

Avila Valley Advisory Council

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Minutes for December 10, 2012 Meeting

The meeting called to order by Chair Anne Brown at 7p.m.

Roll Call-present: Anne Brown, Sherri Danoff, Lynn Helenius, Julia Hartzell, Boyd Horne, Jim Hartig, Ken Thompson, Bob Pusanik, Lynn Walter Saul Goldberg, Bill Tickell. Excused: Lisa Newton, John Salisbury.

Minutes: Sherri Danoff moved and Bill Tickell seconded to approve the Nov. minutes. Passed.

Chair Comments: Chair Anne Brown reported that the traffic flow study on the one way streets in Avila Beach will be continued.

Public Comment: Boyd Horne said he will be stepping down from the Council. He has served since Nov. 2006.

Treasurer's Report: Julia Hartzell reported there were no new expenses and the balance remains at \$574.33'

County Reports: Chair Anne Brown requested the County Reports be deferred until New Business so the agencies can address the issues of the Amgen Tour of California.

Old Business: Sherri Danoff reported the Nominating Committee put forward the names of the Officers for 2013. They are: Jim Hartig- Chair, Sherri Danoff- Vice Chair, Anne Brown- Secretary, and Julia Hartzell-Treasurer. Sherri move to approve this roster for the elections which occur in January. Ken Thompson seconded. Passed.

New Business:

Bello Residential Project, Avila Beach- Anne Brown reported the Avila Committee met at the Community Center on Nov. 20, 2012 to review the new plans for the Bello Project. The project had previously been presented as a single family residence and now, due to planning department decisions, will be a four unit apartment building. The consensus was to recommend to AVAC that the project be approved with the following conditions: 1.)restrict one unit to lower income use, 2.)approve the waiver for 5 parking spaces, 3.)ask Public Works to include the easement owner in drainage improvement plans. Bob Pusanik moved that the

Council approve the Committee recommendations with conditions. Julia seconded. Passed.

Dill Residential Project, Squire Canyon - Sherri Danoff reported the Land Use Committee was referred the project for another guest unit and other modifications and that she had spoken to former AVAC member Ralph Gorton, a Squire Canyon resident for his opinions. Based on his concurrence and that of Karin Argano and Land Use Committee members, she moved that AVAC communicate to Planning that it has no objection as long as there are no parking or viewshed issues. Motion seconded by Boyd. Passed.

Amgen Tour of California- Supervisor Adam Hill made a presentation on the proposed May 2013 Amgen Tour race finishing in Avila Beach. He announced that the County is gathering information and no complete route and other details have been decided. The two main questions for the County were how to ensure public safety and who is funding the event. Supervisor Hill said that Cal Fire, the California Highway Patrol, the County Sheriff, and PG&E feel there is no public safety issue. He said the funding would be from fees collected through the Business Improvement Fund and the tour itself. Permits and contracts will be signed to ensure that this is done safely and properly. Supervisor Hill then opened the floor to representatives of various county agencies, public safety and the general public to speak on these issues.

-Public Works. Dave Flynn talked about the issuing of road closure permits, traffic flow patterns and insurance concerns. It is estimated that the tour will have to post about 5 million in insurance. Managing traffic will be a major issue and there may be a need for shuttles which would be done in coordination with Highway Patrol.

-Mark Durelli of the California Highway Patrol said that most of the planning for the event will be done at their main office in Sacramento because an event such as this requires a lot of resources and CHP officers would be drawn from all over the state.

-Cal Fire Chief Rob Lewin said there is plenty of time to focus on planning . Plans will be written and reviewed many times over. He is confident this can be a safe event.

-John King of Sycamore Hot Springs said the announcement of the Tour coming to Avila was premature and the decision was made as time was of the essence. If no decision had been made at the time the tour might have gone elsewhere and this would have been a lost opportunity. He wants to address all concerns and make this event happen together.

-Dan Buckshi, San Luis Obispo County CAO, said a lot of issues are up for discussion. He wants to balance the inconvenience with safety and to showcase the best of Avila Beach.

-Noreen Martin of Martin Resorts and owner of the Lighthouse Suites in Avila Beach said the event could have a 3.6 million dollar economic impact.

-An audience member who mentioned belonging to a bike club suggested that viewing stations be set-up along the route to siphon some of the public from attempting to view the finish in Avila Beach.

There was much discussion and public comment.

Supervisor Hill summed up the discussion and comments by saying that he understands there are many challenges to hosting such an event. The County is open to all suggestions and will probably set up a committee from various agencies and the public to study all the aspects of hosting this tour. AVAC suggested a representative from Avila Beach be on the committee.

Community Liaisons:

Avila Business Association. Not present

Avila Beach Civic Association. Anne Brown reported it was a busy weekend in Avila. Friday was the annual Christmas potluck, followed by Saturday evening Christmas in the Plaza, and Sunday a pancake breakfast followed by dog parade. All were well attended.

Avila Beach Community Foundation. Rick Cohen reported the 2012 grants have been granted and will be published soon.

Port San Luis. Steve McGrath reported he's meeting with the Coastal Conservancy to facilitate the Harbor Terrace Project. The Avila Parking Management is still being worked on. Terms on construction of the restrooms at Port beach are being worked out with their insurance company.

PG&E. John Shoals reported that PG&E will have liaison on the Amgen/county committee. Discussions are ongoing with Coastal Commission over the 3-d seismic testing. Tracy will come to the Council in January to report on the evacuation plans.

AVAC Committees.

Land Use. Nothing

Diablo. Ken Thompson reported that the NRC meeting last month was filmed and he will try to forward the film.

Port. Mary Matakovich reported there will a celebration on Dec. 18th for Carolyn Moffat who is retiring from the Port Commission after 24 years. 3p.m.

Avila Beach. Anne Brown reported the one way streets in Avila Beach will be surveyed and studied before the streets are resealed. This issue has been referred to the Land Use Committee which will work with the Avila Committee to survey and study this issue.

San Luis Bay Estates. Nothing

Avila Valley. Nothing

See Canyon. Nothing

Squire Canyon. Nothing

Next meeting. Monday January, 14, 2013

Meeting adjourned 8:40p.m.

Minutes submitted by Lynn Helenius