

AVILA VALLEY ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Minutes of Meeting Monday, November 14, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Chair Anne M. Brown at 7:03 p.m. A quorum was established by the attendance of: Anne, Boyd Horne, Jayne Morton, Lisa Newton, John Salisbury, Julia Hartzell, Sherri Danoff, Ken Thompson, Bob Pusanik, Lynn Walter, Ted Ivarie, Steve Johnson, Bill Tickell, and Karin Argano.

Anne reported on several County meetings on November 17th.

Treasurer Jayne Morton report \$831.95 in the bank account.

The **Minutes** for the September meeting were approved. (No meeting in October.

There was no public comment.

County Reports:

Sheriff: Cmdr. Nefores reports little activity in September and October.

Planning: Ryan Hostetter had no new projects to report. The development request on the Schoolhouse property was denied. The Planning Commission approved the 7-unit development at San Luis and 2nd St. in Avila.

Public Works: Ryan Chapman was absent. The Community Foundation representative requested a status report on the left-turn problems at the Avila Barn.

CalFire: Chief Lewin reviewed the Cambria “fuel” project and its ramifications for the Avila area. The area of See Canyon/Davis Canyon is using similar techniques in that mitigation effort. The rural lands fee has been instituted by the Legislature. There will probably be opposition to it (\$150.00) in the future. The parking along the roads near the Golf Course has been reviewed and acted upon by CalFire with no parking allowed.

Parks and Rec: Shaun Cooper reports that the Cave Landing Trail has received funding: \$737K from Fish and Game, \$350K from Coastal Conservancy, and SLOCOG \$350.00 (\$1.4mil total). It will include improved access, parking and probably toilets.

The Bob Jones Trail route from the Octagon Barn to the staging area on Ontario Road is in the EIR process with a report in early 2012. He reviewed the CalTrans opinion regarding the preferred route OVER Hwy 101, stated

in 2006. Council discussion reiterated its continuing refusal to believe that another alternative could not be possible. Members of the audience concurred with disbelief of CalTran's intransigence in this matter. Mr. Cooper says the next step will be to appoint a "visual review" committee. He will ask for representatives from AVAC to serve. (He will notify the chair when the committee is forming.)

Supervisor: Adam Hill reports a Town Hall meeting at the Avila Community Center on February 14th. Assemblyman Katcho Achajian will be the speaker. The Board has requested of the PUC that an independent seismologist be hired for the seismic studies performed at Diablo Canyon. His office is supporting the Avila Civic Association by providing funds for their Membership Drive in process now.

Old Business:

a. Golf Course Events Complaints: General discussion by Council and members of the audience regarding the noise from week-night events which are a problem for residents. (In addition, David Blakely from Santa Margarita mentioned similar issues at the Margarita Ranch.) After discussion, Sherri Danoff, chair of the Land Use Committee, offered a resolution to the Board of Supervisors (copies given to all council members). Mr. Rossi, co-owner of the Golf Course, refuted several assertions in the resolution as being inaccurate. He states he has all the necessary licenses, and that he is operating a safe venue. Each of the council members was polled by the Chair: comments ranged from the resolution being too forceful, that we need to cooperate with all money-making/visitor serving venues, especially in these economic times, to many of the assertions are the purview of San Luis Bay Estates to address. Boyd Horne motioned and Sherri Danoff 2nd that "**AVAC ask the Board of Supervisors to immediately direct enforcement of the EXISTING Events Ordinance and diligently pursue Events Ordinance revisions, with full enforcement of the revisions.**" The vote was: Yes: 10; No: 4; Abstain: 1.

b. Report of CAC's meeting in September: Boyd Horne attended in Chair Anne's place. Seven of the 12 councils were represented. Review of the purpose of the group and plans for the next meeting: January 20th in the Government Center. Topics will be fundraising and liability insurance.

Community Liaisons:

a. Avila Business Association: Karin reports plans for a mixer in January. Remember the slogan: **SHOP LOCALLY!!!**

b. Avila Beach Civic Association: Anne Brown reports the membership drive going on...**PLEASE JOIN!!** Also the Holiday Party/Annual Meeting will be held at the Center on Friday, December 9th

from 6 – 8 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and bring a potluck dish to share. Santa will be there too.

c. **Avila Beach Community Foundation:** Lucinda Borchard reported for Rick Cohen that \$65,000.00 has been allotted in grants. The names of recipients will be in the Avila Community Newspaper.

d. **Port San Luis:** Steve McGrath reports that the pier stabilization work is complete and the pier is open again. They are working on the decking. He had a meeting with Coastal Commission staff in September and is waiting for their comments on the “umbrella” permit for events in the Port’s jurisdiction.

e. **PG&E/Diablo:** John Shoals shared Seismic Study brochures (attached). Then Tracy Vardas reviewed the Emergency Evacuation Plan and the time estimates from various areas of the County. They are using new census #s, phone surveys, visitor #s, and 4th of July events throughout the County as a basis for estimating evacuation times. The basis is for a 7.1 Hosgri-fault earthquake to have happened.

New Business: Mike Wulkan, Senior Planner in the Planning Dept, came prepared to discuss the Land Use and Circulation Element of the General Plan. Due to time constraints, his presentation has been deferred to the December meeting, and it will be the only presentation that night!!

AVAC committees:

a. Land Use: see above action.

b. Diablo Canyon: Ken Thompson mentioned the “hostile action” exercise being put on at the Port/Diablo on this Wednesday in the a.m. The “avila alerts” mechanism will be notified to put this on their website.

c. Port: see above

d. Avila Beach: Membership drive and Holiday party.

e. San Luis Bay Estates: no report

f. Avila Valley: no report

g. See Canyon: Steve Johnson reports the approval of the diVincenzo property development by the Planning Commission with some of the changes suggested by AVAC incorporated. He also thanked AVAC for supporting the residents of the area with the special August meeting.

h. Squire Canyon: no report.

Next meeting: Monday, December 12, 2011 at 7 p.m.

Adjournment at 9:30 p.m.