

AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL

San Luis Obispo County, California

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Monday, September 12, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Chair Anne Brown at 7:05 p.m. Present were: Anne M. Brown, Boyd Horne, Jayne Morton, Lisa Newton, Lynn Helenius, Julia Hartzell, Sherri Danoff, Ken Thompson, Bob Pusanik, Bill Tickell. The resignation of John Schug was announced. A quorum was established.

The minutes for the July 11th and Special meeting August 8th were approved as e.mailed.

Chair Anne reviewed received mail.

There was no public comment.

Treasurer's Report: Jayne Morton reported \$842.80 in the treasury.

County Reports:

a. Sheriff's Office: Cmdr. Jason Nefores reports a light 2 months in Avila with 8 calls!!. Undersheriff Basti reported on meetings with the Golf Course personnel regarding events there. Contracts are being developed and will be in place for future events to augment a law-enforcement presence at said events, the first being this weekend. The department hopes to report to AVAC on a quarterly basis on the successes/failures of this approach to cut down on impacts to residents in Avila and the area. Chair will write a letter thanking the Sheriff for proactive work.

b. Planning: no representative

c. Public Works: Ryan Chapman reported on the "2011 Update, Avila Circulation Plan (exhibit to members). He is working on solutions to: Avila Barn left-turn problems and Parking/vendors using the area at Shell Beach Road and Avila Beach Drive. He will report at subsequent AVAC meetings and will work with the Land Use Committee for input.

d. CALFIRE: Chief Rob Lewin reported for Station 62, because 200 of the firefighters are off fighting other peoples' fires!! One major EMS issue on the B.J. Trail: through efforts of off-duty fire personnel and trained by-standers, the person was revived and transported to the hospital. At last report, he is alive. It accents the need for Paramedic services at the local fire station. He reports a "hostile action" exercise ("table top") on next Wednesday, with a "boots on the ground" exercise on November 16th. The

rural fire fee has been decreased to manageable #s. The state budget impacts are still unknown.

e. Supervisor: Adam Hill reports that the BOS will ask for a seismologist representing county interests be hired with PUC money to be appointed to the Committee reviewing PG&E's seismic studies.

f. Parks: Elizabeth Kavanaugh, planner presented the draft plan for the Cave Landing Trail (schematic for each member) and answered questions.

Community Liaisons:

a. Avila Business Association: no report.

b. Avila Beach Civic Association: Anne Brown introduced Mary Foppiano the new Executive Director of the Association. She reported that tickets are available for the Albacore Feed on Saturday, October 8th and encouraged members and the public to purchase soon, as the event sells out!!

c. Avila Beach Foundation: Rick Cohen mentioned the October 1st deadline for grant requests. The ABCF is sponsoring a 2nd Annual Town Hall Forum on February 24, 2012. They are developing a "History/Heritage" event for a future date.

d. Port San Luis: Steve McGrath reports the retirement of 2 19-year employees. Canopy stabilization continues on the Pier. (It is "noticed" on the "avilaalerts" website.) He FINALLY has a meeting with the Coastal Commission staff in Santa Cruz on Sept. 20th! regarding the umbrella coastal development permit. There are concerns among the fishermen about the seismic studies proposed by PG&E and what impact that will have on fishing in our area. There is great concern. The Port had its busiest summer!, with few problems. Jet skis have been seen, but no problems have been reported.

e. Diablo/PG&E: no report.

New Business:

Pruett Residence in Avila: The Avila sub-committee recommends to AVAC and AVAC **"recommends to Planning that the Project be approved with the condition of conformance of the rear setback of the deck."** The applicants attended and concurred with this action. They are working with their architect on all compliance issues.

AVAC committees:

a. Land Use: Sherri reports that the Events Ordinance will be heard by the BOS on Tuesday, October 4th. Motion proposed by Sherri, 2nd by Boyd that **AVAC write an e.mail letter to the BOS re: concerns in the ordinance which will reflect past letters.** Unanimously passed. A draft will be sent to council members by Sherri. (Necessary due to BOS meeting being before our next AVAC meeting.)

b. Diablo: Ken Thompson reports that the NRC Task Force will be meeting again in SLO. The ocean-bottom seismometers are an issue in the area. The Independent Safety Committee will be meeting at the Embassy Suites on October 5th and 6th.

c. Port: see above

d. Avila: see above.

e. SLBE: no report

f. Avila Valley: Julia mentions entrance/road work on Ontario Road at the church.

g. See Canyon: Bill cautions drivers on the road due to deer coming for water.

h. Squire Canyon: no report. John Schug has retired. Chair will send a letter of thanks for his website service.

Next Meeting: Members voted to cancel the October 10th meeting since it is a County Holiday. (A meeting will be called on that date if circumstances require it.)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Anne M. Brown, reluctant pro-tem secretary