permanent residents living there and the Port is working with them and it is tabled for now. They are looking to replace the canopy over the pier which is going to be a long and very expensive project. There aren't any salmon this season Dredging is taking place.
- d. Avila Beach (Anne Brown): The committee meets as needed.
- e. SLBE (Ted Ivarie): .No report
- f. Avila Valley: No Report
- g. See Canyon: No Report.
- h. Squire Canyon: No report.

10. Next Meeting: Monday, June 13, 2011.

11. **Adjournment: at 8:40 p.m.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

*Jayne Morton*, Acting Secretary